Section 1 - CHEMICAL PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

PRODUCT NAME
Tetramethylammonium chloride

STATEMENT OF HAZARDOUS NATURE

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SYNONYMS
C4-H12-Cl-N, (CH3)4NCl, "ammonium, tetramethyl-, chloride", "methanaminium, N, N, N-trimethyl-, chloride", "N, N, N-trimethylmethanaminium chloride", "USAF AN-8", "quaternary ammonium compound"

Section 2 - HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

CHEMWATCH HAZARD RATINGS

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CANADIAN WHMIS SYMBOLS

Min/Nil=0
Low=1
Moderate=2
High=3
Extreme=4
EMERGENCY OVERVIEW
RISK
Risk of serious damage to eyes.
Harmful in contact with skin and if swallowed.
Irritating to respiratory system and skin.
Very toxic to aquatic organisms.

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.
- The material can produce chemical burns within the oral cavity and gastrointestinal tract following ingestion.
- Concentrated solutions of many cationics may cause corrosive damage to mucous membranes and the esophagus. Nausea and vomiting (sometimes bloody) may follow ingestion.

EYE
- The material can produce chemical burns to the eye following direct contact. Vapors or mists may be extremely irritating.
- If applied to the eyes, this material causes severe eye damage.

SKIN
- Skin contact with the material may be harmful; systemic effects may result following absorption.
- The material can produce chemical burns following direct contact with the skin.
- This material can cause inflammation of the skin on contact in some persons.
- The material may accentuate any pre-existing dermatitis condition.
- Open cuts, abraded or irritated skin should not be exposed to this material.
- Entry into the blood-stream, 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 produce serious damage 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.

CHRONIC HEALTH EFFECTS
- Long-term exposure to respiratory irritants may result in disease of the airways involving difficult breathing and related systemic problems.
- Limited evidence suggests that repeated or long-term occupational exposure may produce cumulative health effects involving organs or biochemical systems.
- Long term exposure to high dust concentrations may cause changes in lung function i.e. pneumoconiosis; caused by particles less than 0.5 micron penetrating and remaining in the lung.
- Repeated or prolonged exposure to acids may result in the erosion of teeth, swelling and or ulceration of mouth lining. Irritation of airways to lung, with cough, and inflammation of lung tissue often occurs.

Section 3 - COMPOSITION / INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

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Section 4 - FIRST AID MEASURES

SWALLOWED
- For advice, contact a Poisons Information Center or a doctor at once. · Urgent hospital treatment is likely to be needed.

EYE
- If this product comes in contact with the eyes: · Immediately hold eyelids apart and flush the eye continuously with 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.

SKIN
- If skin or hair contact occurs: · Immediately flush body and clothes with large amounts of water, using safety shower if available. · Quickly
remove all contaminated clothing, including footwear.

**INHALED**
- If fumes or combustion products are inhaled remove from contaminated area. • Lay patient down. Keep warm and rested.

**NOTES TO PHYSICIAN**
- For exposures to quaternary ammonium compounds;
- For ingestion of concentrated solutions (10% or higher): Swallow promptly a large quantity of milk, egg whites / gelatin solution. If not readily available, a slurry of activated charcoal may be useful. Avoid alcohol. Because of probable mucosal damage omit gastric lavage and emetic drugs.
- For dilute solutions (2% or less): If little or no emesis appears spontaneously, administer syrup of Ipecac or perform gastric lavage.

**Section 5 - FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES**

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**EXTINGUISHING MEDIA**
- Water spray or fog.
- Foam.

**FIRE FIGHTING**
- Alert Emergency Responders and tell them location and nature of hazard.
- Wear full body protective clothing with breathing apparatus.
- When any large container (including road and rail tankers) is involved in a fire, consider evacuation by 800 metres in all directions.

**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.
- Combustion products include: carbon monoxide (CO), carbon dioxide (CO2), hydrogen chloride, phosgene, nitrogen oxides (NOx), other pyrolysis products typical of burning organic material.
- May emit poisonous fumes.

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

**PERSONAL PROTECTION**
- Glasses: Full face- shield.
- Gloves: Respirator: Particulate dust filter.

**Section 6 - ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES**

**MINOR SPILLS**
- Remove all ignition sources.
- Clean up all spills immediately.
- Avoid contact with skin and eyes.
- Control personal contact by using protective equipment.
- Use dry clean up procedures and avoid generating dust.
- Place in a suitable, labelled container for waste disposal.

**MAJOR SPILLS**
- Clear area of personnel and move upwind.
- Alert Emergency Responders and tell them location and nature of hazard.

**Section 7 - HANDLING AND STORAGE**

**PROCEDURE FOR HANDLING**
- Avoid all personal contact, including Inhalation.
- Wear protective clothing when risk of exposure occurs.
- 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**

- Glass container.
- Lined metal can, Lined metal pail/drum
- Plastic pail.

For low viscosity materials
- Drums and jerricans must be of the non-removable head type.
- Where a can is to be used as an inner package, the can must have a screwed enclosure.

All inner and sole packagings for substances that have been assigned to Packaging Groups I or II on the basis of inhalation toxicity criteria, must be hermetically sealed.

**STORAGE REQUIREMENTS**

- Store in original containers.
- Keep containers securely sealed.

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**Section 8 - EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION**

**EXPOSURE CONTROLS**

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**PERSONAL PROTECTION**

RESPIRATOR

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Consult your EHS staff for recommendations

EYE

- Chemical goggles.
- Full face shield.

HANDS/FEET
Wear chemical protective gloves, eg. PVC. 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.

OTHER

- Overalls.
- Eyewash unit.

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.

### Section 9 - PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

**PHYSICAL PROPERTIES**

Mixes with water.
Toxic or noxious vapours/gas.

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**APPEARANCE**

White hygroscopic crystalline powder; mixes with water, alcohol, chloroform, acetone.

### Section 10 - CHEMICAL STABILITY

**CONDITIONS CONTRIBUTING TO INSTABILITY**

- Presence of incompatible materials.
- Product is considered stable.

**STORAGE INCOMPATIBILITY**

- Avoid strong bases.
- Avoid reaction with oxidizing agents.

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

### Section 11 - TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

**TETRAMETHYLAMMONIUM CHLORIDE**

**TOXICITY AND IRRITATION**

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

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<td>Subcutaneous (mouse) LD50: 40 mg/kg</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-allergenic
condition known as reactive Airways disease 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 asthmatic 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 and of 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.

No specific data describing the health effects of cationic dialkyl(dimethyl)ammonium (DADMA) salts are readily available. However, many of the properties described for alkyltrimethylammonium (ATMA)) salts also apply to DADMA salts, although these are generally less irritating than the corresponding ATMA salts.

For alkyltrimethylammonium chloride (ATMAC) Most undiluted cationic surfactants satisfy the criteria for classification as Harmful (Xn) with R22 and as Irritant (Xi) for skin and eyes with R38 and R41. In addition, certain surfactants will satisfy the criteria for classification as Corrosive with R34 in addition to the acute toxicity. According to Centre Europeen des Agents de Surface et de leurs Intermediaires Organiques (CESIO), C8-18 alkyltrimethylammonium chloride (ATMAC) (i.e., lauryl, coco, soya, and tallow) are classified as Corrosive (C ) with the risk phrases R22 (Harmful if swallowed) and R36 (in contacts with eyes, R41 (Risk of serious damage to eyes). C20-22 ATMAC are classified as Irritant (Xi) with R36/38 (Irritating to eyes and skin).

Mutagenicity: C16 ATMAC was studied in in vitro short-term tests to detect potential mutagenic effects. Cultures of Syrian golden hamster embryo cells were used for an in vitro bioassay. No in vitro transformation of hamster embryo cells with the risk phrases R22 (Harmful if swallowed), R38 (Irritating to skin), and R41 (Risk of serious damage to eyes), C20-22 ATMAC are classified as Irritant (Xi) with R36/38 (Irritating to eyes and skin).

Toxikinetik and Acute Toxicity: The few available absorption studies conducted with cationic surfactants indicate that absorption occurs in small amounts through the skin. Percutaneous absorption of radiolabelled C12 alkyltrimethylammonium bromide (ATMAB) in 3% aqueous solution (applied to an 8 cm2 area with occlusion) in the rat was low and corresponded to 0.6% of the applied 14C activity in 72 hours. Most of the absorbed surfactant was excreted in the urine, i.e. 0.35% of the applied 14C activity within the first 24 hours, whereas 13.2% remained on the skin after rinsing. Cutaneous application of the surfactant without rinsing resulted in a greater degree of percutaneous absorption (30%). In the rat elimination after parenteral administration was rapid and it was excreted primarily via the urine. - more than 80% of the radioactivity was eliminated within 24 hours of application. About 80% of the 14C activity was found in the gastrointestinal tract 8 hours after oral administration of 14C-labelled C16 ATMAC. Small only amounts of 14C were found in the urine and in the blood plasma. This indicates poor intestinal absorption. Similar small amounts of 14C were found in the liver, kidneys, spleen, heart, lungs and skeletal muscles. Within 3 days of ingestion, 92% of the administrated radioactivity had been excreted in the faeces and 1% in the urine. No appreciable enterohepatic circulation of the radioactivity was found.

The acute oral toxicity of alkyltrimethylammonium salts is somewhat higher than the toxicity of anionic and nonionic surfactants. This may be due to their ability to strongly irritating effects on the mucous membrane of the gastrointestinal tract (SFT 1991). Cationic surfactants are generally about 10 times more toxic when administrated by the intravenous route compared to oral administration. Skin and Eye Irritation: Skin irritation depends on surfactant concentration. Regardless of the structure, cationic surfactants lead to serious destruction of the skin at high concentrations. Solutions of approximately 0.1% are rarely irritating, whereas irritation is usually pronounced at concentrations between 1.0 and 10.0% surfactant. C16 ATMAC was severely irritating to rabbit skin in a concentration of 2.5%. The surfactant was applied to intact and abraded sites and scored after 34 hours. Then the skin was rinsed and then scored again after 48 hours. The erythema and Eschar Index was 3.75 (maximum 4) and the edema Index was 2.0 (maximum 4).

With regard to eye irritation, cationic surfactants are the most irritating of the surfactants. The longer chained alkyltrimethylammonium salts are comparatively less irritating to the rabbit eye than the shorter alkyl chain homologues. C10 ATMAB, C12 ATMAB, and C16 ATMAC were tested in concentrations between 0.1 and 1.0% in water and were found to be significantly irritating or injurious to the rabbit eye. A 5% solution of C18 ATMAC was instilled into the eyes of guinea pigs, and this concentration was very irritating with a total PII (The Primary Irritation Index) score of 96 (maximum 110). A homologous series of ATMAB produced very little swelling of the stratum corneum and some homologues produced a shrinkage of the stratum corneum after prolonged exposure.

Many proteins in the skin are considerably more resistant to the denaturating effects of cationic surfactants compared to those of anionic surfactants. As cationic surfactants frequently have a lower critical micelle concentration than the anionic surfactants, a saturation of the surfactant/protein complex is prevented by the formation of micelles. Compared to a representative anionic surfactant, the cooperative binding with subsequent protein denaturation requires about a tenfold higher concentration of a cationic surfactant. Contrary to the irreversible denaturing effect of sodium dodecyl sulfate, the adverse effects of some cationic surfactants on proteins may be reversible. Cationic surfactants can interact with proteins or peptides by polar and hydrophobic binding. Polar interactions result in electrostatic bonds between the negatively charged groups of the protein molecule and the positively charged surfactant molecule.

Sensitisation: A repeated insult patch test of C16 ATMAC was conducted with 114 volunteers. Seventeen subjects showed an irritant reaction, and C16 ATMAC was not classified as sensitising according to the Nordic guidelines. A single patch test was conducted with 114 volunteers. Seventeen showed an irritant reaction, and C16 ATMAC was classified as Irritant (Xi) with R36/38 (Irritating to eyes and skin).

Sub-chronic toxicity: C16 ATMAB was administered at concentrations of 10, 20, and 45 mg/kg/day via the drinking water to rats for one year. The only effect observed was a decrease in body weight gain in the 45 mg/day dose group. Reproductive Toxicity: No embryonic toxic effects were seen, when C18 ATMAB was applied dermally to pregnant rats during the period of major organogenesis (day 6-15 of gestation). The concentrations of C18 ATMAB were 0.9, 1.5 and 2.5%. There was no increase in the incidence of fetal malformations. C16 ATMAB was not teratogenic in rats after oral doses. Mild embryonic effects were observed with 50 mg/kg/day, but these effects were attributed to maternal toxicity rather than to a primary embryonic effect. Lower doses of C16 ATMAB showed no embryonic toxic or teratogenic effects.

Mutagenicity: C16 ATMAC was studied in in vitro short-term tests to detect potential mutagenic effects. Cultures of Syrian golden hamster embryo cells were used for an in vitro bioassay. No in vitro transformation of hamster embryo cells was induced, and C16 ATMAB was not mutagenic in Salmonella typhimurium (Inoue and Sunakawa 1980). No mutagenic effects or genetic damages were indicated in a survey of nine short-term genotoxicity tests with C16 and C18 ATMAB (Yam et al. 1984).

Environmental and Health Assessment of Substances in Household Detergents and Cosmetic Detergent Products, Environment Project, 615, 2001. Torben Madsen et al: Miljoministeriet (Danish Environmental Protection Agency)

For quaternary ammonium compounds (QACs): Quaternary ammonium compounds (QACs) are cationic surfactants. They are synthetic organically tetra-substituted ammonium compounds, where the R substituents are alkyl or heterocyclic radicals. A common characteristic of these synthetic compounds is that one of the R’s is a long-chain hydrophobic aliphatic residue. The cationic surfactant active compounds are in general more toxic than the anionic and non-ionic surfactants. The positively-charged cationic portion is the functional part of the molecule and the local irritation effects of QACs appear to result from the quaternary ammonium cation. 6 of 8
Due to their relative ability to solubilise phospholipids and cholesterol in lipid membranes, QACs affect cell permeability which may lead to cell death. Further QACs denature proteins as cationic materials precipitate protein and are accompanied by generalised tissue irritation. It has been suggested that the experimentally determined decrease in acute toxicity of QACs with chain lengths above C16 is due to decreased water solubility.

In general it appears that QACs with a single long-chain alkyl groups are more toxic and irritating than those with two such substitutions. The straight chain aliphatic QACs have been shown to release histamine from minced guinea pig lung tissue. However, studies with benzalkonium chloride have shown that the effect on histamine release depends on the concentration of the solution. When cell suspensions (11% mast cells) from rats were exposed to low concentrations, a decrease in histamine release was seen. When exposed to high concentrations the opposite result was obtained.

In addition, QACs may show curare-like properties (specifically benzalkonium and cetylpyridinium derivatives, a muscular paralysis with no involvement of the central nervous system. This is most often associated with lethal doses. Parenteral injections in rats, rabbits and dogs have resulted in prompt but transient limb paralysis and sometimes fatal paresis of the respiratory muscles. This effect seems to be transient. From human testing of different QACs the generalised conclusion is obtained that all the compounds investigated to date exhibit similar toxicological properties.

Oral (mouse) LD50: 100-200 mg/kg *

*Sigma/Aldrich*

Convulsions, ataxia, cardiac changes, dyspnae, respiratory system changes recorded.

### Section 12 - ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Very toxic to aquatic organisms.
This material and its container must be disposed of as hazardous waste.
Avoid release to the environment.
Refer to special instructions/ safety data sheets.

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### Section 13 - DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

**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.

### Section 14 - TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

**DOT:**
Symbols: None
Hazard class or Division: 6.1
Identification Numbers: UN2811 PG: II
Label Codes: 6.1 Special provisions: IB8, IP2, IP4, T3, TP33
Packaging: Exceptions: 153 Packaging: Non- bulk: 212
Packaging: Exceptions: 153 Quantity limitations: 25 kg
Passenger aircraft/rail:
Quantity Limitations: Cargo 100 kg Vessel stowage: Location: B aircraft only.
Vessel stowage: Other: None
Hazardous materials descriptions and proper shipping names:
Toxic solids, organic, n.o.s.

Air Transport IATA:
ICAO/IATA Class: 6.1 ICAO/IATA Subrisk: None
UN/ID Number: 2811 Packing Group: II
Special provisions: A3
Cargo Only
Packing Instructions: 615 Maximum Qty/Pack: 100 kg
Passenger and Cargo Passenger and Cargo
Packing Instructions: 613 Maximum Qty/Pack: 25 kg
Passenger and Cargo Limited Quantity Passenger and Cargo Limited Quantity
Packing Instructions: Y613 Maximum Qty/Pack: 1 kg
Shipping Name: TOXIC SOLID, ORGANIC, N.O.S. *(CONTAINS TETRAMETHYLAMMONIUM CHLORIDE)

Maritime Transport IMDG:
IMDG Class: 6.1 IMDG Subrisk: None
UN Number: 2811 Packing Group: II
EMS Number: F-A, S-A Special provisions: 274
Limited Quantities: 500 g Marine Pollutant: Yes
Shipping Name: TOXIC SOLID, ORGANIC, N.O.S.(contains tetramethylammonium chloride)

Section 15 - REGULATORY INFORMATION

REGULATIONS
tetramethylammonium chloride (CAS: 75-57-0) is found on the following regulatory lists:
"Canada Domestic Substances List (DSL)","OECD Representative List of High Production Volume (HPV) Chemicals","US DOE Temporary Emergency Exposure Limits (TEELs)","US EPA High Production Volume Chemicals 1994 List of Additions","US Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) - Inventory"

Section 16 - OTHER INFORMATION

LIMITED EVIDENCE
■ Inhalation may produce serious health damage*.
■ Cumulative effects may result following exposure*.
* (limited evidence).

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Classification of the preparation and its individual components has drawn on official and authoritative sources as well as independent review by the Chemwatch Classification committee using available literature references.
A list of reference resources used to assist the committee may be found at:
www.chemwatch.net/references.

The (M)SDS is a Hazard Communication tool and should be used to assist in the Risk Assessment. Many factors determine whether the reported Hazards are Risks in the workplace or other settings. Risks may be determined by reference to Exposures Scenarios. Scale of use, frequency of use and current or available engineering controls must be considered.

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