

# • SAFETY DATA SHEET

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## SECTION 1. IDENTIFICATION

### 1.1 Product identifiers

Product name : Stearic acid

Product Number : 175366  
Brand : Sigma-Aldrich  
CAS-No. : 57-11-4

### 1.2 Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against

Identified uses : Laboratory chemicals, Synthesis of substances

Uses advised against : The product is being supplied under the TSCA R&D Exemption (40 CFR Section 720.36). It is the recipient's responsibility to comply with the requirements of the R&D exemption. The product may not be used for a non-exempt commercial purpose under TSCA unless appropriate consent is granted in writing by MilliporeSigma.

### 1.3 Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

Company : Sigma-Aldrich Inc.  
3050 SPRUCE ST  
ST. LOUIS MO 63103  
UNITED STATES

Telephone : +1 314 771-5765  
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### 1.4 Emergency telephone number

Emergency Phone # : 800-424-9300 CHEMTREC (USA) +1-703-527-3887 CHEMTREC (International) 24 Hours/day; 7 Days/week

## SECTION 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

**GHS classification in accordance with the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard (29 CFR 1910.1200)**

**Hazards for the product as supplied**

Not a hazardous substance or mixture.

**Other hazards**

None known.

**GHS label elements**

No hazard pictogram, no signal word, no hazard statement(s), no precautionary statement(s) required.

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**SECTION 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS**

Substance / Mixture : Substance

CAS-No. : 57-11-4

**Components**

Chemical name	CAS No./Unique ID	Concentration (% w/w)	Trade secret
stearic acid	57-11-4*	$\geq 80 - \leq 100$	TSC

\* Indicates that the identifier is a CAS No.

TSC- the actual concentration or concentration range is withheld as a trade secret

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**SECTION 4. FIRST AID MEASURES**

If inhaled : After inhalation: fresh air.

In case of skin contact : In case of skin contact: Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/ shower.

In case of eye contact : After eye contact: rinse out with plenty of water. Remove contact lenses.

If swallowed : After swallowing: make victim drink water (two glasses at most). Consult doctor if feeling unwell.

Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed : The most important known symptoms and effects are described in the labelling (see section 2.2) and/or in section 11

Protection of first-aiders : For personal protection see section 8.

Notes to physician : No data available

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**SECTION 5. FIREFIGHTING MEASURES**

Suitable extinguishing media : Use water spray, alcohol-resistant foam, dry chemical or carbon dioxide.

Water  
Foam  
Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>)  
Dry powder

Unsuitable extinguishing media : For this substance/mixture no limitations of extinguishing agents are given.

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Specific hazards during fire fighting : Combustible.

Vapours are heavier than air and may spread along floors.

Forms explosive mixtures with air on intense heating.

Development of hazardous combustion gases or vapours possible in the event of fire.

Hazardous combustion products : Carbon oxides

Specific extinguishing methods : No data available

Further information : none

Special protective equipment for fire-fighters : In the event of fire, wear self-contained breathing apparatus.

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## SECTION 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures : Advice for non-emergency personnel:  
Avoid inhalation of vapours/aerosols or dusts.  
Evacuate the danger area, observe emergency procedures, consult an expert.  
Advice for emergency responders:

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For personal protection see section 8.

Environmental precautions : No special precautionary measures necessary.

Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up : Observe possible material restrictions (see sections 7 and 10).  
Take up with suitable equipment. Dispose of properly.  
Clean up affected area.

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## SECTION 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

For precautions see section 2.2.

Further information on storage conditions : Tightly closed.  
Dry.

Storage class : 11, Combustible Solids

Recommended storage temperature : Recommended storage temperature see product label.

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## SECTION 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

### Ingredients with workplace control parameters

Components	CAS-No.	Value type (Form of exposure)	Control parameters / Permissible concentration	Basis
stearic acid	57-11-4	TWA (Inhalable particulate matter)	10 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	ACGIH
		TWA (Respirable particulate matter)	3 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	ACGIH

**Engineering measures** : No data available

### Personal protective equipment

Respiratory protection : required when dusts/vapours/aerosols are generated.

Our recommendations on filtering respiratory protection are based on the following standards: DIN EN 143, DIN 14387 and other accompanying standards relating to the used respiratory protection system.

Recommended Filter : Filter type ABEK-P  
type:

The entrepreneur has to ensure that maintenance, cleaning and testing of respiratory protective devices are carried out according to the instructions of the producer. These measures have to be properly documented.

Hand protection

Material : Nitrile rubber  
Break through time : 480 min  
Glove thickness : 0.11 mm  
Protective index : Full contact  
Manufacturer : KCL 741 Dermatril® L

Material : Nitrile rubber  
Break through time : 480 min  
Glove thickness : 0.11 mm  
Protective index : Splash contact  
Manufacturer : KCL 741 Dermatril® L

Remarks : This recommendation applies only to the product stated in the safety data sheet, supplied by us and for the designated use. When dissolving in or mixing with other substances and under conditions deviating from those stated in EN 16523-1 please contact the supplier of CE-approved gloves (e.g. KCL GmbH, D-36124 Eichenzell, Internet: [www.kcl.de](http://www.kcl.de)).

Eye protection : Use equipment for eye protection tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or EN 166(EU).  
Safety glasses

Hygiene measures : Change contaminated clothing. Wash hands after working with substance.

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## SECTION 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Appearance : Wax like

Color : white

Odor : mild

Odor Threshold	: No data available
pH	: No data available
Melting point/ range	: 153 - 162 °F / 67 - 72 °C Method: lit.
Boiling point/boiling range	: 682 °F / 361 °C Method: lit.
Flash point	: ca. 392 °F / 200 °C (1,013 hPa) Method: ASTM D 92, Cleveland open cup
Evaporation rate	: No data available
Flammability (solid, gas)	: No data available
Flammability (liquids)	: No data available
Burning rate	: No data available
Self-ignition	: ca. 752 °F / 400 °C
Upper explosion limit / Upper flammability limit	: No data available
Lower explosion limit / Lower flammability limit	: No data available
Vapor pressure	: No data available
Relative vapour density	: No data available
Relative density	: No data available
Density	: 0.845 g/cm <sup>3</sup>
Water solubility	: No data available
Partition coefficient: n- octanol/water	: No data available
Autoignition temperature	: 743 °F / 395 °C
Decomposition temperature	: No data available
Viscosity	
Viscosity, dynamic	: 9.87 mPa.s (158 °F / 70 °C)
Viscosity, kinematic	: 12 mm <sup>2</sup> /s (158 °F / 70 °C)

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Method: ASTM D 445

Flow time	: No data available
Explosive properties	: Not classified as explosive.
Oxidizing properties	: none
Surface tension	: ca. 0.03 mN/m, 68 °F / 20 °C
Molecular weight	: 284.48 g/mol
Particle characteristics	
Particle size	: No data available

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## SECTION 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Reactivity	: Risk of dust explosion.  Forms explosive mixtures with air on intense heating.  A range from approx. 15 Kelvin below the flash point is to be rated as critical.  Forms explosive mixtures with air on intense heating.  A range from approx. 15 Kelvin below the flash point is to be rated as critical.
Chemical stability	: The product is chemically stable under standard ambient conditions (room temperature) .  The product is chemically stable under standard ambient conditions (room temperature) .
Possibility of hazardous reactions	: Violent reactions possible with: Strong oxidizing agents Reducing agents strong alkalis
Conditions to avoid	: Strong heating.  Strong heating.
Incompatible materials	: No data available
Hazardous decomposition products	: In the event of fire: see section 5

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## SECTION 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### 11.1 Information on toxicological effects

#### Acute toxicity

LD50 Oral - Rat - > 5,000 mg/kg

(OECD Test Guideline 401)

Inhalation: No data available

Acute toxicity estimate Dermal - 2,500 mg/kg

(Calculation method)

LD50 Dermal - Rabbit - male and female - > 2,000 mg/kg

(OECD Test Guideline 434)

#### Skin corrosion/irritation

Skin - Rabbit

Result: No skin irritation - 24 h

(Patch Test 24 Hrs.)

#### Serious eye damage/eye irritation

Eyes - Rabbit

Result: No eye irritation

Remarks: (ECHA)

#### Respiratory or skin sensitization

No data available

#### Germ cell mutagenicity

Test Type: Ames test

Test system: *S. typhimurium*

Metabolic activation: with and without metabolic activation

Method: OECD Test Guideline 471

Result: negative

Remarks: (National Toxicology Program)

#### Carcinogenicity

IARC: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as probable, possible or confirmed human carcinogen by IARC.

NTP: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a known or anticipated carcinogen by NTP.

OSHA: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is on OSHA's list of regulated carcinogens.

#### Reproductive toxicity

No data available

#### Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure

No data available

#### Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure

No data available

#### Aspiration hazard

No data available



## 11.2 Additional Information

Repeated dose toxicity - Rat - male and female - Oral - No observed adverse effect level - 1,000 mg/kg

Remarks: The value is given in analogy to the following substances: Docosanoic acid

RTECS: WI2800000

Cough, Gastrointestinal discomfort, irritant effects

To the best of our knowledge, the chemical, physical, and toxicological properties have not been thoroughly investigated.

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## SECTION 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### Ecotoxicity

#### Components:

##### **stearic acid:**

Toxicity to algae/aquatic plants : ErC50 (Pseudokirchneriella subcapitata): > 0.9 mg/l  
Exposure time: 72 h  
Test Type: static test  
Analytical monitoring: yes  
Method: OECD Test Guideline 201  
GLP: yes  
Remarks: The value is given in analogy to the following substances:  
The value is given in analogy to the following substances: palmitic acid

Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates (Chronic toxicity) : EC50 (Daphnia magna (Water flea)): > 0.22 mg/l  
End point: reproduction rate  
Exposure time: 21 d  
Test Type: semi-static test  
Analytical monitoring: yes  
Method: OECD Test Guideline 211  
GLP: yes  
Remarks: The value is given in analogy to the following substances:  
The value is given in analogy to the following substances: palmitic acid

### Persistence and degradability

#### Components:

##### **stearic acid:**

Biodegradability : aerobic  
Result: Readily biodegradable.  
Biodegradation: 95 %  
Exposure time: 21 d  
Remarks: (ECHA)

BOD/ThOD : 44 %  
Remarks: (HSDB)

### **Bioaccumulative potential**

#### **Components:**

##### **stearic acid:**

Bioaccumulation : Species: Danio rerio (zebra fish)  
Bioconcentration factor (BCF): 238 - 288  
Exposure time: 28 d  
Temperature: 70.7 °F / 21.5 °C  
Concentration: 6.4 mg/l  
Method: OECD Test Guideline 305  
Remarks: The value is given in analogy to the following substances:  
The value is given in analogy to the following substances: Sodium laurate

### **Mobility in soil**

No data available

### **Other adverse effects**

#### **Product:**

Ozone-Depletion Potential : Regulation: 40 CFR Protection of Environment; Part 82 Protection of Stratospheric Ozone - CAA Section 602 Class I Substances  
Remarks: This product neither contains, nor was manufactured with a Class I or Class II ODS as defined by the U.S. Clean Air Act Section 602 (40 CFR 82, Subpt. A, App.A + B).

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## **SECTION 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS**

### **Disposal methods**

Waste from residues : Waste material must be disposed of in accordance with the national and local regulations. Leave chemicals in original containers. No mixing with other waste. Handle uncleaned containers like the product itself.

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## **SECTION 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION**

### **International Regulations**

#### **IATA-DGR**

Not regulated as a dangerous good

#### **IMDG-Code**

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Not regulated as a dangerous good

### **Transport in bulk according to IMO instruments**

Not applicable for product as supplied.

### **National Regulations**

#### **49 CFR Road**

Not regulated as a dangerous good

Poison Inhalation Hazard : No

### **Special precautions for user**

Remarks : Not classified as dangerous in the meaning of transport regulations.

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## **SECTION 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION**

### **CERCLA Reportable Quantity**

This material does not contain any components with a CERCLA RQ.

### **SARA 304 Extremely Hazardous Substances Reportable Quantity**

This material does not contain any components with a section 304 EHS RQ.

### **SARA 302 Extremely Hazardous Substances Threshold Planning Quantity**

This material does not contain any components with a section 302 EHS TPQ.

**SARA 311/312 Hazards** : No SARA Hazards

**SARA 313** : This material does not contain any chemical components with known CAS numbers that exceed the threshold (De Minimis) reporting levels established by SARA Title III, Section 313.

### **Clean Air Act**

This product neither contains, nor was manufactured with a Class I or Class II ODS as defined by the U.S. Clean Air Act Section 602 (40 CFR 82, Subpt. A, App.A + B).

This product does not contain any hazardous air pollutants (HAP), as defined by the U.S. Clean Air Act Section 112 (40 CFR 61).

This product does not contain any chemicals listed under the U.S. Clean Air Act Section 112(r) for Accidental Release Prevention (40 CFR 68.130, Subpart F).

This product does not contain any chemicals listed under the U.S. Clean Air Act Section 111 SOCM Intermediate or Final VOC's (40 CFR 60.489).

### **Clean Water Act**

This product does not contain any Hazardous Substances listed under the U.S. CleanWater Act, Section 311, Table 116.4A.

This product does not contain any Hazardous Chemicals listed under the U.S. CleanWater Act, Section 311, Table 117.3.

This product does not contain any toxic pollutants listed under the U.S. Clean Water Act Section 307

This product does not contain any priority pollutants related to the U.S. Clean Water Act

## **US State Regulations**

### **Massachusetts Right To Know**

No components are subject to the Massachusetts Right to Know Act.

### **Maine Chemicals of High Concern**

Product does not contain any listed chemicals

### **Vermont Chemicals of High Concern**

Product does not contain any listed chemicals

### **Washington Chemicals of High Concern**

Product does not contain any listed chemicals

### **The components of this product are reported in the following inventories:**

TSCA : All substances listed as active on the TSCA inventory

### **TSCA list**

No substances are subject to a Significant New Use Rule.

No substances are subject to TSCA 12(b) export notification requirements.

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## **SECTION 16. OTHER INFORMATION**

### **Full text of other abbreviations**

ACGIH : USA. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)

ACGIH / TWA : 8-hour, time-weighted average

AIIC - Australian Inventory of Industrial Chemicals; ASTM - American Society for the Testing of Materials; bw - Body weight; CERCLA - Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act; CMR - Carcinogen, Mutagen or Reproductive Toxicant; DIN - Standard of the German Institute for Standardisation; DOT - Department of Transportation; DSL - Domestic Substances List (Canada); ECx - Concentration associated with x% response; EHS - Extremely Hazardous Substance; ELx - Loading rate associated with x% response; EmS - Emergency Schedule; ENCS - Existing and New Chemical Substances (Japan); ErCx - Concentration associated with x% growth rate response; ERG - Emergency Response Guide; GHS - Globally Harmonised System; GLP - Good Laboratory Practice; HMIS - Hazardous Materials Identification System; IARC - International Agency for Research on Cancer; IATA - International Air Transport Association; IBC - International Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships carrying Dangerous Chemicals in Bulk; IC50 - Half maximal inhibitory concentration; ICAO - International Civil Aviation Organization; IECSC - Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances in China; IMDG - International Maritime Dangerous Goods; IMO - International Maritime Organisation; ISHL - Industrial Safety and Health Law (Japan); ISO - International Organisation for Standardisation; KECI - Korea Existing Chemicals Inventory; LC50 - Lethal Concentration to 50 % of a test population; LD50 - Lethal Dose to 50% of a test population (Median Lethal Dose); MARPOL - International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships; MSHA - Mine Safety and Health Administration; n.o.s. - Not

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Otherwise Specified; NFPA - National Fire Protection Association; NO(A)EC - No Observed (Adverse) Effect Concentration; NO(A)EL - No Observed (Adverse) Effect Level; NOELR - No Observable Effect Loading Rate; NTP - National Toxicology Program; NZIoC - New Zealand Inventory of Chemicals; OECD - Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development; OPPTS - Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention; PBT - Persistent, Bioaccumulative and Toxic substance; PICCS - Philippines Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances; (Q)SAR - (Quantitative) Structure Activity Relationship; RCRA - Resource Conservation and Recovery Act; REACH - Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals; RQ - Reportable Quantity; SADT - Self-Accelerating Decomposition Temperature; SARA - Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act; SDS - Safety Data Sheet; TCSI - Taiwan Chemical Substance Inventory; TECI - Thailand Existing Chemicals Inventory; TSCA - Toxic Substances Control Act (United States); UN - United Nations; UNRTDG - United Nations Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods; vPvB - Very Persistent and Very Bioaccumulative

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