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## Material Safety Data Sheet

### Polysorbate 20 MSDS

#### Section 1: Chemical Product and Company Identification

**Product Name:** Polysorbate 20

**Catalog Codes:** SLP1705, SLP3514

**CAS#:** 9005-64-5

**RTECS:** TR7400000

**TSCA:** TSCA 8(b) inventory: Polysorbate 20

**CI#:** Not available.

**Synonym:** TWEEN 20; Polyoxyethylene (20) sorbitan monolaurate or Tween 20

**Chemical Name:** Polysorbate 20

**Chemical Formula:** C58-H114-O26

**Contact Information:**

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#### Section 2: Composition and Information on Ingredients

**Composition:**

Name	CAS #	% by Weight
Polysorbate 20	9005-64-5	100

**Toxicological Data on Ingredients:** Not applicable.

#### Section 3: Hazards Identification

**Potential Acute Health Effects:** Slightly hazardous in case of skin contact (irritant), of eye contact (irritant), of ingestion, of inhalation.

**Potential Chronic Health Effects:**

CARCINOGENIC EFFECTS: Not available. MUTAGENIC EFFECTS: Not available. TERATOGENIC EFFECTS: Not available. DEVELOPMENTAL TOXICITY: Not available. Repeated or prolonged exposure is not known to aggravate medical condition.

#### Section 4: First Aid Measures

**Eye Contact:**

Check for and remove any contact lenses. In case of contact, immediately flush eyes with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Get medical attention if irritation occurs.

**Skin Contact:** Wash with soap and water. Cover the irritated skin with an emollient. Get medical attention if irritation develops.

**Serious Skin Contact:** Not available.

**Inhalation:**

If inhaled, remove to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. Get medical attention.

**Serious Inhalation:** Not available.

**Ingestion:**

Do NOT induce vomiting unless directed to do so by medical personnel. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Loosen tight clothing such as a collar, tie, belt or waistband. Get medical attention if symptoms appear.

**Serious Ingestion:** Not available.

## Section 5: Fire and Explosion Data

**Flammability of the Product:** May be combustible at high temperature.

**Auto-Ignition Temperature:** Not available.

**Flash Points:** CLOSED CUP: >148.89°C (300°F).

**Flammable Limits:** Not available.

**Products of Combustion:** These products are carbon oxides (CO, CO<sub>2</sub>).

**Fire Hazards in Presence of Various Substances:**

Slightly flammable to flammable in presence of open flames and sparks, of heat. Non-flammable in presence of shocks.

**Explosion Hazards in Presence of Various Substances:**

Risks of explosion of the product in presence of mechanical impact: Not available. Risks of explosion of the product in presence of static discharge: Not available.

**Fire Fighting Media and Instructions:**

SMALL FIRE: Use DRY chemical powder. LARGE FIRE: Use water spray, fog or foam. Do not use water jet.

**Special Remarks on Fire Hazards:** Not available.

**Special Remarks on Explosion Hazards:** Not available.

## Section 6: Accidental Release Measures

**Small Spill:** Absorb with an inert material and put the spilled material in an appropriate waste disposal.

**Large Spill:**

Absorb with an inert material and put the spilled material in an appropriate waste disposal. Finish cleaning by spreading water on the contaminated surface and allow to evacuate through the sanitary system.

## Section 7: Handling and Storage

**Precautions:**

Keep away from heat. Keep away from sources of ignition. Empty containers pose a fire risk, evaporate the residue under a fume hood. Ground all equipment containing material. Do not ingest. Do not breathe gas/fumes/ vapor/spray. If ingested, seek medical advice immediately and show the container or the label. Keep away from incompatibles such as oxidizing agents.

**Storage:** Keep container tightly closed. Keep container in a cool, well-ventilated area.

## Section 8: Exposure Controls/Personal Protection

**Engineering Controls:**

Provide exhaust ventilation or other engineering controls to keep the airborne concentrations of vapors below their respective threshold limit value. Ensure that eyewash stations and safety showers are proximal to the work-station location.

**Personal Protection:** Safety glasses. Lab coat.

**Personal Protection in Case of a Large Spill:**

Splash goggles. Full suit. Boots. Gloves. Suggested protective clothing might not be sufficient; consult a specialist BEFORE handling this product.

**Exposure Limits:** Not available.

## Section 9: Physical and Chemical Properties

**Physical state and appearance:** Liquid.

**Odor:** Not available.

**Taste:** Not available.

**Molecular Weight:** 1227.72 g/mole

**Color:** Yellow.

**pH (1% soln/water):** Not available.

**Boiling Point:** >100°C (212°F)

**Melting Point:** Not available.

**Critical Temperature:** Not available.

**Specific Gravity:** 1.1 (Water = 1)

**Vapor Pressure:** <0.1 kPa (@ 20°C)

**Vapor Density:** Not available.

**Volatility:** Not available.

**Odor Threshold:** Not available.

**Water/Oil Dist. Coeff.:** Not available.

**Ionicity (in Water):** Non-ionic.

**Dispersion Properties:** See solubility in water, methanol.

**Solubility:**

Soluble in cold water, methanol. Soluble in Isopropanol. Polysorbate 20 is dispersible in Cottonseed oil, Ethylene Glycol, and Propylene Glycol; Insoluble in Mineral Oil.

## Section 10: Stability and Reactivity Data

**Stability:** The product is stable.

**Instability Temperature:** Not available.

**Conditions of Instability:** Excess heat (elevated temperatures), incompatible materials

**Incompatibility with various substances:** Reactive with oxidizing agents.

**Corrosivity:** Non-corrosive in presence of glass.

**Special Remarks on Reactivity:** Not available.

**Special Remarks on Corrosivity:** Not available.

**Polymerization:** Will not occur.

### Section 11: Toxicological Information

**Routes of Entry:** Absorbed through skin. Eye contact. Inhalation.

**Toxicity to Animals:** Acute oral toxicity (LD50): >33000 mg/kg [Mouse].

**Chronic Effects on Humans:** Not available.

**Other Toxic Effects on Humans:** Slightly hazardous in case of skin contact (irritant), of ingestion, of inhalation.

**Special Remarks on Toxicity to Animals:** LD50 [Rat] - Route: Oral; Dose : 36700 ul/kg

**Special Remarks on Chronic Effects on Humans:** May cause adverse reproductive effects (post-implantation mortality) and birth defects based on animal data.

**Special Remarks on other Toxic Effects on Humans:**

Potential Health Effects: Skin: May cause mild irritation. Will probably not be absorbed through skin. Eyes: No irritation is likely to develop following contact with human eyes. Inhalation: No irritation is expected to be associated with inhalation of this material. However, it may cause respiratory tract irritation. No toxic effects are known to be associated with inhalation of this material. Ingestion: May cause gastrointestinal tract irritation with nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, and hypermotility. The most notable effect observed at higher doses is diarrhea, an expected, non-specific physiological effect associated with having large quantities of a relatively slowly absorbed material in the gut. It may also affect liver, blood and urinary tract.

### Section 12: Ecological Information

**Ecotoxicity:** Not available.

**BOD5 and COD:** Not available.

**Products of Biodegradation:**

Possibly hazardous short term degradation products are not likely. However, long term degradation products may arise.

**Toxicity of the Products of Biodegradation:** The product itself and its products of degradation are not toxic.

**Special Remarks on the Products of Biodegradation:** Not available.

### Section 13: Disposal Considerations

**Waste Disposal:**

Waste must be disposed of in accordance with federal, state and local environmental control regulations.

### Section 14: Transport Information

**DOT Classification:** Not a DOT controlled material (United States).

**Identification:** Not applicable.

**Special Provisions for Transport:** Not applicable.

### Section 15: Other Regulatory Information

**Federal and State Regulations:** TSCA 8(b) inventory: Polysorbate 20

**Other Regulations:** EINECS: This product is on the European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances.

**Other Classifications:**

**WHMIS (Canada):** Not controlled under WHMIS (Canada).

**DSCL (EEC):**

This product is not classified according to the EU regulations. S24/25- Avoid contact with skin and eyes.

**HMIS (U.S.A.):**

**Health Hazard:** 1

**Fire Hazard:** 1

**Reactivity:** 0

**Personal Protection:** a

**National Fire Protection Association (U.S.A.):**

**Health:** 0

**Flammability:** 1

**Reactivity:** 0

**Specific hazard:**

**Protective Equipment:**

Not applicable. Lab coat. Not applicable. Safety glasses.

## Section 16: Other Information

**References:** Not available.

**Other Special Considerations:** Not available.

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