1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

1.1 Product identifiers

Product name: Osmium tetroxide
Product Number: 201030
Brand: Sigma-Aldrich
Index-No.: 076-001-00-5
CAS-No.: 20816-12-0

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 2), H300
Acute toxicity, Inhalation (Category 1), H330
Acute toxicity, Dermal (Category 2), H310
Skin corrosion (Category 1B), H314
Serious eye damage (Category 1), H318
Respiratory sensitisation (Category 1), H334

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)
H300 + H310 + H330: Fatal if swallowed, in contact with skin or if inhaled
H314: Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.
H318: Causes serious eye damage.
H334: May cause allergy or asthma symptoms or breathing difficulties if inhaled.

Precautionary statement(s)
P260: Do not breathe dust/ fume/ gas/ mist/ vapours/ spray.
P262: Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing.
Wash skin thoroughly after handling.
Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.
Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area.
Wear protective gloves/ protective clothing/ eye protection/ face protection.
Wear respiratory protection.
IF SWALLOWED: Immediately call a POISON CENTER/doctor. Rinse mouth.
Rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting.
Take off immediately all contaminated clothing.
Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing. Immediately call a POISON CENTER/doctor.
Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. Immediately call a POISON CENTER/doctor.
Call a POISON CENTER/doctor.
Remove contaminated clothing and wash before reuse.
Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed.
Dispose of contents/ container to an approved waste disposal plant.

2.3 **Hazards not otherwise classified (HNOC) or not covered by GHS**

Lachrymator.

### 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

#### 3.1 Substances

**Synonyms:** ‘Osmic acid’  
Osmium(VIII)-oxide

**Formula:** $O_4Os$

**Molecular weight:** 254.23 g/mol

**CAS-No.:** 20816-12-0

**EC-No.:** 244-058-7

**Index-No.:** 076-001-00-5

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### 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

#### 4.1 Description of first aid measures

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

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

**In case of skin contact**
Take off contaminated clothing and shoes immediately. Wash off with soap and plenty of water. Take victim immediately to hospital. Consult a physician.
In case of eye contact
Continue rinsing eyes during transport to hospital. Rinse thoroughly with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes and consult a physician.

If swallowed
Do NOT induce vomiting. 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.

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.
Recommended storage temperature 2 - 8 °C
Keep in dry place.
Storage class (TRGS 510): Non-combustible, acute toxic Cat. 1 and 2 / very toxic hazardous materials

7.3 Specific end use(s)
Apart from the uses mentioned in section 1.2 no other specific uses are stipulated
8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL 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: Nature latex/chloroprene
Minimum layer thickness: 0.6 mm
Break through time: 480 min
Material tested: Lapren® (KCL 706 / Aldrich Z677558, Size M)

Splash contact
Material: Nature latex/chloroprene
Minimum layer thickness: 0.6 mm
Break through time: 480 min
Material tested: Lapren® (KCL 706 / Aldrich Z677558, 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.

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### 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

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

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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
Strong reducing agents, Organic materials, Powdered metals. Contact with hydrochloric acid will cause formation of poisonous chlorine gas

10.6 Hazardous decomposition products
Hazardous decomposition products formed under fire conditions. - Nature of decomposition products not known.
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
No data available

Skin corrosion/irritation
No data available

Serious eye damage/eye irritation
No data available

Respiratory or skin sensitisation

Germ cell mutagenicity
Hamster
Embryo
Unscheduled DNA synthesis

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 identified as a carcinogen or potential carcinogen by OSHA.

Reproductive toxicity
No data available
Reproductive toxicity - Mouse - Subcutaneous

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: RN1140000

Material is extremely destructive to tissue of the mucous membranes and upper respiratory tract, eyes, and skin.
Cough, Shortness of breath, Headache, Nausea
Stomach - Irregularities - Based on Human Evidence
Stomach - Irregularities - Based on Human Evidence

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### 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

12.1 **Toxicity**
No data available

12.2 **Persistence and degradability**
No data available

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**
No data available

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### 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

13.1 **Waste treatment methods**

**Product**
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. Offer surplus and non-recyclable solutions to a licensed disposal company.

**Contaminated packaging**
Dispose of as unused product.

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### 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

**DOT (US)**

UN number: 2471  Class: 6.1  Packing group: I
Proper shipping name: Osmium tetroxide
Reportable Quantity (RQ): 1000 lbs

Poison Inhalation Hazard: No

**IMDG**

UN number: 2471  Class: 6.1  Packing group: I  EMS-No: F-A, S-A
Proper shipping name: OSMIUM TETROXIDE
Marine pollutant: yes
IATA
UN number: 2471  Class: 6.1  Packing group: I
Proper shipping name: Osmium tetroxide

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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California Prop. 65 Components
This product does not contain any chemicals known to State of California to cause cancer, birth defects, or any other reproductive harm.

16. OTHER INFORMATION

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HMIS Rating
| Health hazard: | 4 |
| Chronic Health Hazard: | * |
| Flammability: | 0 |
| Physical Hazard | 0 |

NFPA Rating
| Health hazard: | 4 |
| Fire Hazard: | 0 |
| Reactivity Hazard: | 0 |

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