1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

1.1 Product identifiers

Product name : 1,2-Dihydroxybenzene

Product Number : 135011
Brand : Sigma-Aldrich
Index-No. : 604-016-00-4

CAS-No. : 120-80-9

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

Identified uses : Laboratory chemicals, Synthesis of substances

1.3 Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

Company : Sigma-Aldrich
3050 Spruce Street
SAINT LOUIS MO  63103
USA

Telephone : +1 800-325-5832
Fax : +1 800-325-5052

1.4 Emergency telephone number

Emergency Phone # : (314) 776-6555

2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture

GHS Classification in accordance with 29 CFR 1910 (OSHA HCS)

Acute toxicity, Oral (Category 3), H301
Acute toxicity, Inhalation (Category 4), H332
Acute toxicity, Dermal (Category 3), H311
Skin irritation (Category 2), H315
Serious eye damage (Category 1), H318
Skin sensitisation (Category 1), H317
Germ cell mutagenicity (Category 2), H341
Acute aquatic toxicity (Category 2), H401

For the full text of the H-Statements mentioned in this Section, see Section 16.

2.2 GHS Label elements, including precautionary statements

Pictogram

Signal word : Danger

Hazard statement(s)

H301 + H311 : Toxic if swallowed or in contact with skin
H315 : Causes skin irritation.
H317 : May cause an allergic skin reaction.
H318 : Causes serious eye damage.
H332 : Harmful if inhaled.
H341 : Suspected of causing genetic defects.
H401 Toxic to aquatic life.

Precautionary statement(s)
P201 Obtain special instructions before use.
P202 Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood.
P261 Avoid breathing dust/ fume/ gas/ mist/ vapours/ spray.
P264 Wash skin thoroughly after handling.
P270 Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.
P271 Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area.
P272 Contaminated work clothing should not be allowed out of the workplace.
P273 Avoid release to the environment.
P280 Wear eye protection/ face protection.
P280 Wear protective gloves/ protective clothing.
P281 Use personal protective equipment as required.
P301 + P310 + P330 IF SWALLOWED: Immediately call a POISON CENTER/doctor. Rinse mouth.
P302 + P352 IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water.
P302 + P352 + P312 IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water. Call a POISON CENTER or doctor/ physician if you feel unwell.
P304 + P340 + P312 IF INHALED: Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing. Call a POISON CENTER or doctor/ physician if you feel unwell.
P305 + P351 + P338 + P310 IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. Immediately call a POISON CENTER/doctor.
P308 + P313 IF exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/ attention.
P333 + P313 If skin irritation or rash occurs: Get medical advice/ attention.
P361 Remove/ Take off immediately all contaminated clothing.
P405 Store locked up.
P501 Dispose of contents/ container to an approved waste disposal plant.

2.3 Hazards not otherwise classified (HNOC) or not covered by GHS
Rapidly absorbed through skin.

3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

3.1 Substances

Synonyms: Pyrocatechol
1,2-Benzenediol
Catechol

Formula: C₆H₆O₂
Molecular weight: 110.11 g/mol
CAS-No.: 120-80-9
EC-No.: 204-427-5
Index-No.: 604-016-00-4

Hazardous components

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4. FIRST AID MEASURES

4.1 Description of first aid measures

**General advice**
Consult a physician. Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance. Move out of dangerous area.

**If inhaled**
If breathed in, move person into fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. Consult a physician.

**In case of skin contact**
Wash off with soap and plenty of water. Take victim immediately to hospital. Consult a physician.

**In case of eye contact**
Rinse thoroughly with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes and consult a physician.

**If swallowed**
Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Rinse mouth with water. Consult a physician.

4.2 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

4.3 Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed
No data available

5. FIREFIGHTING MEASURES

5.1 Extinguishing media

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

5.2 Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture
No data available

5.3 Advice for firefighters
Wear self-contained breathing apparatus for firefighting if necessary.

5.4 Further information
No data available

6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

6.1 Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures
Wear respiratory protection. Avoid dust formation. Avoid breathing vapours, mist or gas. Ensure adequate ventilation. Evacuate personnel to safe areas. Avoid breathing dust.
For personal protection see section 8.

6.2 Environmental precautions
Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so. Do not let product enter drains. Discharge into the environment must be avoided.

6.3 Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up
Pick up and arrange disposal without creating dust. Sweep up and shovel. Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal.

6.4 Reference to other sections
For disposal see section 13.

7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

7.1 Precautions for safe handling
Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Avoid formation of dust and aerosols. Further processing of solid materials may result in the formation of combustible dusts. The potential for combustible dust formation should be taken into consideration before additional processing occurs.
Provide appropriate exhaust ventilation at places where dust is formed.
For precautions see section 2.2.
7.2 **Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities**
Keep container tightly closed in a dry and well-ventilated place.
Store under inert gas. Air and light sensitive.
Storage class (TRGS 510): Non-combustible, acute toxic Cat.3 / toxic hazardous materials or hazardous materials causing chronic effects

7.3 **Specific end use(s)**
Apart from the uses mentioned in section 1.2 no other specific uses are stipulated

8. **EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERS ONAL PROTECTION**

8.1 **Control parameters**

**Components with workplace control parameters**

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8.2 **Exposure controls**

**Appropriate engineering controls**
Avoid contact with skin, eyes and clothing. Wash hands before breaks and immediately after handling the product.

**Personal protective equipment**

**Eye/face protection**
Face shield and safety glasses Use equipment for eye protection tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or EN 166(EU).
**Skin protection**
Handle with gloves. Gloves must be inspected prior to use. Use proper glove removal technique (without touching glove's outer surface) to avoid skin contact with this product. Dispose of contaminated gloves after use in accordance with applicable laws and good laboratory practices. Wash and dry hands.

- **Full contact**
  - Material: Nitrile rubber
  - Minimum layer thickness: 0.11 mm
  - Break through time: 480 min
  - Material tested: Dermatril® (KCL 740 / Aldrich Z677272, Size M)

- **Splash contact**
  - Material: Nitrile rubber
  - Minimum layer thickness: 0.11 mm
  - Break through time: 480 min
  - Material tested: Dermatril® (KCL 740 / Aldrich Z677272, Size M)

data source: KCL GmbH, D-36124 Eichenzell, phone +49 (0)6659 87300, e-mail sales@kcl.de, test method: EN374
If used in solution, or mixed with other substances, and under conditions which differ from EN 374, contact the supplier of the CE approved gloves. This recommendation is advisory only and must be evaluated by an industrial hygienist and safety officer familiar with the specific situation of anticipated use by our customers. It should not be construed as offering an approval for any specific use scenario.

**Body Protection**
Complete suit protecting against chemicals. The type of protective equipment must be selected according to the concentration and amount of the dangerous substance at the specific workplace.

**Respiratory protection**
Where risk assessment shows air-purifying respirators are appropriate use a full-face particle respirator type N100 (US) or type P3 (EN 143) respirator cartridges as a backup to engineering controls. If the respirator is the sole means of protection, use a full-face supplied air respirator. Use respirators and components tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or CEN (EU).

**Control of environmental exposure**
Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so. Do not let product enter drains. Discharge into the environment must be avoided.

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### 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

#### 9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties

| a) Appearance | Form: solid |
| b) Odour | No data available |
| c) Odour Threshold | No data available |
| d) pH | No data available |
| e) Melting point/freezing point | Melting point/range: 100 - 103 °C (212 - 217 °F) - lit. |
| f) Initial boiling point and boiling range | 245 °C (473 °F) - lit. |
| g) Flash point | 127 °C (261 °F) - closed cup |
| h) Evaporation rate | No data available |
| i) Flammability (solid, gas) | No data available |
| j) Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits | Lower explosion limit: 1.97 % (V) |
| k) Vapour pressure | 13 hPa (10 mmHg) at 118.3 °C (244.9 °F) |
| | 1 hPa (1 mmHg) at 75 °C (167 °F) |
| l) Vapour density | No data available |
m) Relative density  No data available
n) Water solubility  No data available
o) Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water  log Pow: 0.88
p) Auto-ignition temperature  No data available
q) Decomposition temperature  No data available
r) Viscosity  No data available
s) Explosive properties  No data available
t) Oxidizing properties  No data available

9.2 Other safety information
No data available

10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

10.1 Reactivity
No data available

10.2 Chemical stability
Stable under recommended storage conditions.

10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions
No data available

10.4 Conditions to avoid
No data available

10.5 Incompatible materials
Oxidizing agents

10.6 Hazardous decomposition products
Hazardous decomposition products formed under fire conditions.
- Carbon oxides
Other decomposition products - No data available
In the event of fire: see section 5

11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

11.1 Information on toxicological effects

Acute toxicity
LD50 Oral - Rat - male - 300 mg/kg
Inhalation: No data available
LD50 Dermal - Rabbit - male - 800 mg/kg
No data available

Skin corrosion/irritation
No data available

Serious eye damage/eye irritation
Eyes - Rabbit
Result: Risk of serious damage to eyes.

Respiratory or skin sensitisation
- Guinea pig
Result: May cause sensitisation by skin contact.

Germ cell mutagenicity
In vitro tests showed mutagenic effects
Mouse lymphocyte
Result: positive

Rat - male
Result: positive

**Carcinogenicity**
This product is or contains a component that has been reported to be possibly carcinogenic based on its IARC, ACGIH, NTP, or EPA classification.

**IARC:** 2B - Group 2B: Possibly carcinogenic to humans (Pyrocatechol)
**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 identified as a carcinogen or potential carcinogen by OSHA.

**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

**Additional Information**
RTECS: UX1050000
Cough, Shortness of breath, Headache, Nausea, Vomiting, To the best of our knowledge, the chemical, physical, and toxicological properties have not been thoroughly investigated.

Stomach - Irregularities - Based on Human Evidence
Stomach - Irregularities - Based on Human Evidence

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**12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

**12.1 Toxicity**
Toxicity to fish         LC50 - Pimephales promelas (fathead minnow) - 3.5 mg/l - 96 h

**12.2 Persistence and degradability**
Biodegradability        aerobic - Exposure time 28 d
Result: 62 % - Readily biodegradable (OECD Test Guideline 301B)

**12.3 Bioaccumulative potential**
No data available

**12.4 Mobility in soil**
No data available

**12.5 Results of PBT and vPvB assessment**
PBT/vPvB assessment not available as chemical safety assessment not required/not conducted

**12.6 Other adverse effects**
An environmental hazard cannot be excluded in the event of unprofessional handling or disposal. Toxic to aquatic life.
13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

13.1 Waste treatment methods

Product
Offer surplus and non-recyclable solutions to a licensed disposal company. Contact a licensed professional waste disposal service to dispose of this material. Dissolve or mix the material with a combustible solvent and burn in a chemical incinerator equipped with an afterburner and scrubber.

Contaminated packaging
Dispose of as unused product.

14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

DOT (US)
UN number: 2811  Class: 6.1  Packing group: III
Proper shipping name: Toxic solids, organic, n.o.s. (Pyrocatechol)
Reportable Quantity (RQ): 100 lbs

Poison Inhalation Hazard: No

IMDG
UN number: 2811  Class: 6.1  Packing group: III
Proper shipping name: TOXIC SOLID, ORGANIC, N.O.S. (Pyrocatechol)
EMS-No: F-A, S-A

IATA
UN number: 2811  Class: 6.1  Packing group: III
Proper shipping name: Toxic solid, organic, n.o.s. (Pyrocatechol)

15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

SARA 302 Components
No chemicals in this material are subject to the reporting requirements of SARA Title III, Section 302.

SARA 313 Components
The following components are subject to reporting levels established by SARA Title III, Section 313:

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SARA 311/312 Hazards
Acute Health Hazard, Chronic Health Hazard

Massachusetts Right To Know Components

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New Jersey Right To Know Components

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California Prop. 65 Components
WARNING! This product contains a chemical known to the State of California to cause cancer.

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16. OTHER INFORMATION

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Acute Tox.  Acute toxicity
Aquatic Acute  Acute aquatic toxicity
Eye Dam.  Serious eye damage
H301  Toxic if swallowed.
H301 + H311  Toxic if swallowed or in contact with skin
H311  Toxic in contact with skin.
H315  Causes skin irritation.
H317  May cause an allergic skin reaction.
H318  Causes serious eye damage.
H332  Harmful if inhaled.
H341  Suspected of causing genetic defects.
H401  Toxic to aquatic life.

**HMIS Rating**
Health hazard: 2
Chronic Health Hazard: *
Flammability: 1
Physical Hazard 0

**NFPA Rating**
Health hazard: 2
Fire Hazard: 1
Reactivity Hazard: 0

**Further information**
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