# 2,3,7,8-Tetrachlorodibenzo-p-dioxin solution



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#### PRODUCT USE

Operators should be trained in procedures for safe use of this material. Possession prohibited; other than for Approved Research use. [NHMRC]. Handling of this material must be planned and monitored. Use best control measures, best handling procedures and full body protection to avoid any possible contact.

#### SYNONYMS

C12-H4-Cl4-O2, Cl2C6H2O2C6H2Cl2, "2, 3, 7, 8-tetrachlorodibenzo-1, 4-dioxin", "2, 3, 7, 8-tetrachlorodibenzo-1, 4-dioxin", "2, 3, 7, 8-tetrachlorodibenzo[b, e](1, 4)dioxan", "2, 3, 7, 8-tetrachlorodibenzo[b, e](1, 4)dioxan", "2, 3, 7, 8-tetrachlorodibenzo[b, e](1, 4)dioxan", "dioxin herbicide contaminant", dioxine, TCDD, TCDBD, "2, 3, 7, 8-TCDD", "2, 3, 7, 8-TCDD", tetradioxin

### Section 2 - HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

### **CANADIAN WHMIS SYMBOLS**



### EMERGENCY OVERVIEW

**RISK** May cause CANCER. Very toxic in contact with skin and if swallowed. May cause long-term adverse effects in the environment.

### POTENTIAL HEALTH EFFECTS

ACUTE HEALTH EFFECTS

#### **SWALLOWED**

■ Severely toxic effects may result from the accidental ingestion of the material; animal experiments indicate that ingestion of less than 5 gram may be fatal or may produce serious damage to the health of the individual.

• Dioxin TCDD has been associated with a range of toxic effects. These include loss of body fat, inflammation of the eyelids, kidney damage, depression, loss of hair and nails, anemia, decreased cholesterol and increased triglycerides, and degeneration of the thymus glands. The substance does have fetal toxic effects; the kidneys of fetuses were affected.

#### EYE

There is some evidence that material may produce eye irritation in some persons and produce eye damage 24 hours or more after instillation. Moderate inflammation may be expected with redness; conjunctivitis may occur with prolonged exposure.
 Application of dioxins to the eye may produce irritation, inflammation of eyelids and conjunctiva, and irritation of other

#### Application of dic mucous membranes.

#### SKIN

Skin contact with the material may produce severely toxic effects; systemic effects may result following absorption and these may be fatal.

There is some evidence to suggest that this material can cause inflammation of the skin on contact in some persons.

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.

Skin absorption of TCDD may result in redness and swelling,followed by acne.

• Exposure to the material may result in a skin inflammation called chloracne. This is characterized by white- and blackheads, keratin cysts, spots, excessive discoloration. These mainly involve the skin under the eyes and behind the ears. The reaction may be delayed. There may also be excess hair growth, degeneration of elastic tissue as a result of sunlight, and scarring of the membrane of the penis.

#### INHALED

■ Inhalation of dusts, generated by the material during the course of normal handling, may produce severe damage to the health of the individual. Relatively small amounts absorbed from the lungs may prove fatal.

• There is some evidence to suggest that the material can cause respiratory irritation in some persons. The body's response to such irritation can cause further lung damage.

■ 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.

■ The inhalation of dioxins may produce respiratory tract irritation, headache, dizziness, nausea and vomiting, fatigue, sleep difficulties, sexual dysfunction, and intolerance to cold. Muscular pains and weakness may be present as well as behavioral disturbances. Redness and swelling of skin may occur, followed by acne. The central nervous system and liver may also be affected.

### **CHRONIC HEALTH EFFECTS**

There is sufficient evidence to suggest that this materialdirectly causes cancer in humans.

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.

Based on experience with animal studies, there is a possibility that exposure to the material may result in toxic effects to the development of the fetus, at levels which do not cause significant toxic effects to the mother.

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. Prime symptom is breathlessness; lung shadows show on X-ray. Exposure to PHAHs, including TCDD, can result in acne, fatigue, decreased libido, sleep trouble, loss of appetite and weight

Exposure to PHAHs, including TCDD, can result in acne, fatigue, decreased libido, sleep trouble, loss of appetite and weight and sensory dysfunction. Skin changes are also possible including pigmentation disorders and excess hair growth. Cardiac function and function of the liver, which can be enlarged, may be impaired. Thyroid function and the efficiency of the immune system is also affected leading to more frequent infections. The substance is associated with fetal toxicity, miscarriage, and reduced fertility in males; it is also associated with cancers of the liver, thyroid and skin.

### Section 3 - COMPOSITION / INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

### HAZARD RATINGS



### **Section 4 - FIRST AID MEASURES**

#### **SWALLOWED**

- - Give a slurry of activated charcoal in water to drink. NEVER GIVE AN UNCONSCIOUS PATIENT WATER TO DRINK.
- At least 3 tablespoons in a glass of water should be given.
- Although induction of vomiting may be recommended (IN CONSCIOUS PERSONS ONLY), such a first aid measure is
  dissuaded because to the risk of aspiration of stomach contents. (i) It is better to take the patient to a doctor who can
  decide on the necessity and method of emptying the stomach. (ii) Special circumstances may however exist; these include

non- availability of charcoal and the ready availability of the doctor.

NOTE: If vomiting is induced, lean patient forward or place on left side (head-down position, if possible) to maintain open airway and prevent aspiration. NOTE: Wear protective gloves when inducing vomiting.

- REFER FOR MEDICAL ATTENTION WITHOUT DELAY.
- In the mean time, qualified first-aid personnel should treat the patient following observation and employing supportive measures as indicated by the patient's condition.
- If the services of a medical officer or medical doctor are readily available, the patient should be placed in his/her care and a copy of the MSDS should be provided. Further action will be the responsibility of the medical specialist.
- If medical attention is not available on the worksite or surroundings send the patient to a hospital together with a copy of the MSDS.

(ICSC20305/20307).

#### 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.
- Continue flushing until advised to stop by the Poisons Information Center or a doctor, or for at least 15 minutes.
- Transport to hospital or doctor without delay.
- Removal of contact lenses after an eye injury should only be undertaken by skilled personnel.

#### 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.
- Wash skin and hair with running water. Continue flushing with water until advised to stop by the Poisons Information Center.

• Transport to hospital, or doctor.

#### INHALED

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- 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

### • compare PCB treatment regime:

Presentation:

- Acute symptoms related to overexposure to the PCBs and dioxins (PCDDs and PCDFs) include irritation of the skin, eyes
  and mucous membranes and nausea, vomiting and myalgias.
- After a latency period which may be prolonged (up to several weeks or more), chloracne, porphyria cutanea tarda, hirsutism, or hyper- pigmentation may occur. Elevated levels of hepatic transaminases and blood lipids may be found. Polyneuropathies with sensory impairment and lower-extremity motor weakness may also occur.
- Useful laboratory studies might include glucose, electrolytes, BUN, creatinine, liver transaminase, and liver function tests, and uroporphyrins (where porphyria is suspected)

Treatment:

- · Emergency and Supportive Measures: Treat skin, eye and respiratory irritation symptomatically
- There is no specific antidote
- Decontamination: 1. Inhalation; remove victims from exposure and give supplemental oxygen if available. 2. Eyes and Skin: remove contaminated clothing and wash affected skin with copious soap and water; irrigate exposed eyes with copious tepid water or saline. 3. Ingestion; (a) Prehospital: Administer activated charcoal if available. Ipecac-induced vomiting may be useful for initial treatment at the scene if it can be given within a few minutes exposure (b) Hospital: Administer activated charcoal. Gastric emptying is not necessary if activated charcoal can be given promptly.
- Enhanced elimination: There is no known role for these procedures.

POISONING and DRUG OVERDOSE, Californian Poison Control System Ed. Kent R Olson; 3rd Edition. For acute exposure gut decontamination by lavage, charcoal, cathartic, in the first several hours is recommended. Monitor for metabolic acidosis, hyperthermia, hyperkalemia, myoglobinuria and hepatic / renal dysfunction.

### Section 5 - FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

Vapor Pressure (mmHg):	0 @ 25
Upper Explosive Limit (%):	Not Available
Specific Gravity (water=1):	1.827
Lower Explosive Limit (%):	Not Available

### **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 full body protective clothing with breathing apparatus.

- · Prevent, by any means available, spillage from entering drains or water course.
- · Use fire fighting procedures suitable for surrounding 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

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- · 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), hydrogen chloride, phosgene, 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: Safety Glasses. Gloves: Respirator: Particulate

### Section 6 - ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

#### MINOR SPILLS

- Environmental hazard contain spillage.
- · 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.
- Clear area of personnel and move upwind.
- Alert Emergency Responders and tell them location and nature of hazard.
- · Wear full body protective clothing with breathing apparatus.
- Prevent, by all means available, spillage from entering drains or water courses.
- Consider evacuation (or protect in place).
- No smoking, naked lights or ignition sources.
- Increase ventilation.
- Stop leak if safe to do so.
- Water spray or fog may be used to disperse / absorb vapour.
- · Contain or absorb spill with sand, earth or vermiculite.
- Collect recoverable product into labelled containers for recycling.
- · Collect solid residues and seal in labelled drums for disposal.
- Wash area and prevent runoff into drains.
- After clean up operations, decontaminate and launder all protective clothing and equipment before storing and re-using.
- If contamination of drains or waterways occurs, advise emergency services.
- DO NOT touch the spill material

### PROTECTIVE ACTIONS FOR SPILL

### PROTECTIVE ACTION ZONE



### 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.

5 Guide 154 is taken from the US DOT emergency response guide book. 6 IERG information is derived from CANUTEC - Transport Canada.

### ACUTE EXPOSURE GUIDELINE LEVELS (AEGL) (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. ٠
- 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**

- Glass container.
- Lined metal can, Lined metal pail/drum
- · Plastic pail
- Polyliner drum
- Packing as recommended by manufacturer.
- Check all containers are clearly labeled and free from leaks.

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.
- For materials with a viscosity of at least 2680 cSt. (23 deg. C) and solids (between 15 C deg. and 40 deg C.):
- Removable head packaging;
- Cans with friction closures and
- low pressure tubes and cartridges may be used.

- Where combination packages are used, and the inner packages are of glass, there must be sufficient inert cushioning material in contact with inner and outer packages \* . - In addition, where inner packagings are glass and contain liquids of packing group I and II there must be sufficient inert absorbent to absorb any spillage \*. - \* unless the outer packaging is a close fitting molded plastic box and the substances are not incompatible with the plastic. 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.
- Store in a cool, dry, well-ventilated area.
- Store away from incompatible materials and foodstuff containers.
- Protect containers against physical damage and check regularly for leaks.
- Observe manufacturer's storing and handling recommendations.

### SAFE STORAGE WITH OTHER CLASSIFIED CHEMICALS



X: Must not be stored together

O: May be stored together with specific preventions

+: May be stored together

### Section 8 - EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

### **EXPOSURE CONTROLS**

Source	Material	TWA ppm	TWA mg/m³	STEL ppm	STEL mg/m³	Peak ppm	Peak mg/m³	TWA F/CC	Notes
Canada - Ontario Occupational Exposure Limits	2,3,7,8-tetrachlorodibenzo-p-dioxin (Polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) (1))		0.05						
US - Alaska Limits for Air Contaminants	2,3,7,8-tetrachlorodibenzo-p-dioxin (Chlorodiphenyl (54% Chlorine) PCB)		0.5						
Canada - Yukon Permissible Concentrations for Airborne Contaminant Substances	2,3,7,8-tetrachlorodibenzo-p-dioxin (Polychlorobiphenyls, see Chlorodiphenyls - Skin)	-	-	-	-				
US - Alaska Limits for Air Contaminants	2,3,7,8-tetrachlorodibenzo-p-dioxin (Chlorodiphenyl (42% Chlorine) PCB)		1						

### MATERIAL DATA

2,3,7,8-TETRACHLORODIBENZO-P-DIOXIN:

■ Airborne particulate or vapor must be kept to levels as low as is practicably achievable given access to modern engineering controls and monitoring hardware. Biologically active compounds may produce idiosyncratic effects which are entirely unpredictable on the basis of literature searches and prior clinical experience (both recent and past). No exposure threshold assigned as any exposure is regarded as hazardous.

#### PERSONAL PROTECTION





Consult your EHS staff for recommendations **EYE** 

- Chemical protective goggles with full seal
- Shielded mask (gas-type)

Contact lenses may pose a special hazard; soft contact lenses may absorb and concentrate irritants. A written policy document, describing the wearing of lens or restrictions on use, should be created for each workplace or task. This should include a review of lens absorption and adsorption for the class of chemicals in use and an account of injury experience. Medical and first-aid personnel should be trained in their removal and suitable equipment should be readily available. In the event of chemical exposure, begin eye irrigation immediately and remove contact lens as soon as practicable. Lens should be removed at the first signs of eye redness or irritation - lens should be removed in a clean environment only after workers have washed hands thoroughly. [CDC NIOSH Current Intelligence Bulletin 59]

#### HANDS/FEET

Elbow length PVC gloves.

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

- ٠ Employees working with confirmed human carcinogens should be provided with, and be required to wear, clean, full body protective clothing (smocks, coveralls, or long-sleeved shirt and pants), shoe covers and gloves prior to entering the regulated area.
- Employees engaged in handling operations involving carcinogens should be provided with, and required to wear and use half-face filter-type respirators with filters for dusts, mists and fumes, or air purifying canisters or cartridges. A respirator affording higher levels of protection may be substituted.
- Emergency deluge showers and evewash fountains, supplied with potable water, should be located near, within sight of, and on the same level with locations where direct exposure is likely.
- Prior to each exit from an area containing confirmed human carcinogens, employees should be required to remove and leave protective clothing and equipment at the point of exit and at the last exit of the day, to place used clothing and equipment in impervious containers at the point of exit for purposes of decontamination or disposal. The contents of such impervious containers must be identified with suitable labels. For maintenance and decontamination activities, authorized employees entering the area should be provided with and required to wear clean, impervious garments, including gloves, boots and continuous-air supplied hood.
- · Prior to removing protective garments the employee should undergo decontamination and be required to shower upon removal of the garments and hood.
- For quantities up to 500 grams a laboratory coat may be suitable.
- For quantities up to 1 kilogram a disposable laboratory coat or coverall of low permeability is recommended. Coveralls should be buttoned at collar and cuffs.
- For quantities over 1 kilogram and manufacturing operations, wear disposable coverall of low permeability and disposable shoe covers.
- For manufacturing operations, air-supplied full body suits may be required for the provision of advanced respiratory protection.
- Eye wash unit.
- Ensure there is ready access to an emergency shower.
- For Emergencies: Vinyl suit
- - 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 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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Protection Factor	Half-Face Respirator	Full-Face Respirator	Powered Air Respirator
10 x PEL	P1	-	PAPR-P1
	Air-line*	-	-
50 x PEL	Air-line**	P2	PAPR-P2
100 x PEL	-	P3	-
		Air-line*	-
100+ x PEL	-	Air-line**	PAPR-P3
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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**

- Employees exposed to confirmed human carcinogens should be authorized to do so by the employer, and work in a regulated area.
- Work should be undertaken in an isolated system such as a "glove-box". Employees should wash their hands and arms upon completion of the assigned task and before engaging in other activities not associated with the isolated system.
- Within regulated areas, the carcinogen should be stored in sealed containers, or enclosed in a closed system, including piping systems, with any sample ports or openings closed while the carcinogens are contained within.
- Open-vessel systems are prohibited.
- Each operation should be provided with continuous local exhaust ventilation so that air movement is always from ordinary work areas to the operation.
- Exhaust air should not be discharged to regulated areas, non-regulated areas or the external environment unless decontaminated. Clean make-up air should be introduced in sufficient volume to maintain correct operation of the local exhaust system.
- For maintenance and decontamination activities, authorized employees entering the area should be provided with and required to wear clean, impervious garments, including gloves, boots and continuous-air supplied hood. Prior to removing protective garments the employee should undergo decontamination and be required to shower upon removal of the garments and hood.
- Except for outdoor systems, regulated areas should be maintained under negative pressure (with respect to non-regulated areas).
- Local exhaust ventilation requires make-up air be supplied in equal volumes to replaced air.
- Laboratory hoods must be designed and maintained so as to draw air inward at an average linear face velocity of 150 feet/ min. with a minimum of 125 feet/ min. Design and construction of the fume hood requires that insertion of any portion of the employees body, other than hands and arms, be disallowed.

### Section 9 - PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

### PHYSICAL PROPERTIES

Divided solid	Molecular Weight	321.96
581- 617	Viscosity	Not Applicable
789.8- 834.8	Solubility in water (g/L)	Insoluble
Not Available	pH (1% solution)	Not applicable
Not Available	pH (as supplied)	Not applicable
Not Available	Vapor Pressure (mmHg)	0 @ 25
Not Available	Specific Gravity (water=1)	1.827
Not Available	Relative Vapor Density (air=1)	Not Applicable
Not available	Evaporation Rate	Not Applicable
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#### APPEARANCE

Colourless solid. Practically insoluble in water; solubility = 0.00002% Soluble in benzene, chloroform, chlorobenzene, o-dichlorobenzene. Occurs as contaminant, parts per million, in 2,4,5-T, chlorinated herbicide and Agent Orange, now banned. Also present in PCB electrical fluids. Has become widely spread in biosphere in trace amounts. Material is accidentally produced in quantity in runaway exothermic reaction in the manufacture of chlorinated phenols; e.g. Seveso accident.

### Section 10 - CHEMICAL STABILITY

#### CONDITIONS CONTRIBUTING TO INSTABILITY

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

### STORAGE INCOMPATIBILITY

Avoid reaction with oxidizing agents.

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

### Section 11 - TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

#### 2,3,7,8-tetrachlorodibenzo-p-dioxin

### TOXICITY AND IRRITATION

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

Oral (rat) LD50: 0.02 mg/kg

Eye (rabbit): 2 mg - Moderate

Dermal (human) TDLo: 0.1 mg/kg

Dermal (rabbit) LD50: 0.275 mg/kg

■ Side-reactions during manufacture of the parent compound may result in the production of trace amounts of polyhalogenated aromatic hydrocarbon(s). Halogenated phenols, and especially their alkali salts, can condense above 300 deg. C . to form polyphenoxyphenols or, in a very specific reaction, to form dibenzo-p-dioxins.

Polyhalogenated aromatic hydrocarbons (PHAHs) can cause effects on hormones and mimic thyroid hormone. Acne, discharge in the eye, eyelid swellings and visual disturbances may occur. Babies born to exposed mothers can also exhibit these effects. There is an increased risk of liver cancer among those who have taken PHAHs.

The material may produce moderate eye irritation leading to inflammation. Repeated or prolonged exposure to irritants may produce conjunctivitis.

WARNING: This substance has been classified by the IARC as Group 1: CARCINOGENIC TO HUMANS.

Use control measures and full personal protective equipment to prevent

# all personal contact.

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2,3,7,8-Tetrachlorodibenzo-pa evaluation upgraded from 2A t from other relevant data)	ra-dioxin (NB: Overall o 1 with supporting evidence	International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) - Agents Reviewed by th IARC Monographs	e Group	1
Polychlorinated biphenyls		International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) - Agents Reviewed by th IARC Monographs	e Group	2A
Polychlorinated dibenzofurans		International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) - Agents Reviewed by th IARC Monographs	e Group	3
Polychlorinated biphenyls (PC	Bs)	US EPA Carcinogens Listing	Carcinogenicity	B2
Polychlorinated biphenyls (PC	Bs)	US ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV Carcinogens	) - Carcinogen Category	B2
2,3,7,8-TETRACHLORODIBE	NZO-P-DIOXIN (TCDD)	US Environmental Defense Scorecard Recognized Carcinogens	Reference(s)	P65
DIOXIN AND DIOXIN-LIKE CO	OMPOUNDS	US Environmental Defense Scorecard Recognized Carcinogens	Reference(s)	P65- MC
2,3,7,8-TETRACHLORODIBE	NZO-P-DIOXIN (TCDD)	US Environmental Defense Scorecard Suspected Carcinogens	Reference(s)	P65
DIOXIN AND DIOXIN-LIKE C	OMPOUNDS	US Environmental Defense Scorecard Suspected Carcinogens	Reference(s)	P65- MC
2,3,7,8-Tetrachlorodibenzo-p-	dioxin	US Air Toxics Hot Spots TSD for Describing Available Cancer Potency Factors	IARC Class	
2,3,7,8-Tetrachlorodibenzo-p-	dioxin [TCDD]	US NIOSH Recommended Exposure Limits (RELs) - Carcinogens	Carcinogen	Са
REPROTOXIN				
2,3,7,8-tetrachlorodibenzo-p- dioxin	ILO Chemicals in the electron reproduction	nics industry that have toxic effects on	Reduced fertility or sterility	А

### Section 12 - ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

## Refer to data for ingredients, which follows:

Hazardous Air Pollutant:	Yes
■ Half- life Soil - High (hours):	14160
■ Half- life Soil - Low (hours):	10032
■ Half- life Air - High (hours):	223
■ Half- life Air - Low (hours):	22.3
Half- life Surface water - High (hours):	14160
Half- life Surface water - Low (hours):	10032
Half- life Ground water - High (hours):	28320
Half- life Ground water - Low (hours):	20064
Aqueous biodegradation - Aerobic - High (hours):	14160
Aqueous biodegradation - Aerobic - Low (hours):	10032
Aqueous biodegradation - Anaerobic - High (hours):	56640
Aqueous biodegradation - Anaerobic - Low (hours):	40128

Aqueous photolysis half- life - High (hours):	81
Aqueous photolysis half- life - Low (hours):	27
Aqueous photolysis half- life - High (hours):	81
Aqueous photolysis half- life - Low (hours):	27
Photooxidation half- life air - High (hours):	223
Photooxidation half- life air - Low (hours):	22.3

 On the basis of available evidence concerning either toxicity, persistence, potential to accumulate and or observed environmental fate and behaviour, the material may present a danger, immediate or long-term and /or delayed, to the structure and/ or functioning of natural ecosystems.

PCBs and other polyhalogenated polyaromatic hydrocarbons (including the dioxins and brominated species) are resistant to chemical and biological degradation and because of their solubility in fats and oils they tend to be bioconcentrated in living organisms. The highly chlorinated PCBs are retained in animals longer and seem to delay the excretion of the lower chlorinated PCBs. This is presumably true of other halogenated species and halogenated polyaromatic systems. They have become widely dispersed in the world environment and in the food-chain since their introduction. They are now recognized internationally to be a major environmental pollutant, their persistence causing ecological damage via water pollution. Consequently the loss of these materials to the environment is to be avoided at all costs.

PCBs are exceptionally persistent in the food chain, some even more so than the organochlorine insecticides with which they are often confused. In general the higher the degree of chlorination, the more resistant to degradation and more persistent environmentally they become

Bioconcentration factors of PCBs in aquatic species such as fish, shrimp, and oysters range from 26000 to 60000. The health effects of PCBs are well established. These include interference with reproduction in wildlife and experimental animals and effects in birds and mammals including microsomal enzyme induction, porphyrogenic activity, tumor promotion, estrogen activity and immunosuppression. Because of their high lipophilicity and their stability, the potential to bioaccumulate is great and longterm effects may be significant.

DO NOT discharge into sewer or waterways. log Kow: 6.0151 log Koc: 6.66 Half-life (hr) H2O surface water: 14400 BCF: 4.2-27000 Nitrif. inhib.: not sig Degradation Biological: resist processes Abiotic: RxnOH\*

### Ecotoxicity

Ingredient	Persistence: Water/Soil	Persistence: Air	Bioaccumulation	Mobility
2,3,7,8-tetrachlorodibenzo-p-dioxin	HIGH	HIGH	LOW	

### 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 ٠
- Reuse ٠
- 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. Due to their environmental persistence and potential health hazards, PCBs and dioxins cannot be disposed of in landfills or dumped at sea. The only environmentally acceptable method of disposal of PCBs and dioxins is by high temperature incineration. However this option is costly and uncertain. Currently, most PCB and dioxin wastes must be stored in an DOPONT approved manner until satisfactory arrangements can be made for their disposal. All wastes and residues containing PCBs and/or dioxins (e.g. wiping clothes, absorbent materials, used disposable protective gloves, contaminated clothing, etc.) should be collected, placed in proper containers, labelled and disposed of in the manner prescribed by government regulations. Regulations may require the compulsory reporting of all spills.

- 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.

Requires incineration temperatures above 800 deg C for 40 seconds.

### **Section 14 - TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION**



G	Hazard class or Division:	6.1
UN2811	PG:	I
6.1	Special provisions:	IB7, T6, TP33
None	Packaging: Non-bulk:	211
None	Quantity limitations: Passenger aircraft/rail:	5 kg
50 kg	Vessel stowage: Location:	В
None	S.M.P.:	Severe
s and proper shipping names:		
6.1	ICAO/IATA Subrisk:	None
2811	Packing Group:	I
A3		
ORGANIC, N.O.S. *(CONTAINS	S 2,3,7,8-TETRACHLORODIBEN	NZO-P-DIOXIN)
6.1	IMDG Subrisk:	None
2811	Packing Group:	I
F-A,S-A	Special provisions:	274
None		
	G UN2811 6.1 None S0 kg None s and proper shipping names: 6.1 2811 A3 ORGANIC, N.O.S. *(CONTAINS : 6.1 2811 F-A,S-A None	GHazard class or Division:UN2811PG:6.1Special provisions:NonePackaging: Non-bulk:NoneQuantity limitations: Passenger aircraft/rail:50 kgVessel stowage: Location:NoneS.M.P.:s and proper shipping names:SM.P.:6.1ICAO/IATA Subrisk:2811Packing Group:A3Vessel stowage: Location:6.1IMDG Subrisk:2811Packing Group:A3Secial provisions:F-A,S-ASpecial provisions:NoneSubrisk:

Shipping Name: TOXIC SOLID, ORGANIC, N.O.S.(contains 2,3,7,8-tetrachlorodibenzo-p-dioxin)

### Section 15 - REGULATORY INFORMATION

#### 2,3,7,8-tetrachlorodibenzo-p-dioxin (CAS: 1746-01-6) is found on the following regulatory lists;

"Canada - Saskatchewan Occupational Health and Safety Regulations - Designated Chemical Substances", "Canada ARET (Accelerated Reduction / Elimination of Toxics) Substance List", "Canada National Pollutant Release Inventory (NPRI)", "International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) - Agents Reviewed by the IARC Monographs", "OSPAR List of Substances of Possible Concern", "US - California Air Toxics ""Hot Spots"" List (Assembly Bill 2588) Substances for which emissions must be quantified", "US - California Environmental Health Standards for the Management of Hazardous Waste - List of Organic Persistent and Bioaccumulative Toxic Substances and Their STLC & TTLC Values", "US - California Occupational Safety and Health Regulations (CAL/OSHA) - Hazardous Substances List", "US - California OEHHA/ARB - Chronic Reference Exposure Levels and Target Organs (CRELs)", "US - California Proposition 65 - Carcinogens", "US - California Froposition 65 - No Significant Risk Levels (NSRLs) for Carcinogens", "US - California Proposition 65 - Reproductive Toxicity", "US - California Toxic Air Contaminant List Category III", "US - Connecticut Hazardous Substance List", "US - Maine Chemicals of High Concern List", "US - Massachusetts Oil & Hazardous Material List", "US - Minnesota Hazardous Substance List", "US - New Jersey Right to Know Hazardous Substances", "US - Pennsylvania - Hazardous Substance List", "US - Rhote Island Hazardous Substances", "US - Vermont Hazardous Constituents", "US - Washington Class A toxic air pollutants: Known and Probable Carcinogens", "US - Cerclerclaver Priority List of Hazardous Substances, "US - Painting US - Toxic Priority List of Hazardous Substances," "US - Vermont Hazardous Substances Ist", "US - Deater Celloutants", "US - Washington Dangerous waste constituents list", "US ATSDR Minimal Risk Levels for Hazardous Substances (MRLs)", "US CERCLA Priority List of Hazardous Substances," "US CHA (Clean Water Act) - Toxic Pollutants", "US Department of Transportation (DOT) List of Hazardous Substances

### **Section 16 - OTHER INFORMATION**

#### LIMITED EVIDENCE

- Inhalation may produce severe health damage\*.
- Cumulative effects may result following exposure\*.
- May produce discomfort of the eyes respiratory tract and skin\*.
- May possibly affect fertility\*.
- May possibly be harmful to the fetus/ embryo\*.
- Possible risk of harm to breastfed babies\*.
- \* (limited evidence).

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Classification of the mixture 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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