Butylated hydroxytoluene (BHT)

sc-204659

Hazard Alert Code Key:

EXTREME  HIGH  MODERATE  LOW

Section 1 - CHEMICAL PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

PRODUCT NAME
Butylated hydroxytoluene (BHT)

STATEMENT OF HAZARDOUS NATURE

NFPA

Section 2 - HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

EMERGENCY OVERVIEW

RISK
Harmful if swallowed.

CANADIAN WHMIS SYMBOLS
HAZARD RATINGS

Exposure to alkyl phenolics
Symptoms of exposure include muscular weakness, inanition (generalised weakness and weight loss) and death. It lowers serum and muscle potassium levels and increases the excretion rate of aldosterone. Chronic exposures to dust may result in pulmonary oedema or congestion. Animal feeding studies indicate that the substance exposure should be kept as low as possible. However, RTECS classify it as a mutagen and tumourigen and reproductive effector. Therefore, worker exposure should be kept as low as possible. Chronic exposures to dust may result in pulmonary oedema or congestion. Animal feeding studies indicate that the substance lowers serum and muscle potassium levels and increases the excretion rate of aldosterone. Symptoms of exposure include muscular weakness, inanition (generalised weakness and weight loss) and death. Exposure to alkyl phenolics is associated with reduced sperm count and fertility in males.

POTENTIAL HEALTH EFFECTS

ACUTE HEALTH EFFECTS

SWALLOWED
- Accidental ingestion of the material may be harmful; animal experiments indicate that ingestion of less than 150 gram may be fatal or may produce serious damage to the health of the individual.
- Some phenol derivatives can cause damage to the digestive system. If absorbed, profuse sweating, thirst, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, cyanosis, restlessness, stupor, low blood pressure, gasping, abdominal pain, anemia, convulsions, coma and lung swelling can happen followed by pneumonia. There may be respiratory failure and kidney damage. Chemical burns, seizures and irregular heartbeat may result.

EYE
- This material can cause eye irritation and damage in some persons.
- Some phenol derivatives may produce mild to severe eye irritation with redness, pain and blurred vision. Permanent eye injury may occur; recovery may also be complete or partial.

SKIN
- The material may cause moderate inflammation of the skin either following direct contact or after a delay of some time. Repeated exposure can cause contact dermatitis which is characterized by redness, swelling and blisters.
- Skin contact with the material may damage the health of the individual; systemic effects may result following absorption.
- Phenol and its derivatives can cause severe skin irritation if contact is maintained, and can be absorbed to the skin affecting the cardiovascular and central nervous system. Effects include sweating, intense thirst, nausea and vomiting, diarrhea, cyanosis, restlessness, stupor, low blood pressure, hyperventilation, abdominal pain, anemia, convulsions, coma, lung swelling followed by pneumonia. Respiratory failure and kidney damage may follow.
- Open cuts, abraded or irritated skin should not be exposed to this material.
- Entry into the bloodstream, through, for example, cuts, abrasions or lesions, may produce systemic injury with harmful effects. Examine the skin prior to the use of the material and ensure that any external damage is suitably protected.

INHALED
- The material can cause respiratory irritation in some persons. The body's response to such irritation can cause further lung damage.
- Inhalation of dusts, generated by the material during the course of normal handling, may be damaging to the health of the individual.
- Persons with impaired respiratory function, airway diseases and conditions such as emphysema or chronic bronchitis, may incur further disability if excessive concentrations of particulate are inhaled.
- If phenols are absorbed via the lungs, systemic effects may occur affecting the cardiovascular and nervous systems. Inhalation can result in profuse perspiration, intense thirst, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, cyanosis, restlessness, stupor, falling blood pressure, hyperventilation, abdominal pain, anemia, convulsions, coma, swelling and inflammation of the lung. This is followed by respiratory failure and kidney damage. This is based on respiratory failure and kidney damage. Phenols also cause loss of sensation and general depression at high concentrations. The toxicities of phenol derivatives vary.

CHRONIC HEALTH EFFECTS
- There has been concern that this material can cause cancer or mutations, but there is not enough data to make an assessment.
- Long-term exposure to respiratory irritants may result in disease of the airways involving difficult breathing and related systemic problems. Results in experiments suggest that this material may cause disorders in the development of the embryo or fetus, even when no signs of poisoning show in the mother.
- Exposure to the material may result in a possible risk of irreversible effects. The material may produce mutagenic effects in man. This concern is raised, generally, on the basis of appropriate studies using mammalian somatic cells in vivo. Such findings are often supported by positive results from in vitro mutagenicity studies.
- Limited evidence suggests that repeated or long-term occupational exposure may produce cumulative health effects involving organs or biochemical systems. Exposure to the material may cause concerns for human fertility, on the basis that similar materials provide some evidence of impaired fertility in the absence of toxic effects, or evidence of impaired fertility occurring at around the same dose levels as other toxic effects, but which are not a secondary non-specific consequence of other toxic effects.

2,6-Di-tert-butyl-4-methylphenol has been used as an anti-oxidant in food in levels up to 200 ppm with no known adverse effects. However, RTECS classify it as a mutagen and tumourigen and reproductive effector. Therefore, worker exposure should be kept as low as possible. Chronic exposures to dust may result in pulmonary oedema or congestion. Animal feeding studies indicate that the substance lowers serum and muscle potassium levels and increases the excretion rate of aldosterone. Symptoms of exposure include muscular weakness, inanition (generalised weakness and weight loss) and death.

Section 3 - COMPOSITION / INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

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Section 4 - FIRST AID MEASURES

SWALLOWED
- IF SWALLOWED, REFER FOR MEDICAL ATTENTION, WHERE POSSIBLE, WITHOUT DELAY.
- Where Medical attention is not immediately available or where the patient is more than 15 minutes from a hospital or unless instructed otherwise:
  - For advice, contact a Poison Information Center or a doctor.
  - Urgent hospital treatment is likely to be needed.
  - If conscious, give water to drink.
  - INDUCE vomiting with fingers down the back of the throat, ONLY IF CONSCIOUS. Lean patient forward or place on left side (head-down position, if possible) to maintain open airway and prevent aspiration.

NOTE: Wear a protective glove when inducing vomiting by mechanical means.

EYE
- If this product comes in contact with the eyes:
  - Wash out immediately with fresh running water.
  - Ensure complete irrigation of the eye by keeping eyelids apart and away from eye and moving the eyelids by occasionally lifting the upper and lower lids.
  - If pain persists or recurs seek medical attention.
  - Removal of contact lenses after an eye injury should only be undertaken by skilled personnel.

SKIN
- If skin contact occurs:
  - Immediately remove all contaminated clothing, including footwear.
  - Flush skin and hair with running water (and soap if available).
  - Seek medical attention in event of irritation.

INHALED
- If fumes or combustion products are inhaled remove from contaminated area.
  - Lay patient down. Keep warm and rested.
  - Prostheses such as false teeth, which may block airway, should be removed, where possible, prior to initiating first aid procedures.
  - Apply artificial respiration if not breathing, preferably with a demand valve resuscitator, bag-valve mask device, or pocket mask as trained. Perform CPR if necessary.
  - Transport to hospital, or doctor, without delay.

NOTES TO PHYSICIAN
- For acute or short term repeated exposures to phenols/ cresols:
  - Phenol is absorbed rapidly through lungs and skin. [Massive skin contact may result in collapse and death]*
  - [Ingestion may result in ulceration of upper respiratory tract; perforation of esophagus and/or stomach, with attendant complications, may occur. Esophageal stricture may occur.]*
  - An initial excitory phase may present. Convulsions may appear as long as 18 hours after ingestion. Hypotension and ventricular tachycardia that require vasopressor and antiarrhythmic therapy, respectively, can occur.
  - Respiratory arrest, ventricular dysrhythmias, seizures and metabolic acidosis may complicate severe phenol exposures so the initial attention should be directed towards stabilization of breathing and circulation with ventilation, intubation, intravenous lines, fluids and cardiac monitoring as indicated.
  - [Vegetable oils retard absorption; do NOT use paraffin oils or alcohols. Gastric lavage, with endotracheal intubation, should be repeated until phenol odor is no longer detectable; follow with vegetable oil. A saline cathartic should then be given.]* ALTERNATELY: Activated charcoal (1g/kg) may be given. A cathartic should be given after oral activated charcoal.
  - [Severe poisoning may require slow intravenous injection of methylene blue to treat methemoglobinemia.]*
  - [Renal failure may require hemodialysis.]*
  - Most absorbed phenol is biotransformed by the liver to ethereal and glucuronide sulfates and is eliminated almost completely after 24 hours. [Ellenhorn and Barceloux: Medical Toxicology] [Union Carbide]

BIOLOGICAL EXPOSURE INDEX - BEI

These represent the determinants observed in specimens collected from a healthy worker who has been exposed to the Exposure Standard (ES or TLV):

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<td>250 gm/gm creatinine</td>
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B: Background levels occur in specimens collected from subjects NOT exposed
NS: Non-specific determinant; also seen after exposure to other materials.
The substance is readily absorbed from the gastro-intestinal tract and is excreted in the urine mainly as the glucuronides of oxidation products. About half the dose is excreted within 24 hours.

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**EXTINGUISHING MEDIA**

- Foam.
- Dry chemical powder.
- BCF (where regulations permit).
- Carbon dioxide.
- Water spray or fog - Large fires only.

**FIRE FIGHTING**

- Alert Emergency Responders and tell them location and nature of hazard.
- Wear breathing apparatus plus protective gloves.
- Prevent, by any means available, spillage from entering drains or water course.
- Use water delivered as a fine spray to control fire and cool adjacent area.
- DO NOT approach containers suspected to be hot.
- Cool fire exposed containers with water spray from a protected location.
- If safe to do so, remove containers from path of fire.
- Equipment should be thoroughly decontaminated after use.

**GENERAL FIRE HAZARDS/HAZARDOUS COMBUSTIBLE PRODUCTS**

- Combustible solid which burns but propagates flame with difficulty.
- Avoid generating dust, particularly clouds of dust in a confined or unventilated space as dusts may form an explosive mixture with air, and any source of ignition, i.e. flame or spark, will cause fire or explosion. Dust clouds generated by the fine grinding of the solid are a particular hazard; accumulations of fine dust may burn rapidly and fiercely if ignited.
- Dry dust can be charged electrostatically by turbulence, pneumatic transport, pouring, in exhaust ducts and during transport.
- Build-up of electrostatic charge may be prevented by bonding and grounding.
- Powder handling equipment such as dust collectors, dryers and mills may require additional protection measures such as explosion venting.

Combustion products include: carbon monoxide (CO), carbon dioxide (CO2), other pyrolysis products typical of burning organic material.

**FIRE INCOMPATIBILITY**

- Avoid contamination with oxidizing agents i.e. nitrates, oxidizing acids, chlorine bleaches, pool chlorine etc. as ignition may result.

**PERSONAL PROTECTION**

- Glasses: Chemical goggles.
- Gloves: Respirator: Particulate

### Section 6 - ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

**MINOR SPILLS**

- Clean up waste regularly and abnormal spills immediately.
- Avoid breathing dust and contact with skin and eyes.
- Wear protective clothing, gloves, safety glasses and dust respirator.
- Use dry clean up procedures and avoid generating dust.
- Vacuum up or sweep up. NOTE: Vacuum cleaner must be fitted with an exhaust micro filter (HEPA type) (consider explosion-proof machines designed to be grounded during storage and use).
- Dampen with water to prevent dusting before sweeping.
- Place in suitable containers for disposal.

**MAJOR SPILLS**

- Environmental hazard - contain spillage.

**Moderate hazard.**

- CAUTION: Advise personnel in area.
- Alert Emergency Responders and tell them location and nature of hazard.
- Control personal contact by wearing protective clothing.
- Prevent, by any means available, spillage from entering drains or watercourses.
- Recover product wherever possible.
- IF DRY: Use dry clean up procedures and avoid generating dust. Collect residues and place in sealed plastic bags or other containers for disposal. IF WET: Vacuum/shovel up and place in labelled containers for disposal.
- ALWAYS: Wash area down with large amounts of water and prevent runoff into drains.
- If contamination of drains or waterways occurs, advise emergency services.
PROTECTIVE ACTIONS FOR SPILL

**FOOTNOTES**

1. PROTECTIVE ACTION ZONE is defined as the area in which people are at risk of harmful exposure. This zone assumes that random changes in wind direction confines the vapour plume to an area within 30 degrees on either side of the predominant wind direction, resulting in a crosswind protective action distance equal to the downwind protective action distance.

2. PROTECTIVE ACTIONS should be initiated to the extent possible, beginning with those closest to the spill and working away from the site in the downwind direction. Within the protective action zone a level of vapour concentration may exist resulting in nearly all unprotected persons becoming incapacitated and unable to take protective action and/or incurring serious or irreversible health effects.

3. INITIAL ISOLATION ZONE is determined as an area, including upwind of the incident, within which a high probability of localised wind reversal may expose nearly all persons without appropriate protection to life-threatening concentrations of the material.

4. SMALL SPILLS involve a leaking package of 200 litres (55 US gallons) or less, such as a drum (jerrican or box with inner containers). Larger packages leaking less than 200 litres and compressed gas leaking from a small cylinder are also considered "small spills". LARGE SPILLS involve many small leaking packages or a leaking package of greater than 200 litres, such as a cargo tank, portable tank or a "one-tonne" compressed gas cylinder.


6. IERG information is derived from CANUTEC - Transport Canada.

**ACUTE EXPOSURE GUIDELINE LEVELS (A EGL) (in ppm)**

- **AEGL 1**: The airborne concentration of a substance above which it is predicted that the general population, including susceptible individuals, could experience notable discomfort, irritation, or certain asymptomatic nonsensory effects. However, the effects are not disabling and are transient and reversible upon cessation of exposure.

- **AEGL 2**: The airborne concentration of a substance above which it is predicted that the general population, including susceptible individuals, could experience irreversible or other serious, long-lasting adverse health effects or an impaired ability to escape.

- **AEGL 3**: The airborne concentration of a substance above which it is predicted that the general population, including susceptible individuals, could experience life-threatening health effects or death.

**Section 7 - HANDLING AND STORAGE**

**PROCEDURE FOR HANDLING**

- Avoid all personal contact, including inhalation.
- Wear protective clothing when risk of exposure occurs.
- Use in a well-ventilated area.
- Prevent concentration in hollows and sumps.
- DO NOT enter confined spaces until atmosphere has been checked.
- DO NOT allow material to contact humans, exposed food or food utensils.
- Avoid contact with incompatible materials.
- When handling, DO NOT eat, drink or smoke.
- Keep containers securely sealed when not in use.
- Avoid physical damage to containers.
- Always wash hands with soap and water after handling.
- Work clothes should be laundered separately.
- Launder contaminated clothing before re-use.
- Use good occupational work practice.
- Observe manufacturer’s storing and handling recommendations.
- Atmosphere should be regularly checked against established exposure standards to ensure safe working conditions are maintained.

Empty containers may contain residual dust which has the potential to accumulate following settling. Such dusts may explode in the presence of an appropriate ignition source.

- Do NOT cut, drill, grind or weld such containers.
- In addition ensure such activity is not performed near full, partially empty or empty containers without appropriate workplace safety authorisation or permit.

**RECOMMENDED STORAGE METHODS**

- Polyethylene or polypropylene container.
- Check all containers are clearly labelled and free from leaks.

**STORAGE REQUIREMENTS**
Observe manufacturer’s storing and handling recommendations.

### SAFE STORAGE WITH OTHER CLASSIFIED CHEMICALS

![Chemical Storage Chart]

| X: Must not be stored together | +: May be stored together | O: May be stored together with specific precautions |

### Section 8 - EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

#### EXPOSURE CONTROLS

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Canada - Prince Edward Island Occupational Exposure Limits

### TLV

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### MATERIAL DATA

**2,6-DI-TERT-BUTYL-4-METHYLPHENOL:**

- 2,6-di-tert-butyl-4-methylphenol (syn: butylated hydroxytoluene - BHT)

Because high dose levels are required to produce toxic effects and because there is little evidence of either acute or chronic effects amongst workers the recommended TLV-TWA is identical to that proposed for nuisance particulates.

### PERSONAL PROTECTION

**EYE**

- Safety glasses with side shields.
- Chemical goggles.
- Contact lenses pose a special hazard; soft lenses may absorb irritants and all lenses concentrate them. DO NOT wear contact lenses.

**HANDS/FEET**

- Suitability and durability of glove type is dependent on usage. Important factors in the selection of gloves include: such as:
  - frequency and duration of contact,
  - chemical resistance of glove material,
  - glove thickness and dexterity

Select gloves tested to a relevant standard (e.g. Europe EN 374, US F739).

- When prolonged or frequently repeated contact may occur, a glove with a protection class of 5 or higher (breakthrough time greater than 240 minutes according to EN 374) is recommended.
- When only brief contact is expected, a glove with a protection class of 3 or higher (breakthrough time greater than 60 minutes according to EN 374) is recommended.
- Contaminated gloves should be replaced.
- Gloves must only be worn on clean hands. After using gloves, hands should be washed and dried thoroughly. Application of a non-perfumed moisturiser is recommended.

Experience indicates that the following polymers are suitable as glove materials for protection against undissolved, dry solids, where abrasive particles are not present.

- polychloroprene
- nitrile rubber
- butyl rubber
- fluorocautouchouc
- polyvinyl chloride

Gloves should be examined for wear and/ or degradation constantly.

**OTHER**

- Overalls.
- P.V.C. apron.
- Barrier cream.
- Skin cleansing cream.
- Eye wash unit.

Respirators may be necessary when engineering and administrative controls do not adequately prevent exposures.

The decision to use respiratory protection should be based on professional judgment that takes into account toxicity...
information, exposure measurement data, and frequency and likelihood of the worker's exposure - ensure users are not subject to high thermal loads which may result in heat stress or distress due to personal protective equipment (powered, positive flow, full face apparatus may be an option).

- Published occupational exposure limits, where they exist, will assist in determining the adequacy of the selected respiratory apparatus. These may be government mandated or vendor recommended.
- Certified respirators will be useful for protecting workers from inhalation of particulates when properly selected and fit tested as part of a complete respiratory protection program.
- Use approved positive flow mask if significant quantities of dust becomes airborne.
- Try to avoid creating dust conditions.

**RESPIRATOR**

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<td>-</td>
<td>P3</td>
<td>-</td>
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<td>100+ x PEL</td>
<td>Air-line*</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>PAPR-P3</td>
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- Negative pressure demand ** - Continuous flow
Explanation of Respirator Codes:
Class 1 low to medium absorption capacity filters.
Class 2 medium absorption capacity filters.
Class 3 high absorption capacity filters.
PAPR Powered Air Purifying Respirator (positive pressure) cartridge.
Type A for use against certain organic gases and vapors.
Type AX for use against low boiling point organic compounds (less than 65°C).
Type B for use against certain inorganic gases and other acid gases and vapors.
Type E for use against sulfur dioxide and other acid gases and vapors.
Type K for use against ammonia and organic ammonia derivatives
Class P1 intended for use against mechanically generated particulates of sizes most commonly encountered in industry, e.g. asbestos, silica.
Class P2 intended for use against both mechanically and thermally generated particulates, e.g. metal fume.
Class P3 intended for use against all particulates containing highly toxic materials, e.g. beryllium.
The local concentration of material, quantity and conditions of use determine the type of personal protective equipment required.
Use appropriate NIOSH-certified respirator based on informed professional judgement. In conditions where no reasonable estimate of exposure can be made, assume the exposure is in a concentration IDLH and use NIOSH-certified full face pressure demand SCBA with a minimum service life of 30 minutes, or a combination full facepiece pressure demand SAR with auxiliary self-contained air supply. Respirators provided only for escape from IDLH atmospheres shall be NIOSH-certified for escape from the atmosphere in which they will be used.

**ENGINEERING CONTROLS**

- Local exhaust ventilation is required where solids are handled as powders or crystals; even when particulates are relatively large, a certain proportion will be powdered by mutual friction.
- Exhaust ventilation should be designed to prevent accumulation and recirculation of particulates in the workplace.
- If in spite of local exhaust an adverse concentration of the substance in air could occur, respiratory protection should be considered. Such protection might consist of:
  - (a): particle dust respirators, if necessary, combined with an absorption cartridge;
  - (b): filter respirators with absorption cartridge or canister of the right type;
  - (c): fresh-air hoods or masks
- Build-up of electrostatic charge on the dust particle, may be prevented by bonding and grounding.
- Powder handling equipment such as dust collectors, dryers and mills may require additional protection measures such as explosion venting.

Air contaminants generated in the workplace possess varying "escape" velocities which, in turn, determine the "capture velocities" of fresh circulating air required to efficiently remove the contaminant.

**Type of Contaminant:**

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<th>Air Speed</th>
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<td>direct spray, spray painting in shallow booths, drum filling, conveyor loading, crusher dusts, gas discharge (active generation into zone of rapid air motion)</td>
<td>1-2.5 m/s (200-500 f/min.)</td>
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<td>grinding, abrasive blasting, tumbling, high speed wheel generated dusts (released at high initial velocity into zone of very high rapid air motion).</td>
<td>2.5-10 m/s (500-2000 f/min.)</td>
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Within each range the appropriate value depends on:

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<th>Lower end of the range</th>
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<td>1: Room air currents minimal or favorable to capture</td>
<td>1: Disturbing room air currents</td>
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<td>2: Contaminants of low toxicity or of nuisance value only</td>
<td>2: Contaminants of high toxicity</td>
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<td>3: Intermittent, low production.</td>
<td>3: High production, heavy use</td>
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<tr>
<td>4: Large hood or large air mass in motion</td>
<td>4: Small hood-local control only</td>
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Simple theory shows that air velocity falls rapidly with distance away from the opening of a simple extraction pipe. Velocity generally decreases with the square of distance from the extraction point (in simple cases). Therefore the air speed at the extraction point should be adjusted, accordingly, after reference to distance from the contaminating source. The air velocity at the extraction fan, for example, should be a minimum of 4-10 m/s (800-2000 f/min) for extraction of crusher dusts generated 2 meters distant from the extraction point. Other mechanical considerations, producing performance deficits within the extraction apparatus, make it essential that theoretical air velocities are multiplied by factors of 10 or more when extraction systems are installed or used.
Section 9 - PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

PHYSICAL PROPERTIES

Solid. Does not mix with water. Sinks in water.

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<th>State</th>
<th>Divided solid</th>
<th>Molecular Weight</th>
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<tr>
<td>Melting Range (°F)</td>
<td>158</td>
<td>Viscosity</td>
<td>Not Applicable</td>
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<tr>
<td>Boiling Range (°F)</td>
<td>509</td>
<td>Solubility in water (g/L)</td>
<td>Immiscible</td>
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<tr>
<td>Flash Point (°F)</td>
<td>260.6</td>
<td>pH (1% solution)</td>
<td>Not applicable</td>
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<tr>
<td>Decomposition Temp (°F)</td>
<td>Not Available</td>
<td>pH (as supplied)</td>
<td>Not applicable</td>
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<tr>
<td>Autoignition Temp (°F)</td>
<td>878 (dust cloud)</td>
<td>Vapor Pressure (mmHg)</td>
<td>0.008</td>
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<tr>
<td>Upper Explosive Limit (%)</td>
<td>Not available.</td>
<td>Specific Gravity (water=1)</td>
<td>1.05 @ 20 C</td>
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<tr>
<td>Lower Explosive Limit (%)</td>
<td>Not available.</td>
<td>Relative Vapor Density (air=1)</td>
<td>7.6</td>
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<tr>
<td>Volatile Component (%vol)</td>
<td>Not applicable.</td>
<td>Evaporation Rate</td>
<td>Not applicable</td>
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APPEARANCE

White to pale yellow free-flowing crystals or flakes with a slight cresylic odour. Insoluble in water (0.6 mg/l), freely soluble in methanol, ethanol, toluene and most other hydrocarbon solvents.

Section 10 - CHEMICAL STABILITY

CONDITIONS CONTRIBUTING TO INSTABILITY

- Presence of incompatible materials.
- Product is considered stable.
- Hazardous polymerization will not occur.

STORAGE INCOMPATIBILITY

- Phenols are incompatible with strong reducing substances such as hydrides, nitrides, alkali metals, and sulfides.
- Avoid use of aluminium, copper and brass alloys in storage and process equipment.
- Heat is generated by the acid-base reaction between phenols and bases.
- Phenols are sulfonated very readily (for example, by concentrated sulfuric acid at room temperature), these reactions generate heat.
- Phenols are nitrated very rapidly, even by dilute nitric acid.
- Nitrated phenols often explode when heated. Many of them form metal salts that tend toward detonation by rather mild shock.
- Avoid reaction with oxidizing agents.

For incompatible materials - refer to Section 7 - Handling and Storage.

Section 11 - TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

2,6-di-tert-butyl-4-methylphenol

TOXICITY AND IRRITATION

- unless otherwise specified data extracted from RTECS - Register of Toxic Effects of Chemical Substances.

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<th>IRRITATION</th>
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<td>Oral (woman) TDLo: 80 mg/kg</td>
<td>Skin (human): 500 mg/48h - Mild</td>
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<tr>
<td>Oral (rat) LD50: 890 mg/kg</td>
<td>Skin (rabbit):500 mg/48h-Moderate</td>
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<td>Eye (rabbit): 100 mg/24h-Moderate</td>
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- Asthma-like symptoms may continue for months or even years after exposure to the material ceases. This may be due to a non-allergic condition known as reactive airways dysfunction syndrome (RADS) which can occur following exposure to high levels of highly irritating compound. Key criteria for the diagnosis of RADS include the absence of preceding respiratory disease, in a non-atopic individual, with abrupt onset of persistent asthma-like symptoms within minutes to hours of a documented exposure to the irritant. A reversible airflow pattern, on spirometry, with the presence of moderate to severe bronchial hyperreactivity on methacholine challenge testing and the lack of minimal lymphocytic inflammation, without eosinophilia, have also been included in the criteria for diagnosis of RADS. RADS (or asthma) following an irritating inhalation is an infrequent disorder with rates related to the concentration of and duration of exposure to the irritating substance. Industrial bronchitis, on the other hand, is a disorder that occurs as result of exposure due to high concentrations of irritating substance (often particulate in nature) and is completely reversible after exposure ceases. The disorder is characterised by dyspnea, cough and mucus production.

The material may cause skin irritation after prolonged or repeated exposure and may produce on contact skin redness, swelling, the production of vesicles, scaling and thickening of the skin.

For hindered phenols:

Acute oral and dermal toxicity data are available for all but two of the substances in the group. The data show that acute toxicity of these substances is low.

Mutagenicity. Data from bacterial reverse mutation assays and in vitro and in vivo chromosome aberration studies were reviewed. All assays, with and without metabolic activation, were negative. The weight of evidence for mutagenic potential for this category indicates these substances are not mutagenic.

In Vitro Chromosome Aberration Studies. In vitro chromosome aberration studies are available for several members. All except 2,6-di-tert-butyl-p-cresol were negative.
In Vivo Chromosome Aberration Studies. In vivo studies evaluating chromosome damage are available for six of the hindered phenols. All in vivo evaluations were negative.

Repeated Dose Toxicity. Repeated dose toxicity data of approximately three months (90-day, 12- and 13-week) are available for most of the substances in this group. The liver was the target organ in rats for almost all of the substances with subchronic toxicity data in that species. Other target organs included thyroid and kidney and mesenteric lymph nodes. NOAELs in rats ranged from 100 ppm (approximately 5 mg/kg/day) to 10,000 ppm (500 mg/kg/day).

Carcinogenicity: Data is available for 2,6-di-tert-butyl-p-cresol (128-37-0); and 4,4'-thiobis-6-(t-butyl-m-cresol) (96-69-5). Liver adenomas were reported for 2,6-di-tert-butyl-p-cresol (128-37-0) and a NOAEL was established for the study at 25 mg/kg/day. 4,4'-Thiobis-6-(t-butyl-m-cresol) (96-69-5) was not carcinogenic in rats or mice, but the kidney was identified as a target organ in female rats.

The substance is classified by IARC as Group 3:
NOT classifiable as to its carcinogenicity to humans.

Evidence of carcinogenicity may be inadequate or limited in animal testing.

NOTE: Substance has been shown to be mutagenic in at least one assay, or belongs to a family of chemicals producing damage or change to cellular DNA.

### CARCINOGEN

| Butylated hydroxytoluene (BHT) | International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) - Agents Reviewed by the IARC Monographs | Group | 3 |
| Butylated hydroxytoluene [BHT] | US ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV) - Carcinogens | Carcinogen | Category | A4 |

### SKIN

| 2,6-di-tert-butyl-4-methylphenol | US - California Permissible Exposure Limits for Chemical Contaminants - Skin | Skin S |

### Section 12 - ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Refer to data for ingredients, which follows:

2,6-DI-TERT-BUTYL-4-METHYLPHENOL:
- Very toxic to aquatic organisms, may cause long-term adverse effects in the aquatic environment.
- Do NOT allow product to come in contact with surface waters or to intertidal areas below the mean high water mark. Do not contaminate water when cleaning equipment or disposing of equipment wash-waters. Wastes resulting from use of the product must be disposed of on site or at approved waste sites.
- For hindered phenols:
  - The hindered phenols in this category consist of a group of chemicals in which a molecule of phenol (hydroxybenzene) has multiple substitutions on the aromatic ring with relatively large aliphatic and/or aromatic groups. At least one of the groups is adjacent to the hydroxyl group (the 2-, or ortho- position). Due to the bulky substituent groups, the substances, which may be either room temperature solids or liquids, have limited water solubility, high partition coefficients and are not readily biodegradable. The vapor pressure of these chemicals is low.
- Environmental fate:
  - Fate and Transport Characteristics. Experimental data show that hindered phenols are not readily biodegradable. With one exception, the low water solubility of these chemicals precludes experimentally obtaining hydrolysis data. Model derived photodegradation indicates that these substances photodegrade rapidly. Fugacity modeling shows that, generally, partitioning would be to soil and sediments rather than air or water.
- Ecotoxicity:
  - Aquatic Toxicology. Hindered phenols have low water solubility and, therefore, low aquatic toxicity. Experimental data are available on acute fish toxicity, acute invertebrate toxicity, and alga toxicity for the majority of chemicals in this category. One chronic ecotoxicity test is available for butylated hydroxytoluene (BHT) (Daphnia magna NOEC 0.07 mg/l) hence BHT may fulfill the T criterion (for BPT substances) as a borderline case.
  - For 2,6-di-tert-butyl-4-methylphenol (syn: butylated hydroxytoluene -BHT)
    - log Kow : 4.17
    - BOD 5 if unstated: 0.51
    - COD: 2.27
    - Bioaccumulation: little
    - Environmental fate:
      - After 8 days exposure to sunlight in water, 25% BHT remains degraded; in a dark control 60% remains degraded. BHT transforms to several oxidation products in water under sunlight and in the dark at moderate to rapid rate, whereas sunlight accelerates the rate. The main reaction product of BHT in water and oxygen was a stilbenequinone (dimer of BHT). Indirect photochemical degradation in the atmosphere is considered to be fast based on an estimated half-life of 3 hours for reaction with the OH-radical.
      - In soil BHT is altered to non-volatile compounds mainly by biological processes; these enhance the rate of primary degradation and mineralisation in a soil-air system. BHT may meet the P/vP criteria and is not readily biodegradable. Degradation rates in sediment may differ from degradation rates in water due to a different oxygen regime.
    - BHT does not meet the T criterion; bioconcentration factors of up to 1276 (mon-max: 220-2800) have been measured in a flow through test with fish (parent compound)
    - Ecotoxicity:
      - One chronic ecotoxicity test is available (Daphnia magna NOEC 0.07 mg/l) hence BHT may fulfil the T criterion as a borderline case.
      - BHT was found to be a very weak binder to human oestrogen receptor in an in vitro assay and thus is not considered to fulfil the T-criterion with regard to endocrine disrupting effects.
        - Substance has been evaluated and categorised as not being persistent, bioaccumulative, toxic (PBT) or very persistent, very bioaccumulative (vPvB).
        - DO NOT discharge into sewer or waterways.

### Ecotoxicity

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<thead>
<tr>
<th>Ingredient</th>
<th>Persistence: Water/Soil</th>
<th>Persistence: Air</th>
<th>Bioaccumulation</th>
<th>Mobility</th>
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<tr>
<td>2,6-di-tert-butyl-4-methylphenol</td>
<td>HIGH</td>
<td>LOW</td>
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Disposal Instructions
All waste must be handled in accordance with local, state and federal regulations.
Puncture containers to prevent re-use and bury at an authorized landfill.
Legislation addressing waste disposal requirements may differ by country, state and/or territory. Each user must refer to laws operating in their area. In some areas, certain wastes must be tracked.
A Hierarchy of Controls seems to be common - the user should investigate:
- Reduction
- Reuse
- Recycling
- Disposal (if all else fails)

This material may be recycled if unused, or if it has not been contaminated so as to make it unsuitable for its intended use. Shelf life considerations should also be applied in making decisions of this type. Note that properties of a material may change in use, and recycling or reuse may not always be appropriate.
DO NOT allow wash water from cleaning equipment to enter drains. Collect all wash water for treatment before disposal.
Recycle wherever possible.
Consult manufacturer for recycling options or consult Waste Management Authority for disposal if no suitable treatment or disposal facility can be identified.
Dispose of by: Burial in a licensed land-fill or Incineration in a licensed apparatus (after admixture with suitable combustible material)
Decontaminate empty containers. Observe all label safeguards until containers are cleaned and destroyed.

Section 14 - TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

DOT:
Symbols: G
Identification Numbers: UN3077
Label Codes: 9
Packaging: Exceptions: 155
Packaging Limitations: No limit
Vessel stowage: Other: None

Hazardous materials descriptions and proper shipping names:
Environmental hazardous substance, solid, n.o.s

Air Transport IATA:
ICAO/IATA Class: 9
UN/ID Number: 3077
Special provisions: A97

Shipping Name: ENVIRONMENTALLY HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE, SOLID, N.O.S. *(CONTAINS 2,6-DI-TERT-BUTYL-4-METHYLPHENOL)

Maritime Transport IMDG:
ICAO/IATA Class: 9
UN Number: 3077
EMS Number: F-A,S-F
Limited Quantities: 5 kg

Shipping Name: ENVIRONMENTALLY HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE, SOLID, N.O.S.(contains 2,6-di-tert-butyl-4-methylphenol)

Section 15 - REGULATORY INFORMATION

2,6-di-tert-butyl-4-methylphenol (CAS: 128-37-0) is found on the following regulatory lists:
- Canada - Alberta Occupational Exposure Limits
- Canada - British Columbia Occupational Exposure Limits
- Canada - Northwest Territories Occupational Exposure Limits (English)
- Canada - Nova Scotia Occupational Exposure Limits
- Canada - Ontario Occupational Exposure Limits
- Canada - Prince Edward Island Occupational Exposure Limits
- Canada - Quebec Permissible Exposure Values for Airborne Contaminants (English)
- Canada - Saskatchewan Occupational Health and Safety Regulations - Contamination Limits
- Canada - Yukon Permissible Concentrations for Airborne Contaminant Substances
- Canada Domestic Substances List (DSL)
- Canada Ingredient Disclosure List (SOR/88-64)
- Canada National Pollutant Release Inventory (NPRI)
- International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) - Agents Reviewed by the IARC Monographs
- International Council of Chemical Associations (ICCA) - High Production Volume List
- OECD Representative List of High Production Volume (HPV) Chemicals
- US - Alaska Limits for Air Contaminants
- US - California Occupational Safety and Health Regulations (CAL/OSHA) - Hazardous Substances List
- US - California Permissible Exposure Limits for Chemical Contaminants
- US - Connecticut Hazardous Air Pollutants
- US - Hawaii Air Contaminant Limits
- US - Michigan Exposure Limits for Air Contaminants
- US - Minnesota Hazardous Substance List
- US - Minnesota Permissible Exposure Limits
Section 16 - OTHER INFORMATION

LIMITED EVIDENCE

- Inhalation and/or skin contact may produce health damage*.
- Cumulative effects may result following exposure*.
- May possibly affect fertility*.

* (limited evidence).

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