

# cis-4,7,10,13,16,19-Docosahexaenoic acid ethyl ester

sc-294547

Material Safety Data Sheet



The Power is Question

Hazard Alert Code Key:

EXTREME

HIGH

MODERATE

LOW

## Section 1 - CHEMICAL PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

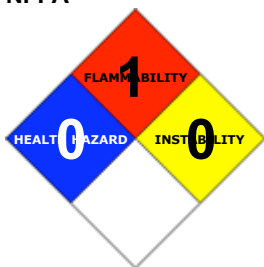
### PRODUCT NAME

cis-4,7,10,13,16,19-Docosahexaenoic acid ethyl ester

### STATEMENT OF HAZARDOUS NATURE

Not considered a hazardous substance according to OSHA 29 CFR 1910.1200.

### NFPA



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### EMERGENCY

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### SYNONYMS

C24-H36-O2, CH<sub>3</sub>(CH<sub>2</sub>CH=CH)<sub>6</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>2</sub>C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>

## Section 2 - HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

### CHEMWATCH HAZARD RATINGS

	Min	Max
Flammability:	1	
Toxicity:	0	
Body Contact:	0	
Reactivity:	1	
Chronic:	0	

Min/Nil=0  
Low=1  
Moderate=2  
High=3  
Extreme=4

### CANADIAN WHMIS SYMBOLS

None

### 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.
- Fatty acid esters have fairly low toxicity.

## EYE

- Although the liquid is not thought to be an irritant, direct contact with the eye may produce transient discomfort characterized by tearing or conjunctival redness (as with windburn).

## 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.
  - The liquid may be miscible with fats or oils and may degrease the skin, producing a skin reaction described as non-allergic contact dermatitis.
- The material is unlikely to produce an irritant dermatitis as described in EC Directives .
- 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.
- Inhalation hazard is increased at higher temperatures.

## CHRONIC HEALTH EFFECTS

### Section 3 - COMPOSITION / INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

NAME	CAS RN	%
cis-4,7,10,13,16,19-docosahexaenoic acid ethyl ester	84494-72-4	>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.

## 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 fumes or combustion products are inhaled remove from contaminated area. · Other measures are usually unnecessary.

## NOTES TO PHYSICIAN

- Treat symptomatically.

### Section 5 - FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

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

## EXTINGUISHING MEDIA

- Foam.
- Dry chemical powder.

## FIRE FIGHTING

- Alert Emergency Responders and tell them location and nature of hazard.
- Wear full body protective clothing with breathing apparatus.

## GENERAL FIRE HAZARDS/HAZARDOUS COMBUSTIBLE PRODUCTS

- Combustible.
  - Slight fire hazard when exposed to heat or flame.
- Combustion products include: carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>), other pyrolysis products typical of burning organic material.

## 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:  
Type A Filter of sufficient capacity

## Section 6 - ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

### MINOR SPILLS

- Remove all ignition sources.
- Clean up all spills immediately.

### MAJOR SPILLS

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

## Section 7 - HANDLING AND STORAGE

### PROCEDURE FOR HANDLING

- Avoid all personal contact, including inhalation.
- Wear protective clothing when risk of exposure occurs.

### RECOMMENDED STORAGE METHODS

- Metal can or drum
- Packing as recommended by manufacturer.

### STORAGE REQUIREMENTS

- Store in original containers.
  - Keep containers securely sealed.
  - No smoking, naked lights or ignition sources.
  - 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.
- Air- and light-sensitive.

## Section 8 - EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

### EXPOSURE CONTROLS

The following materials had no OELs on our records

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### PERSONAL PROTECTION



### RESPIRATOR

Type A Filter of sufficient capacity

### EYE

- Safety glasses with side shields
- Chemical goggles.

### HANDS/FEET

- Wear general protective gloves, e.g.. light weight rubber gloves.

Suitability and durability of glove type is dependent on usage. Important factors in the selection of gloves include: such as:

- frequency and duration of contact,
- chemical resistance of glove material,
- glove thickness and
- dexterity

Select gloves tested to a relevant standard (e.g. Europe EN 374, US F739).

- When prolonged or frequently repeated contact may occur, a glove with a protection class of 5 or higher (breakthrough time greater than 240 minutes according to EN 374) is recommended.
- When only brief contact is expected, a glove with a protection class of 3 or higher (breakthrough time greater than 60 minutes according to EN 374) is recommended.
- Contaminated gloves should be replaced.

Gloves must only be worn on clean hands. After using gloves, hands should be washed and dried thoroughly. Application of a non-perfumed

moisturiser is recommended.

· Neoprene gloves.

#### OTHER

■ No special equipment needed when handling small quantities.

OTHERWISE:

· Overalls.

· Barrier cream.

#### ENGINEERING CONTROLS

■ General exhaust is adequate under normal operating conditions. If risk of overexposure exists, wear an approved respirator.

## Section 9 - PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

### PHYSICAL PROPERTIES

Liquid.

Does not mix with water.

State	Liquid	Molecular Weight	356.55
Melting Range (°F)	Not available	Viscosity	Not Applicable
Boiling Range (°F)	Not Applicable	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)	Not available
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)	Not available	Evaporation Rate	Not Applicable

### APPEARANCE

Colourless liquid; does not mix well with water.

Group A substances are rather lipophilic (log Kow 10-15) in character due to the large number of carbon numbers in the ester molecule (e.g., 24,26, 31 carbons) and have relatively high boiling points. Owing to the non-volatile nature of these esters, their vapor pressures are very low and difficult to determine experimentally. Water solubility is also very low.

Material	Value
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## Section 10 - CHEMICAL STABILITY

### CONDITIONS CONTRIBUTING TO INSTABILITY

■ Product is considered stable and hazardous polymerization will not occur.

### STORAGE INCOMPATIBILITY

■ Avoid contamination of water, foodstuffs, feed or seed.

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

#### CIS-4,7,10,13,16,19-DOCOSAHEPTAENOIC ACID ETHYL ESTER:

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

■ Group A aliphatic monoesters (fatty acid esters)

According to a classification scheme described by the American Chemistry Council' Aliphatic Esters Panel, Group A substances are simple monoesters derived from a monofunctional alcohol, such as 2-ethylhexyl alcohol (C8-alcohol) or tridecyl alcohol (C13 alcohol) and fatty acids such as palmitic, stearic, oleic or linoleic acid. Metabolism of the parent esters is expected to yield the corresponding fatty acids and alcohols. The fatty acids are naturally occurring and have a low order of toxicity.

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#### Mammalian Toxicity:

Acute Toxicity. Many higher fatty acid esters, such as the stearates, oleates and palmitates, have been cleared for use in the food industry ; thus, their general physiological response and toxicity are very low. Many of the higher fatty acid esters are considered safe for use in cosmetics.

Available acute toxicity data indicate that the fatty acid esters in Group A, in general, have a low order of toxicity [e.g., palmitic acid, 2-ethylhexyl ester (LD50 > 5 g/kg) and tall oil fatty acid 2-ethylhexyl ester (LD50 > 64 g/kg)]. Consistent with that, available data spanning the carbon range of C22 to C34 indicate that the alkyl fatty acid esters are not toxic by oral administration [rat LD50 (oral) > 5g/kg, with

range from 5 g/kg to 64 kg/kg]. Butyl stearate is tolerated by rats without lethal effects at oral doses of 32 g/kg while octyl oleate has a reported LD50 of >40 ml/kg.

In addition, many alkyl fatty acid esters, such as the stearates, oleates and palmitates, have been demonstrated to be not toxic by dermal administration

Because of the low volatility of these substances, inhalation exposure at toxicological significant levels is not expected.

Repeated Dose Toxicity. 28-Day oral gavage studies in rats with decyl oleate (CAS 3687-46-5) at doses of 100,500 and 1000 mg/kg showed no toxicity as noted with respect to clinical symptoms, biochemistry, hematology, gross lesions or tissue/organ histopathology. The NOAEL was estimated to be 1000 mg/kg. Similarly, octyl or (2-ethylhexyl) stearate showed a NOAEL of 1000 mg/kg in 28-day oral gavage studies in rats.

In chronic two-year feeding studies with butyl stearate at concentrations of 1.25% or 6.25% in the diet, exposed rats showed no significant difference from control animals with respect to growth, survival, blood counts or other haematological parameters.

Besides the two substances above, various other long-chain fatty acid esters have also been studied for their repeated dose toxicity and the findings support a low order of toxicity.

#### Genotoxicity:

Genetic Toxicity (Salmonella). Fatty acid, C 16- 18 saturated and C 18 unsaturated, 2-ethylhexanoate (CAS 85049-37-2); octyl stearate (CAS 109-36-4); and decyl oleate (CAS 3687-46-5)] were shown to be negative in the Ames assay. Since the monoesters are similar in chemical structure and carbon-number range, it is unlikely that esters in Group A will induce point mutation. In addition, the chemistry of the long-chain fatty acids does not suggest the likelihood that these substances or their constituent substructures (i.e., fatty acids, alcohols) are reactive or electrophilic in nature.

Genetic Toxicity (Chromosomal Aberrations). The chemistry of the long-chain fatty acid esters does not suggest the likelihood that these substances or their constituent substructures (i.e., fatty acids, alcohols) are reactive or electrophilic in nature. Therefore, the likelihood that the fatty acid monoesters may cause chromosomal mutation is very low.

Reproductive toxicity: Assessment of reproductive effects of alkyl fatty acid esters in Group A is based primarily on studies with butyl stearate. Fertility, litter size and survival of offspring were normal in rats fed diets containing 6.25% butyl stearate for 10 weeks. However, growth was reduced in offspring during the pre-weaning and post-weaning periods. No gross lesions were noted among the offspring killed at the end of the 21-day post-weaning periods. These results indicate that long-chain fatty acid esters do not cause reproductive toxicity in rats. Given the relative low order of toxicity for long-chain fatty acid esters and their relative non-electrophilic and non-reactive nature, it seems unlikely that the long-chain fatty acid esters would present serious reproductive concerns.

Developmental Toxicity/ Teratogenicity. Assessment of developmental effects for the long-chain fatty acid esters in this group was based primarily on data reported for fatty acid, C16-18, 2-ethylhexyl ester (CAS 91031-48-0). In oral gavage studies in rats administered doses of 100,300 and 1000 mg/kg during gestation, the maternal NOAEL was > 1000 mg/kg and the NOAEL for teratogenicity was >1000 mg/kg. Based on these findings and the fact Group A substances, are very chemically similar to the structure of the tested material, read-across assessment is thought to be appropriate.

## Section 12 - ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

No data

#### Ecotoxicity

Ingredient	Persistence: Water/Soil	Persistence: Air	Bioaccumulation	Mobility
cis-4,7,10,13,16,19-docosahexaenoic acid ethyl ester	LOW		LOW	LOW

## 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. If it has been contaminated, it may be possible to reclaim the product by filtration, distillation or some other means. 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 or consult manufacturer for recycling options.
- Consult Waste Management Authority for disposal.

## Section 14 - TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

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

## Section 15 - REGULATORY INFORMATION

**cis-4,7,10,13,16,19-docosaheptaenoic acid ethyl ester (CAS: 84494-72-4) is found on the following regulatory lists;**

"IMO IBC Code Chapter 17: Summary of minimum requirements", "IMO Provisional Categorization of Liquid Substances - List 1: Pure or technically pure products"

## Section 16 - OTHER INFORMATION

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