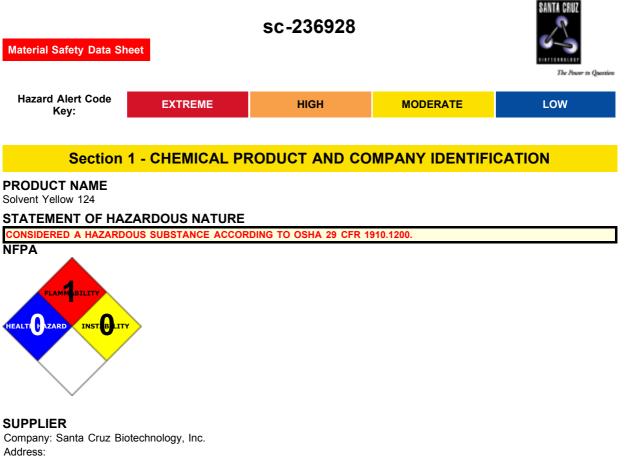
# **Solvent Yellow 124**



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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**

C22-H31-N3-O2, "benzenamine, N-ethyl-N-[2-(1-(2-methylpropoxy)ethoxy)ethyl]-4-", (phenylazo)-, "benzenamine, N-ethyl-N-[2-(1-(2-methylpropoxy)ethoxy)ethyl]-4-", (phenylazo)-

## Section 2 - HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

### CANADIAN WHMIS SYMBOLS



EMERGENCY OVERVIEW RISK

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

■ 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

■ 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.

## **Section 3 - COMPOSITION / INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS**

## HAZARD RATINGS

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		Min	Max		
Flammability:	1				
Toxicity:	0				
Body Contact:	0		Min/Nil=0		
Reactivity:	1		Low=1 Moderate=2		
Chronic:	2		High=3 Extreme=4		
NAME				CAS RN	%
C.I. Solvent Yellow 124	Ļ			34432-92-3	>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

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- 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].

## **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

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

May emit poisonous fumes.

#### FIRE INCOMPATIBILITY

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

#### PERSONAL PROTECTION

Glasses: 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

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- Store in original containers.Keep containers securely sealed.
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- 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
US - Oregon Permissible Exposure Limits (Z3)	C.I. Solvent Yellow 124 (Inert or Nuisance Dust: (d) Total dust)		10						*
US OSHA Permissible Exposure Levels (PELs) - Table Z3	C.I. Solvent Yellow 124 (Inert or Nuisance Dust: (d) Respirable fraction)		5						
US OSHA Permissible Exposure Levels (PELs) - Table Z3	C.I. Solvent Yellow 124 (Inert or Nuisance Dust: (d) Total dust)		15						
US - Hawaii Air Contaminant Limits	C.I. Solvent Yellow 124 (Particulates not other wise regulated - Total dust)		10						
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03 - Hawan An Contaminant Limits	(Particulates not other wise regulated - Respirable fraction)	5
US - Oregon Permissible Exposure Limits (Z3)	C.I. Solvent Yellow 124 (Inert or Nuisance Dust: (d) Respirable fraction)	5 *
US - Tennessee Occupational Exposure Limits - Limits For Air Contaminants	C.I. Solvent Yellow 124 (Particulates not otherwise regulated Respirable fraction)	5
US - Wyoming Toxic and Hazardous Substances Table Z1 Limits for Air Contaminants	C.I. Solvent Yellow 124 (Particulates not otherwise regulated (PNOR)(f)- Respirable fraction)	5
US - Michigan Exposure Limits for Air Contaminants	C.I. Solvent Yellow 124 (Particulates not otherwise regulated, Respirable dust)	5

#### MATERIAL DATA

C.I. SOLVENT YELLOW 124:

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.

#### 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.

#### 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
- nuorocaoutenoue
   polyvinyl chloride
- polyvinyl chloride

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

#### OTHER

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- 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

100+ x PEL -\* - 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 ٠ 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

State	Divided solid	Molecular Weight	369.50
Melting Range (°F)	Not available	Viscosity	Not Applicable
Boiling Range (°F)	Not available	Solubility in water (g/L)	Partly miscible
Flash Point (°F)	Not available	pH (1% solution)	Not applicable
Decomposition Temp (°F)	Not available.	pH (as supplied)	Not applicable
Autoignition Temp (°F)	Not available	Vapour Pressure (mmHG)	Negligible
Upper Explosive Limit (%)	Not available.	Specific Gravity (water=1)	Not available
Lower Explosive Limit (%)	Not available	Relative Vapor Density (air=1)	>1
Volatile Component (%vol)	Negligible	Evaporation Rate	Not Applicable

#### APPEARANCE

Solid; does not mix well with water.

## **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

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#### TOXICITY AND IRRITATION

• No significant acute toxicological data identified in literature search.

## Section 12 - ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Refer to data for ingredients, which follows:

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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.

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. 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

C.I. Solvent Yellow 124 (CAS: 34432-92-3) is found on the following regulatory lists; "Canada Non-Domestic Substances List (NDSL)", "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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 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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