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PRODUCT USE

Used as an emulsifying agent for oils, fats, waxes, cosmetic cream, lotions. Used as an absorbent for acidic gases, as a buffer. In medicine as an alkalinising agent in treatment of metabolic acidosis.

SYNONYMS

C4-H11-N-O3, C4-H11-N-O3, H2NC(CH2OH)3, "1, 3-propanediol, 2-amino-2-(hydroxymethyl)-", "1, 3-propanediol, 2-amino-2-(hydroxymethyl)-", "2-amino-2-(hydroxymethyl)-", "2-amino-2-(hydroxymethyl)-", "2-amino-2-(hydroxymethyl)-1, 3-propanediol", "2-amino-2-(hydroxymethyl)propane-1, 3-diol", aminotrimethylolmethane, "1, 1, 1-tris(hydroxymethyl)methylamine", tromethane, THAM, THAM-E, "TRIS Buffer", t, "ris amine buffer", Tromethamine, Tris amino", Tris-steril, Tromethane, "Addex-tham methylamine, ", "1, 1, 1-tris(hydroxymethyl)-", Tromethane, "Addex-tham methylamine, ", "1, 1, 1-tris(hydroxymethyl)-", Tromethane, aminotris(hydroxymethyl)methane, "trimethylol aminomethane", tris(hydroxymethyl)-", Tromethanmin, Addex-tham methylamine, "trimethylol aminomethane", tris(hydroxymethyl)-", Tromethanmin, Trisaminol, TRIS-AMINO, "Sigma T8524", "Fluka 93362" "Eris Biochemical Grade 90080" 93362", "Fris Biochemical Grade 90080"

Section 2 - HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

CANADIAN WHMIS SYMBOLS



EMERGENCY OVERVIEW RISK Irritating to eyes, respiratory system and skin. POTENTIAL HEALTH EFFECTS

ACUTE HEALTH EFFECTS

SWALLOWED

■ The material has NOT been classified as "harmful by ingestion". This is because of the lack of corroborating animal or human evidence. The material may still be damaging to the health of the individual, following ingestion, especially where preexisting organ (e.g. liver, kidney) damage is evident. Present definitions of harmful or toxic substances are generally based on doses producing mortality (death) rather than those producing morbidity (disease, ill-health). Gastrointestinal tract discomfort may produce nausea and vomiting. In an occupational setting however, unintentional ingestion is not thought to be cause for concern.

EYE

This material can cause eye irritation and damage in some persons.

SKIN

- This material can cause inflammation of the skin oncontact in some persons.
- The material may accentuate any pre-existing dermatitis condition.
- Skin contact is not thought to have harmful health effects, however the material may still produce health damage following entry through wounds, lesions or abrasions.
- Solution of material in moisture on the skin, or perspiration, mayincrease irritant effects.
- 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.

■ 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. Prime symptom is breathlessness; lung shadows show on X-ray.

Section 3 - COMPOSITION / INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

HAZARD RATINGS



Section 4 - FIRST AID MEASURES

SWALLOWED

- Immediately give a glass of water.
- First aid is not generally required. If in doubt, contact a Poisons Information Center or a doctor.

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

Treat symptomatically.

Section 5 - FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

Vapour Pressure (mmHG):	Not applicable.
Upper Explosive Limit (%):	Not Available
Specific Gravity (water=1):	Not available.
Lower Explosive Limit (%):	Not Available

EXTINGUISHING MEDIA

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

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), aldehydes, nitrogen oxides (NOx), other pyrolysis products typical of burning organic material.

May emit poisonous fumes. May emit corrosive fumes.

FIRE INCOMPATIBILITY

- Avoid contamination with oxidizing agonts i.e. nitrates

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 all 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.
- Sweep up, shovel up or vacuum up (consider explosion-proof machines designed to be grounded during storage and use).
- Place spilled material in clean, dry, sealable, labeled container.
- MAJOR SPILLS
- 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 water courses.
- 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.

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.
- 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

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 - Alberta Occupational Exposure	tris(hydroxymethyl)aminomethane (Kerosene/Jet fuels, as total		200						

Limits	hydrocarbon vapour)			
Canada - Ontario Occupational Exposure Limits	tris(hydroxymethyl)aminomethane (Diesel fuel, as total hydrocarbons, vapour and aerosol)	100		Skin
Canada - Saskatchewan Occupational Health and Safety Regulations - Contamination Limits	tris(hydroxymethyl)aminomethane (Diesel fuel as total hydrocarbons, (vapour))	100	150	Skin
Canada - Alberta Occupational Exposure Limits	tris(hydroxymethyl)aminomethane (Diesel fuel, as total hydrocarbons)	100		
US - Oregon Permissible Exposure Limits (Z3)	tris(hydroxymethyl)aminomethane (Inert or Nuisance Dust: (d) Total dust)	10		*
US OSHA Permissible Exposure Levels (PELs) - Table Z3	tris(hydroxymethyl)aminomethane (Inert or Nuisance Dust: (d) Respirable fraction)	5		
US OSHA Permissible Exposure Levels (PELs) - Table Z3	tris(hydroxymethyl)aminomethane (Inert or Nuisance Dust: (d) Total dust)	15		
US - Hawaii Air Contaminant Limits	tris(hydroxymethyl)aminomethane (Particulates not other wise regulated - Total dust)	10		
US - Hawaii Air Contaminant Limits	tris(hydroxymethyl)aminomethane (Particulates not other wise regulated - Respirable fraction)	5		
US - Oregon Permissible Exposure Limits (Z3)	tris(hydroxymethyl)aminomethane (Inert or Nuisance Dust: (d) Respirable fraction)	5		*
US - Tennessee Occupational Exposure Limits - Limits For Air Contaminants	tris(hydroxymethyl)aminomethane (Particulates not otherwise regulated Respirable fraction)	5		
US - Wyoming Toxic and Hazardous Substances Table Z1 Limits for Air Contaminants	tris(hydroxymethyl)aminomethane (Particulates not otherwise regulated (PNOR)(f)- Respirable fraction)	5		
US - Michigan Exposure Limits for Air Contaminants	tris(hydroxymethyl)aminomethane (Particulates not otherwise regulated, Respirable dust)	5		
Canada - British Columbia Occupational Exposure Limits	tris(hydroxymethyl)aminomethane (Diesel fuel, as total hydrocarbons, Inhalable)	100 (V)		Skin

MATERIAL DATA

TRIS(HYDROXYMETHYL)AMINOMETHANE:

■ It is the goal of the ACGIH (and other Agencies) to recommend TLVs (or their equivalent) for all substances for which there is evidence of health effects at airborne concentrations encountered in the workplace.

At this time no TLV has been established, even though this material may produce adverse health effects (as evidenced in animal experiments or clinical experience). Airborne concentrations must be maintained as low as is practically possible and occupational exposure must be kept to a minimum.

NOTE: The ACGIH occupational exposure standard for Particles Not Otherwise Specified (P.N.O.S) does NOT apply.

Sensory irritants are chemicals that produce temporary and undesirable side-effects on the eyes, nose or throat. Historically occupational exposure standards for these irritants have been based on observation of workers' responses to various airborne concentrations. Present day expectations require that nearly every individual should be protected against even minor sensory irritation and exposure standards are established using uncertainty factors or safety factors of 5 to 10 or more. On occasion animal no-observable-effect-levels (NOEL) are used to determine these limits where human results are unavailable. An additional approach, typically used by the TLV committee (USA) in determining respiratory standards for this group of chemicals, has been to assign ceiling values (TLV C) to rapidly acting irritants and to assign short-term exposure limits (TLV STELs) when the weight of evidence from irritation, bioaccumulation and other endpoints combine to warrant such a limit. In contrast the MAK Commission (Germany) uses a five-category system based on intensive odour, local irritation, and elimination half-life. However this system is being replaced to be consistent with the European Union (EU) Scientific Committee for Occupational Exposure Limits (SCOEL); this is more closely allied to that of the USA.

- cause inflammation
- · cause increased susceptibility to other irritants and infectious agents
- lead to permanent injury or dysfunction
- permit greater absorption of hazardous substances and
- acclimate the worker to the irritant warning properties of these substances thus increasing the risk of overexposure.

PERSONAL PROTECTION



Consult your EHS staff for recommendations

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
- fluorocaoutchouc
- 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.
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- 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

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

* - 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:	Air Speed:
direct spray, spray painting in shallow booths, drum filling, conveyer loading, crusher dusts, gas discharge (active generation into zone of rapid air motion)	1-2.5 m/s (200-500 f/min.)
grinding, abrasive blasting, tumbling, high speed wheel generated dusts (released at high initial velocity into zone of very high rapid air motion).	2.5-10 m/s (500-2000 f/min.)
Within each range the appropriate value depends on:	
Lower end of the range	Upper end of the range
1: Room air currents minimal or favorable to capture	1: Disturbing room air currents
2: Contaminants of low toxicity or of nuisance value only	2: Contaminants of high toxicity
3: Intermittent, low production.	3: High production, heavy use
4: Large hood or large air mass in motion	4: Small hood-local control only

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. Mixes with water.			
State	Divided solid	Molecular Weight	121.14
Melting Range (°F)	336.2- 341.6	Viscosity	Not Applicable
Boiling Range (°F)	426.2- 428 @ 10mm	Solubility in water (g/L)	Miscible
Flash Point (°F)	Not available	pH (1% solution)	10.36 @ 1.21%
Decomposition Temp (°F)	Not available.	pH (as supplied)	Not applicable
Autoignition Temp (°F)	Not available.	Vapour Pressure (mmHG)	Not applicable.
Upper Explosive Limit (%)	Not Available	Specific Gravity (water=1)	Not available.
Lower Explosive Limit (%)	Not Available	Relative Vapor Density (air=1)	Not applicable.
Volatile Component (%vol)	Nil @ 38 C.	Evaporation Rate	Not applicable

APPEARANCE

Large irregular, odourless white crystals. Soluble in water 80 g/100 ml @ 20deg C. Alkaline solution. Corrosive to copper, brass, and aluminium.

Section 10 - CHEMICAL STABILITY

CONDITIONS CONTRIBUTING TO INSTABILITY

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

· Hazardous polymerization will not occur.

STORAGE INCOMPATIBILITY

• In presence of moisture, the material is corrosive to aluminium, zinc and tin producing highly flammable hydrogen gas. Avoid strong acids.

Avoid reaction with oxidizing agents.

· Avoid contact with copper, aluminium and their alloys.

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

Section 11 - TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

tris(hydroxymethyl)aminomethane

TOXICITY AND IRRITATION

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

Oral (rat) LD50: 5900 mg/kg

■ 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 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.

Nil Reported

(AMPD; CAS 115-69-5) and monoisobutanolamine (AMP; CAS 124-68-5)

TRIS AMINO and the surrogate chemicals have displayed little if any toxicity to humans during their long history of use as human drugs and/or in personal care products and cosmetics. TRIS AMINO has found use as an IV drug for the management of acidosis in humans for many years and the toxicity of AMPD and AMP have been reviewed by the Cosmetic Ingredient Review Expert Panel which concluded that these materials are safe as used in cosmetic formulations up to 1%

Acute toxicity: Mammalian toxicity studies have displayed similar results. The oral LD50 value for TRIS AMINO is 5500 mg/kg in the mouse, and its surrogates range from 2150 to greater than 5000 mg/kg in the rat and mouse. TRIS AMINO was nonirritating to eyes when a 40% aqueous solution was applied to the eyes of rabbits (pH 10.4 for 0.1M aqueous solution). In contrast, 95% AMP in water was severely irritating to the eyes, presumably due to the severely alkaline pH of the test solution used (pH 11.3 for 0.1M aqueous solution); however, more neutral cosmetic formulations containing lower concentrations of AMP are only minimally irritating. There is no sensitisation data available for TRIS AMINO; however, based on the following data, TRIS AMINO is not expected to be a sensitiser. Laboratory animal test samples of AMP did not cause allergic skin reactions when tested in guinea pigs following topical or intradermal administration. In patch tests with humans, AMP and cosmetic formulations containing either AMP or AMPD were negative for dermal sensitisation.

Repeated dose toxicity: Repeated-dose mammalian toxicity studies conducted on TRIS AMINO and the two surrogate chemicals indicate that the compounds are generally well-tolerated at concentrations as high as 500 mg/kg/day via IV infusion for TRIS AMINO and ingestion of up to 3200 ppm in the rodent diet (250-750 mg/kg/day for rats and mice, estimated). A number of human clinical trials of the IV infusion of TRIS AMINO have also been successfully conducted. In all studies, the only target tissue, when observed at all, has been the liver with AMP. Human clinical studies with Keterolac(a major component of which is TRIS AMINO) have suggested that patients with decreased liver function not be given the drug over extended treatment periods based upon changes in several clinical chemistry parameters. Ingestion of relatively high dosages of AMP has caused liver histopathological changes in rats and dogs. The most significant toxicological activity has been a foetotoxic effect of AMP when ingested at relatively high levels by pregnant rats. Subsequent dermal exposure to comparable dosages failed to elicit a developmental effect in rats. Overall, there have been no consistently-noted observations or treatment-related findings among the numerous repeated-dose mammalian toxicity of either compound at typical human exposure levels. Reflective of these findings is the fact that both TRIS AMINO and AMP display similar patterns of excretion from the body, being primarily eliminated unchanged via the urine over a relatively short period of time. Further, no evidence of either direct reactivity or metabolism to reactive species toward genetic material has been observed. Genetic toxicity: Studies have all been negative.

SKIN

tris(hydroxymethyl)aminomethane	Canada - Ontario Occupational Exposure Limits - Skin	Notes	Skin
tris(hydroxymethyl)aminomethane	US AIHA Workplace Environmental Exposure Levels (WEELs) - Skin	Notes	Skin
tris(hydroxymethyl)aminomethane	Canada - Quebec Permissible Exposure Values for Airborne Contaminants - Skin (French)	Notes	Skin
tris(hydroxymethyl)aminomethane	Canada - British Columbia Occupational Exposure Limits - Skin	Notation	Skin
tris(hydroxymethyl)aminomethane	Canada - Alberta Occupational Exposure Limits - Skin	Substance Interaction	1

Section 12 - ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Refer to data for ingredients, which follows:

TRIS(HYDROXYMETHYL)AMINOMETHANE:

■ For tris(hydroxymethyl)aminomethane (TRIS AMINO; CAS 77-86-1) and its surrogates 2-amino-2-methyl-1,3-propanediol (AMPD; CAS 115-69-5) and monoisobutanolamine (AMP; CAS 124-68-5)

Consistent with the general structural and chemical similarities of TRIS AMINO, AMPD and AMP, studies have demonstrated a similar pattern of physical chemistry, environmental fate, and ecological and mammalian toxicity profiles. The compounds are solid crystalline masses in the pure or neat state, and possess common general physical/chemical properties. Environmental fate:

Because of their structure, all the substances are highly soluble in water, have very low vapor pressures, possess relatively low partition coefficients (log Kow's), and similar dissociation constants, making them likely to remain dissolved in the water compartment upon the event of an environmental release, where biodegradation is ultimately expected. MacKay Level III fugacity modeling predicts that TRIS AMINO and the surrogate substances will tend to partition predominately to water

There is also a low potential to bioaccumulate in aquatic organisms based on low log Kow values. The high water solubility and negligible vapor pressure of all three substances support the low estimated Henry's Law Constants (4.54x10-8 and 6.48x10-10 Pa m3/mol for TRIS AMINO and AMP, respectively, and 8.67 x10-13 atm-m3/mole for AMPD)

6.48x10-10 Pa m3/mol for TRIS AMINO and AMP, respectively, and 8.67 x10-13 atm-m3/mole for AMPD) Environmental transport: The fugacity mass amount (partitioning) values estimated for TRIS AMINO indicate that distribution into the air would be negligible (<0.1%), as would be expected for primary amino alcohols compounds with low volatility and high solubility in water. Likewise, the distribution to sediment was estimated to be <0.1%. The calculated mass amounts in the soil environmental compartment was <0.1%; the predicted mass amounts distributed to water was 100.0%, a high level that is consistent with the known high water solubility of members of this category

Photodegradation: TRIS AMINO does not absorb light >290 nm, and therefore direct photolysis is not possible. Indirect photolysis (hydroxyl radicals) is possible, however. Modeling has shown that the half-life of TRIS AMINO in the atmosphere is approximately 3.8 hours

approximately 3.8 hours Hydrolysis : TRIS AMINO does not possess molecular structures that contain functional groups subject to hydrolysis under neutral ambient conditions (Reaction Mechanisms in Environmental Organic Chemistry, 1994). It is commercially available as an aqueous mixture, further documenting high stability in water, and is reported stable for several years <200 C.

Biodegradability: A biodegradation study, OECD 301D, for TRIS AMINO indicates that it is not readily biodegradable. There is evidence based on studies with structurally-related compounds to suggest that TRIS AMINO would biodegrade under favourable conditions. There is an OECD 302C study on AMPD which showed 96.7% biodegradation after 22 days. This family should therefore be considered as "inherently biodegradable", which indicates that it would not persist indefinitely in the environment and that it would exhibit similar biodegradation potential based on structure-biodegradability relationships measured for similar compounds

Ecotoxicity:

The data on fish, aquatic invertebrate, and algal toxicity, in addition to the use of TRIS AMINO as a buffer for live fish transport, indicate a pattern of low toxicity for this chemical and the surrogate substances. These materials are of low toxicity to aquatic organisms with EC50s greater than 100 mg/L. TRIS AMINO is used in live fish transport at dose levels ranging 440-1100 mg/L under aerated or static conditions

For TRIS AMINO:

Fish LC50 (30 d): >4400 mg/l (29 species)

Green algae (Selenastrum capricornutum) NOEC >100 mg/l

For AMP

Fish LC50 (96 h): Lepomis macrochirus 190 mg/l (semi-static)

Daphnia magna EC50 (48 h): 193 mg/l

Crangon crangon LC50 996 h): 179 mg/l

The EU has classified AMP Harmful to aquatic organisms and Persistent (R52/53).

DO NOT discharge into sewer or waterways.

Ecotoxicity

Ingredient	Persistence: Water/Soil	Persistence: Air	Bioaccumulation	Mobility
tris(hydroxymethyl)aminomethane	LOW		LOW	HIGH

Section 13 - DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Disposal Instructions

All waste must be handled in accordance with local, state and federal regulations.

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

NOT REGULATED FOR TRANSPORT OF DANGEROUS GOODS: DOT, IATA, IMDG

Section 15 - REGULATORY INFORMATION

tris(hydroxymethyl)aminomethane (CAS: 77-86-1) is found on the following regulatory lists; "Canada Domestic Substances List (DSL)","Canada Toxicological Index Service - Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System - WHMIS (English)","Canada Toxicological Index Service - Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System -

WHMIS (French)","GESAMP/EHS Composite List - GESAMP Hazard Profiles","International Council of Chemical Associations (ICCA) - High Production Volume List","OECD Representative List of High Production Volume (HPV) Chemicals", "US DOE Temporary Emergency Exposure Limits (TEELs)","US EPA High Production Volume Program Chemical List","US Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) - Inventory"

Section 16 - OTHER INFORMATION

LIMITED EVIDENCE

Cumulative effects may result following exposure*.
 * (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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