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PRODUCT USE

■ Solvent dyes, undergoing molecular rearrangement, are dissoluted in the substrate. They colour and bind to lipids . In industrial fields, they are used to colour oils, waxes, greases, fats, hydrocarbons derivatives, polishes, oily insecticides, and acrylic emulsions. Those containing azo-structures often produce yellow-red colouration whereas those based on anthraquinones tend to be green-blue. Other structures include heterocyclic rings, metal complex, pyrazolone, xanthene, and ketoamine. Solvent dyes do not ionise.

SYNONYMS

C14-H14-N4-O4-S, CH3C6H4N=NC6H3(CH3)N2+.H2SO4, "o-aminoazotoluene sulfate", "o-aminoazotoluene sulfate", "4' -amino-2, 3' -dimethylazobenzene sulfate", "4' -amino-2, 3' -dimethylazobenzene sulfate", "4' -amino-2', 3-dimethylazobenzene diazotated", "4' -amino-2', 3-dimethylazobenzene diazotated", "2-methyl4-[(2-methylphenyl)azo]benzenediazoium salt", "Azoic Diazo No. 4", "C.I. 37210", "C.I. Solvent Yellow 3, sulfate salt", "Fast Garnet GBC salt"

Section 2 - HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

CANADIAN WHMIS SYMBOLS



EMERGENCY OVERVIEW RISK

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Hazard Alert Code Key: EXTREME HIGH MODERATE LOW

POTENTIAL HEALTH EFFECTS

ACUTE HEALTH EFFECTS

SWALLOWED

Sulfates are not well absorbed orally, but can cause diarrhea.

■ 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 pre-existing 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

■ Although the material is not thought to be an irritant, direct contact with the eye may cause transient discomfort characterized by tearing or conjunctival redness (as with windburn). Slight abrasive damage may also result. The material may produce foreign body irritation in certain individuals.

SKIN

• The material is not thought to produce adverse health effects or skin irritation following contact (as classified using animal models). Nevertheless, good hygiene practice requires that exposure be kept to a minimum and that suitable gloves be used in an occupational setting.

• 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 is not thought to produce adverse health effects or irritation of the respiratory tract (as classified using animal models). Nevertheless, good hygiene practice requires that exposure be kept to a minimum and that suitable control measures be used in an occupational setting.

■ 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

• There is ample evidence that this material can be regarded as being able to cause cancer in humans based on experiments and other information.

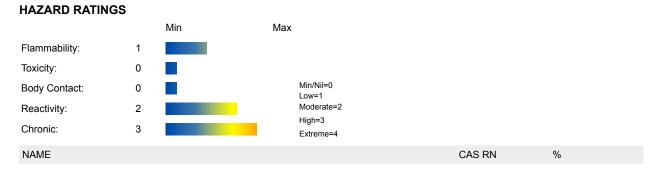
Limited evidence suggests that repeated or long-term occupational exposure may produce cumulative health effects involving organs or biochemical systems.

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.

Some azo dyes may be able to cause mutations and be associated with thedevelopment of bladder cancer.

When administered in the diet the parent base (also known as butter yellow) induced hepatomas and lung tumours and lung hemangioendotheliomas in mice and liver adenomas, hepatocellular and other liver carcinomas, and cholangiomas in male rats, hepatocellular carcinomas in male hamsters and hepatomas and urinary bladder papillomas and urinary bladder papillary and transitional cell carcinomas in hamsters of both sexes. Of four dogs who survived feeding with the compound, two developed carcinomas of the urinary bladder, one an adenocarcinoma of the liver and gall bladder and one an adenocarcinoma of the gall bladder with a cholangioma and a hepatoma in the liver. Repeated dermal applications of the compound induced liver tumours in mice. Subcutaneous injection into mice induced lung tumours in both sexes, local fibrosarcomas in female mice and hepatomas in female mice and rats.

Section 3 - COMPOSITION / INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS



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C.I. Azoic Diazo Component	4, sulfate salt		101-89-3	>98	

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 eyes:
- Wash out immediately with water.
- If irritation continues, seek medical attention.
- Removal of contact lenses after an eye injury should only be undertaken by skilled personnel.

SKIN

- If skin or hair contact occurs:
- Flush skin and hair with running water (and soap if available).
- Seek medical attention in event of irritation.

INHALED

- If dust is inhaled, remove from contaminated area.
- Encourage patient to blow nose to ensure clear passage of breathing.
- If irritation or discomfort persists seek medical attention.

NOTES TO PHYSICIAN

■ Periodic medical surveillance should be carried out on persons in occupations exposed to the manufacture or bulk handling of the product and this should include hepatic function tests and urinalysis examination. [ILO Encyclopaedia].

- Absorption of zinc compounds occurs in the small intestine.
- The metal is heavily protein bound.
- Elimination results primarily from fecal excretion
- The usual measures for decontamination (Ipecac Syrup, lavage, charcoal or cathartics) may be administered, although patients usually have sufficient vomiting not to require them.
- CaNa2EDTA has been used successfully to normalize zinc levels and is the agent of choice.

[Ellenhorn and Barceloux: Medical Toxicology].

Section 5 - FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

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

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 DO NOT approach contai 	ners 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 ventina.

Combustion products include: carbon monoxide (CO), carbon dioxide (CO2), nitrogen oxides (NOx), sulfur oxides (SOx), 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: Chemical goggles. Gloves: Respirator: Particulate

Section 6 - ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

MINOR SPILLS

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

MAJOR SPILLS

- · 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.

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ACUTE EXPOSURE GL AEGL 1: The airborne concer that the general population, in experience notable discomfo effects. However, the effects reversible upon cessation of AEGL 2: The airborne concer that the general population, in experience irreversible or oth or an impaired ability to esca AEGL 3: The airborne concer that the general population, in experience life-threatening here	ntration of a substance above ncluding susceptible individent, irritation, or certain asyme are not disabling and are tra- exposure. Intration of a substance above ncluding susceptible individent er serious, long-lasting adve pe. Intration of a substance above ncluding susceptible individent	ve which it is predicted uals, could ptomatic nonsensory ansient and ve which it is predicted uals, could erse health effects ve which it is predicted		

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

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X: Must not be stored together

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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
US - Oregon Permissible Exposure Limits (Z3)	C.I. Azoic Diazo Component 4, sulfate salt (Inert or Nuisance Dust: (d) Total dust)		10						*
US OSHA Permissible Exposure Levels (PELs) - Table Z3	C.I. Azoic Diazo Component 4, sulfate salt (Inert or Nuisance Dust: (d) Respirable fraction)		5						
US OSHA Permissible Exposure Levels (PELs) - Table Z3	C.I. Azoic Diazo Component 4, sulfate salt (Inert or Nuisance Dust: (d) Total dust)		15						
US - Hawaii Air Contaminant Limits	C.I. Azoic Diazo Component 4, sulfate salt (Particulates not other wise regulated - Total dust)		10						
US - Hawaii Air Contaminant Limits	C.I. Azoic Diazo Component 4, sulfate salt (Particulates not other wise regulated - Respirable fraction)		5						
US - Oregon Permissible Exposure Limits (Z3)	C.I. Azoic Diazo Component 4, sulfate salt (Inert or Nuisance Dust: (d) Respirable fraction)		5						*
US - Tennessee Occupational Exposure Limits - Limits For Air Contaminants	C.I. Azoic Diazo Component 4, sulfate salt (Particulates not otherwise regulated Respirable fraction)		5						
US - Wyoming Toxic and Hazardous Substances Table Z1 Limits for Air Contaminants	C.I. Azoic Diazo Component 4, sulfate salt (Particulates not otherwise regulated (PNOR)(f)- Respirable fraction)		5						
US - Michigan Exposure Limits for Air Contaminants	C.I. Azoic Diazo Component 4, sulfate salt (Particulates not otherwise regulated, Respirable dust)		5						

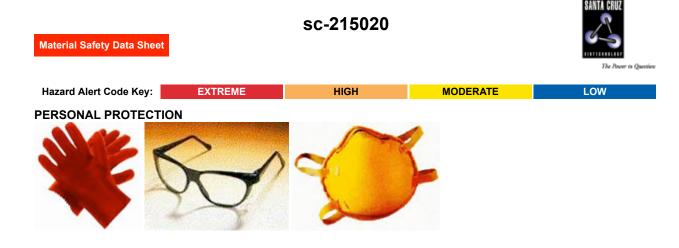
MATERIAL DATA

C.I. AZOIC DIAZO COMPONENT 4, SULFATE SALT:

• 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.

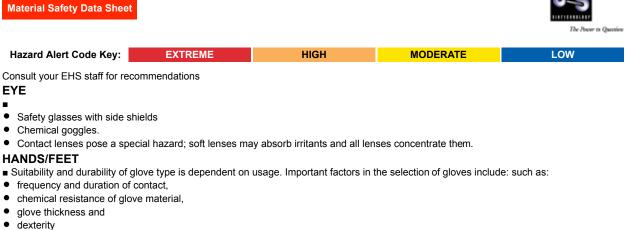
At this time no TLV has been established, even though this material may produce adverse health effects (as evidenced in animal experiments or clinical experience). Airborne concentrations must be maintained as low as is practically possible and occupational exposure must be kept to a minimum.

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



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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
- butvl rubber
- fluorocaoutchouc
- polyvinyl chloride

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

OTHER

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- Employees working with confirmed human carcinogens should be provided with, and be required to wear, clean, full body protective ٠ 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 eyewash 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.
- Overalls.
- P.V.C. apron.
- Barrier cream.
- Skin cleansing cream.
- ٠ Eye wash unit.
- Respirators may be necessary when engineering and administrative controls do not adequately prevent exposures.
- The decision to use respiratory protection should be based on professional judgment that takes into account toxicity information, exposure measurement data, and frequency and likelihood of the worker's exposure - ensure users are not subject to high thermal loads which may result in heat stress or distress due to personal protective equipment (powered, positive flow, full face apparatus may be an option).
- Published occupational exposure limits, where they exist, will assist in determining the adequacy of the selected respiratory . 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.

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 Use approved positive flow Try to avoid creating dust co RESPIRATOR 	•	of dust becomes airborne.		
Protection Factor	Half-Face Respirator	Full-Face Resp	pirator Power	ed 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 Explanation of Respirator Code Class 1 low to medium absorpt Class 2 medium absorption cap Class 3 high absorption capaci PAPR Powered Air Purifying Re Type A for use against certain of Type B for use against certain i	es: ion capacity filters. pacity filters. ty filters. espirator (positive pressure) organic gases and vapors. illing point organic compound	ds (less than 65°C).		

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

Solid. Does not mix with water.

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State	Divided solid	Molecular	Weight	334.36
Melting Range (°F)	Not available	Viscosity		Not available
Boiling Range (°F)	Not applicable	Solubility in	n water (g/L)	Partly miscible
Flash Point (°F)	Not available	pH (1% so	lution)	Not applicable
Decomposition Temp (°F)	Not available	pH (as sup	plied)	Not applicable
Autoignition Temp (°F)	Not available	Vapour Pre	essure (mmHG)	Negligible
Upper Explosive Limit (%)	Not available.	Specific G	ravity (water=1)	Not available
Lower Explosive Limit (%)	Not available	Relative Va	apor Density (air=1)	>1
Volatile Component (%vol)	Negligible	Evaporatio	n Rate	Not applicable

APPEARANCE

Brown powder; does not mix well with water.

Section 10 - CHEMICAL STABILITY

CONDITIONS CONTRIBUTING TO INSTABILITY

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

STORAGE INCOMPATIBILITY

Many diazonium salts are unstable in their solid state. Of these the azides, chromates, nitrates, perchlorates (in particular), picrates, sulfides, triiodides and xanthates may be explosive, and sensitive to friction, shock, heat and radiation. Explosive decomposition has also been recorded with diazonium double salts (such as the zinc chlorides) even though they are significantly more stable than the single salts. Internal diazonium salts including the arenediazonium oxides (diazooxides) are similarly unstable and shock-sensitive. Complexing of the diazonium anion with crown ethers reduces or suppresses thermal decomposition and may be useful to stabilize shock sensitive species.

A range of exothermic decomposition energies for diazoniums is given as 130-160 kJ/mol. The relationship between energy of decomposition and processing hazards has been the subject of discussion; it is suggested that values of energy released per unit of mass, rather than on a molar basis (J/g) be used in the assessment. For example, in "open vessel processes" (with man-hole size openings, in an industrial setting), substances with exothermic decomposition energies below 500 J/g are unlikely to present a danger, whilst those in "closed vessel processes" (opening is a safety valve or bursting disk) present some danger where the decomposition energy exceeds 150 J/g. BRETHERICK: Handbook of Reactive Chemical Hazards, 4th Edition.

High nitrogen compounds are often unstable or explosive; the tendency is exaggerated by attachment of azide or diazonium groups, or a high-nitrogen heterocyclic nucleus.

High-nitrogen chemical families include

- azides
- diazoazoles
- diazonium salts
- hydrazinium salts
- N-nitro compounds
- tetrazoles
- triazenes
- triazoles
- Toxic gases are formed by mixing azo and azido compounds with acids, aldehydes, amides, carbamates, cyanides, inorganic fluorides, halogenated organics, isocyanates, ketones, metals, nitrides, peroxides, phenols, epoxides, acyl halides, and strong oxidizing or reducing agents
- Flammable gases are formed by mixing azo and azido compounds with alkali metals.
- Explosive combination can occur with strong oxidizing agents, metal salts, peroxides, and sulfides.
- Avoid strong bases.

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

Avoid reaction with oxidizing agents.

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Section 11 - TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION							

C.I. Azoic Diazo Component 4, sulfate salt

TOXICITY AND IRRITATION

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No significant acute toxicological data identified in literature search.

Section 12 - ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Refer to data for ingredients, which follows:

C.I. AZOIC DIAZO COMPONENT 4, SULFATE SALT:

■ Data from tap water studies with human volunteers indicate that sulfates produce a laxative effect at concentrations of 1000 - 1200 mg/litre, but no increase in diarrhoea, dehydration or weight loss. The presence of sulfate in drinking-water can also result in a noticeable taste; the lowest taste threshold concentration for sulfate is approximately 250 mg/litre as the sodium salt. Sulfate may also contribute to the corrosion of distribution systems. No health-based guideline value for sulfate in drinking water is proposed. However, there is an increasing likelihood of complaints arising from a noticeable taste as concentrations in water increase above 500 mg/litre.

Sulfates are removed from the air by both dry and wet deposition processes. Wet deposition processes including rain-out (a process that occurs within the clouds) and washout (removal by precipitation below the clouds) contribute to the removal of sulfate from the atmosphere. In soil, the inorganic sulfates can adsorb to soil particles or leach into surface water and groundwater. Sulfates can be taken up by plants and be incorporated into the parenchyma of the plant.

Sulfate in water can also be reduced by sulfate bacteria (Thiobacilli) which use them as a source of energy.

■ for solvent dyes:

Environmental fate:

Solvent dyes have low solubility; these dyes are basically characterised as non-ionic or neutral dyes, and thereby hydrophobic in character. Solubility in water is in the range of 0.2 mg/l to 34.3 mg/l.

Solvent dyes, like the other main class of neutral colourant, the disperse dyes, are hydrophobic.

The solvent dyes are large, complex molecules, that can be expected to have lower vapour pressures than disperse dyes.

The partition coefficients (Kow) are very high for the non-ionic dyes (in the range of 420 for Solvent Yellow 1 to 11,220 for Solvent Yellow 2)

The molecular size of solvent and disperse dyes (especially azo derivatives), may reduce the rate and probability of biodegradation. This is due to limited uptake; substituents may also influence the degradation rate. When the aromatic rings of the neutral dyes had substituted hydroxyl, amino, acetamido or nitro groups, the biodegradation/ mineralisation was greater than by those with unsubstituted rings.

In principle, the solvent and disperse dyes have the potential to be volatile, but as they are large, complex molecules they can be expected to have low vapour pressures. Volatilisation is unlikely for uncharged dyes because that the escaping tendency (fugacity) which drives volatilisation, is also the driving force behind both sorption and bioconcentration.

The estimated log BCFs for the non-ionic dyes, i.e. disperse and solvent, indicate a potential risk of bioaccumulation. However these values are generally too high when measured experimentally. Therefore, the risk of bioaccumulation of the non-ionic azo dyes must be further validated especially in view of their large molecular sizes.

Many dyes are visible in water at concentrations as low as 1 mg/l. Textile-processing waste waters, typically with a dye content in the range 10- 200 mg /l are therefore usually highly coloured and discharge in open waters presents an aesthetic problem. As dyes are designed to be chemically and photolytically stable, they are highly persistent in natural environments. It is thus unlikely that they, in general, will give positive results in short-term tests for aerobic biodegradability. The release of dyes may therefore present an ecotoxic hazard and introduces the potential danger of bioaccumulation that may eventually affect man by transport through the food chain Ecotoxicity:

Indications are that the non-ionic (disperse, mordant and solvent) dyes are toxic or potentially toxic to aquatic organisms. Solvent dyes may even be acutely toxic to aquatic organisms.

Algae are generally susceptible to dyes, but the inhibitory effect is thought to be related to light inhibition at high dye concentrations, rather than a direct inhibitory effect of the dyes. This effect may account for up to 50% of the inhibition observed. Virtually all dyes from all chemically distinct groups are prone to fungal oxidation but there are large differences between fungal species with respect to their catalysing power and dye selectivity. A clear relationship between dye structure and fungal dye biodegradability has not been established. Fungal degradation of aromatic structures is a secondary metabolic event that starts when nutrients (C, N and S) become limiting. Therefore, while the enzymes are optimally expressed under starving conditions, supplementation of energy substrates and nutrients are necessary for propagation of the cultures.

The effects of the substitutional pattern of the dyes are inconclusive, but it has been suggested that introduction of the functional groups; methyl, nitro, sulfo or acid, weakens the inhibition of bacteria, whereas introduction of chlorine and bromine strengthens the inhibition.

■ Biodegradation of azo dyes can occur in both aerobic and anaerobic environments. In both cases, the initial step in the biodegradation is the reductive cleavage of the azo-bond. Under aerobic conditions the initial step of cleavage of the azo-bond is typically followed by hydroxylation and ring opening of the aromatic intermediates.

The electron-withdrawal character of azo-groups generates electron deficiency and thus makes the compounds less susceptible to oxidative catabolism. As a consequence, many of these chemicals tend to persist under aerobic environmental conditions. Aerobic degradation of azo dyes is not expected as oxygen is often an inhibitor of azo reduction. Biodegradation of these dyes by aerobic sludge is reported to be insignificant as greater than 50% of the dye remains unchanged or is only slightly modified.

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Reduction of azo dyes occurs primarily under anaerobic conditions through cleavage of the azo linkage. While azo dyes are generally stable under aerobic conditions, they are susceptible to reductive degradation under the anaerobic conditions characteristic of sediment. A possible pathway of azo dye degradation is azo-reductase under anaerobic conditions followed by mineralisation under aerobic conditions, with the resultant end products being NH3, CO2 and H2O.

The great majority of azo dyes are water soluble and they colour different substrates by becoming physically attached. The attachment may be due to adsorption, absorption or mechanical adherence. Most of the commercial available azo dyes are in fact formulations of several components in order to improve the technical properties of the dyeing process.

The content of a specific dye lies in the range of 10 to 98%.

Soluble azo dyes, which are likely to remain in solution and therefore are unlikely to adsorb to sediment or sludge, the above anaerobic pathway is unlikely to occur.

An important natural abiotic degradation mechanism is photolysis and hydrolysis as a function of pH in the range of pH 4-9. The evidence of the role of hydrolysis in degradation of azo dyes is not conclusive. Even though the dyes have absorption maxima in the range of visible and UV-light, photo-reduction does not play a dominant role in the environmental fate of dyes, although its contribution to the total mineralisation of widely dispersed trace amounts may be underestimated. Furthermore, hydrolysis seems not to be an important degradation pathway either, except for reactive dyes, which are hydrolysed rapidly in aqueous solution. For the metabolites, photolysis may be of some importance, whereas hydrolysis does not seem to be an important degradation route.

If the dye is not broken during rigors of biological waste treatment, it is unlikely to degrade rapidly in the less severe conditions of the environment. The reductive cleavage of the azo-bond is the major degradation pathway for azo dyes. Photo-reduction of azo dyes to hydrazines and amines is possible, but it is likely to be very slow, except in oxygen-poor water. The stability of the dyes to visible and UV-light is very high, and therefore only slow degradation has been shown. The photo-stability of azo dyestuffs is high in pure water but in the presence of natural humic materials, the photo decomposition is strongly accelerated, probably through oxidation by single oxygen or oxy-radicals

Although azo dyes are generally not readily or inherently biodegradable, bioaccumulation or adsorption to sediment is not expected due to their, generally, low partition coefficient

Certain of the Acid and Basic azo dyes are acutely toxic to aquatic organisms (fish, crustaceans, algae and bacteria); this is also true of some Direct dyes. Reactive dyes generally have very high effect concentration levels (>100 mg/l) and are not considered to be toxic to aquatic organisms. The non-ionic (Disperse and Solvent) dyes are toxic or potentially toxic. Solvent dyes may even be acutely toxic to aquatic organisms. The Mordant dyes (nonionics) generally do not exhibit any toxicity at levels below 100 mg/l.

DO NOT discharge into sewer or waterways.

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.
- 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

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C.I. Azoic Diazo Component 4, sulfate salt (CAS: 101-89-3) 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)"

Section 16 - OTHER INFORMATION

LIMITED EVIDENCE

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Cumulative effects may result following exposure*.

- Possible cancer-causing agent*.
- * (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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