

1. Identification

Product identifier	BUFFER SOLUTION, pH 10.00, (COLOR CODED BLUE)		
Other means of identification			
Product code	1645		
Recommended use	professional, scientific and technical activities: other professional, scientific and technical activities		
Recommended restrictions	None known.		
Manufacturer/Importer/Supplier/Distributor information			
Manufacturer			
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2. Hazard(s) identification

Physical hazards	Not classified.
Health hazards	Not classified.
Environmental hazards	Not classified.
OSHA defined hazards	Not classified.
Label elements	
Hazard symbol	None.
Signal word	None.
Hazard statement	The mixture does not meet the criteria for classification.
Precautionary statement	
Prevention	Wash thoroughly after handling.
Response	Wash hands after handling.
Storage	Keep container tightly closed.
Disposal	Dispose of waste and residues in accordance with local authority requirements.
Hazard(s) not otherwise classified (HNOC)	None known.
Supplemental information	None.

3. Composition/information on ingredients

Mixtures

Chemical name	Common name and synonyms	CAS number	%
WATER		7732-18-5	90 - 100*
SODIUM TETRABORATE, DECAHYDRATE	BORAX SODIUM BORATE	1303-96-4	< 1*
ACID BLUE 9	ACID BLUE 9	3844-45-9	< 0.1
SODIUM HYDROXIDE	CAUSTIC SODA LYE	1310-73-2	< 0.1*
THYMOL	5-Methyl-2-(1-methylethyl)phenol 2-ISOPROPYL-5-METHYLPHENOL	89-83-8	< 0.1

*Designates that a specific chemical identity and/or percentage of composition has been withheld as a trade secret.

4. First-aid measures

Inhalation	Move to fresh air. Call a physician if symptoms develop or persist.
Skin contact	Wash off with soap and water. Get medical attention if irritation develops and persists.
Eye contact	Rinse with water. Get medical attention if irritation develops and persists.
Ingestion	Rinse mouth. Get medical attention if symptoms occur.
Most important symptoms/effects, acute and delayed	Direct contact with eyes may cause temporary irritation.
Indication of immediate medical attention and special treatment needed	Treat symptomatically.
General information	Ensure that medical personnel are aware of the material(s) involved, and take precautions to protect themselves.

5. Fire-fighting measures

Suitable extinguishing media	Use extinguishing agent suitable for type of surrounding fire. This product is not flammable.
Unsuitable extinguishing media	Do not use water jet as an extinguisher, as this will spread the fire.
Specific hazards arising from the chemical	None known.
Special protective equipment and precautions for firefighters	Wear full protective clothing, including helmet, self-contained positive pressure or pressure demand breathing apparatus, protective clothing and face mask.
Fire fighting equipment/instructions	Move containers from fire area if you can do so without risk.
Specific methods	Use standard firefighting procedures and consider the hazards of other involved materials.
General fire hazards	No unusual fire or explosion hazards noted.

6. Accidental release measures

Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures	Keep unnecessary personnel away. For personal protection, see section 8 of the SDS.
Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up	<p>This product is miscible in water.</p> <p>Large Spills: Stop the flow of material, if this is without risk. Dike the spilled material, where this is possible. Dilute with water. Small quantities may be flushed to drains with plenty of water. Following product recovery, flush area with water.</p> <p>Small Spills: Wipe up with absorbent material (e.g. cloth, fleece). Clean surface thoroughly to remove residual contamination.</p> <p>Never return spills to original containers for re-use. For waste disposal, see section 13 of the SDS.</p>
Environmental precautions	Avoid discharge into drains, water courses or onto the ground.

7. Handling and storage

Precautions for safe handling	Avoid prolonged exposure. Observe good industrial hygiene practices.
Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities	Store in tightly closed container. Store away from incompatible materials (see Section 10 of the SDS). Store away from incompatible materials (see Section 10 of the SDS).

8. Exposure controls/personal protection

Occupational exposure limits

The following constituents are the only constituents of the product which have a PEL, TLV or other recommended exposure limit. At this time, the other constituents have no known exposure limits.

US. OSHA Table Z-1 Limits for Air Contaminants (29 CFR 1910.1000)

Components	Type	Value
SODIUM HYDROXIDE (CAS 1310-73-2)	PEL	2 mg/m3

US. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values

Components	Type	Value
SODIUM HYDROXIDE (CAS 1310-73-2)	Ceiling	2 mg/m3

US. NIOSH: Pocket Guide to Chemical Hazards Components**Type****Value**

SODIUM HYDROXIDE (CAS 1310-73-2)

Ceiling

2 mg/m3

SODIUM TETRABORATE, DECAHYDRATE (CAS 1303-96-4)

TWA

1 mg/m3

Biological limit values

No biological exposure limits noted for the ingredient(s).

Appropriate engineering controls

Good general ventilation (typically 10 air changes per hour) should be used. Ventilation rates should be matched to conditions. If applicable, use process enclosures, local exhaust ventilation, or other engineering controls to maintain airborne levels below recommended exposure limits. If exposure limits have not been established, maintain airborne levels to an acceptable level.

Individual protection measures, such as personal protective equipment**Eye/face protection**

Wear safety glasses with side shields (or goggles).

Skin protection**Hand protection**

Wear appropriate chemical resistant gloves. Suitable gloves can be recommended by the glove supplier.

Other

Wear suitable protective clothing.

Respiratory protection

If engineering controls do not maintain airborne concentrations below recommended exposure limits (where applicable) or to an acceptable level (in countries where exposure limits have not been established), an approved respirator must be worn.

Thermal hazards

Wear appropriate thermal protective clothing, when necessary.

General hygiene considerations

Always observe good personal hygiene measures, such as washing after handling the material and before eating, drinking, and/or smoking. Routinely wash work clothing and protective equipment to remove contaminants.

9. Physical and chemical properties**Appearance**

Clear.

Physical state

Liquid.

Form

Liquid.

Color

Blue.

Odor

Odorless.

Odor threshold

Not available.

pH

10.00

Melting point/freezing point

< 32 °F (< 0 °C)

Initial boiling point and boiling range

> 212 °F (> 100 °C)

Flash point

Not available.

Evaporation rate

Not available.

Flammability (solid, gas)

Not applicable.

Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits**Flammability limit - lower (%)**

Not available.

Flammability limit - upper (%)

Not available.

Explosive limit - lower (%)

Not available.

Explosive limit - upper (%)

Not available.

Vapor pressure

Not available.

Vapor density

Not available.

Relative density

Not available.

Solubility(ies)**Solubility (water)**

Miscible.

Partition coefficient (n-octanol/water)

Not available.

Auto-ignition temperature

Not available.

Decomposition temperature	Not available.
Viscosity	Not available.
Other information	
Density	1.01 g/cm3 estimated
Explosive properties	Not explosive.
Oxidizing properties	Not oxidizing.
Percent volatile	99 % estimated
Specific gravity	1.01 estimated

10. Stability and reactivity

Reactivity	The product is stable and non-reactive under normal conditions of use, storage and transport.
Chemical stability	Material is stable under normal conditions.
Possibility of hazardous reactions	Hazardous polymerization does not occur.
Conditions to avoid	None known. Contact with incompatible materials.
Incompatible materials	None known.
Hazardous decomposition products	No hazardous decomposition products are known.

11. Toxicological information

Information on likely routes of exposure

Inhalation	Prolonged inhalation may be harmful.
Skin contact	No adverse effects due to skin contact are expected.
Eye contact	Direct contact with eyes may cause temporary irritation.
Ingestion	Expected to be a low ingestion hazard.

Symptoms related to the physical, chemical and toxicological characteristics
Direct contact with eyes may cause temporary irritation.

Information on toxicological effects

Acute toxicity

Product	Species	Test Results
BUFFER SOLUTION, pH 10.00, (COLOR CODED BLUE)		
Acute		
Dermal		
LD50	Rabbit	100000 mg/kg
Oral		
LD50	Rat	100000 mg/kg
Components	Species	Test Results
SODIUM HYDROXIDE (CAS 1310-73-2)		
Acute		
Other		
LD50	Mouse	40 mg/kg
SODIUM TETRABORATE, DECAHYDRATE (CAS 1303-96-4)		
Acute		
Dermal		
LD50	Rabbit	> 1055 mg/kg
Inhalation		
LC50	Rat	> 0.002001 mg/l, 4 Hours
Oral		
LD50	Rat	2660 mg/kg
Other		
LD50	Mouse	2711 mg/kg
		1320 mg/kg

Components	Species	Test Results
THYMOL (CAS 89-83-8)		
<u>Acute</u>		
Oral		
LD50	Guinea pig	880 mg/kg
	Mouse	1800 mg/kg
	Rat	980 mg/kg
Other		
LD50	Mouse	100 mg/kg
Skin corrosion/irritation	Prolonged skin contact may cause temporary irritation.	
Serious eye damage/eye irritation	May irritate eyes.	
Respiratory or skin sensitization		
Respiratory sensitization	Not a respiratory sensitizer.	
Skin sensitization	None known.	
Germ cell mutagenicity	No data available to indicate product or any components present at greater than 0.1% are mutagenic or genotoxic.	
Carcinogenicity	Not classifiable as to carcinogenicity to humans.	
IARC Monographs. Overall Evaluation of Carcinogenicity		
ACID BLUE 9 (CAS 3844-45-9)	3 Not classifiable as to carcinogenicity to humans.	
OSHA Specifically Regulated Substances (29 CFR 1910.1001-1052)		
Not regulated.		
US. National Toxicology Program (NTP) Report on Carcinogens		
Not listed.		
Reproductive toxicity	Not applicable.	
Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure	Not classified.	
Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure	Not classified.	
Aspiration hazard	Not an aspiration hazard.	
Chronic effects	Prolonged inhalation may be harmful.	

12. Ecological information

Ecotoxicity The product is not classified as environmentally hazardous. However, this does not exclude the possibility that large or frequent spills can have a harmful or damaging effect on the environment.

Product	Species		Test Results
BUFFER SOLUTION, pH 10.00, (COLOR CODED BLUE)			
Aquatic			
Crustacea	EC50	Daphnia	49414.2852 mg/l, 48 hours estimated
Fish	LC50	Fish	18629.9805 mg/l, 96 hours estimated
Components	Species		Test Results
ACID BLUE 9 (CAS 3844-45-9)			
Aquatic			
Fish	LC50	Coho salmon,silver salmon (Oncorhynchus kisutch)	332 mg/l, 96 hours
SODIUM HYDROXIDE (CAS 1310-73-2)			
Aquatic			
Crustacea	EC50	Water flea (Ceriodaphnia dubia)	34.59 - 47.13 mg/l, 48 hours
Fish	LC50	Western mosquitofish (Gambusia affinis)	125 mg/l, 96 hours
SODIUM TETRABORATE, DECAHYDRATE (CAS 1303-96-4)			
Aquatic			
Fish	LC50	Western mosquitofish (Gambusia affinis)	104 mg/l, 96 hours
THYMOL (CAS 89-83-8)			
Aquatic			
Fish	LC50	Fathead minnow (Pimephales promelas)	3.2 mg/l, 96 hours

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Persistence and degradability None known.

Bioaccumulative potential

Partition coefficient n-octanol / water (log Kow)

THYMOL

3.3

Mobility in soil No data available.

Other adverse effects No other adverse environmental effects (e.g. ozone depletion, photochemical ozone creation potential, endocrine disruption, global warming potential) are expected from this component.

13. Disposal considerations

Disposal instructions Collect and reclaim or dispose in sealed containers at licensed waste disposal site.

Local disposal regulations Dispose in accordance with all applicable regulations.

Hazardous waste code The waste code should be assigned in discussion between the user, the producer and the waste disposal company.

Waste from residues / unused products Dispose of in accordance with local regulations. Empty containers or liners may retain some product residues. This material and its container must be disposed of in a safe manner (see: Disposal instructions).

Contaminated packaging Since emptied containers may retain product residue, follow label warnings even after container is emptied. Empty containers should be taken to an approved waste handling site for recycling or disposal.

14. Transport information

DOT

Not regulated as dangerous goods.

IATA

Not regulated as dangerous goods.

IMDG

Not regulated as dangerous goods.

Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL 73/78 Not established.

and the IBC Code

15. Regulatory information

US federal regulations This product is not known to be a "Hazardous Chemical" as defined by the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard, 29 CFR 1910.1200.

TSCA Section 12(b) Export Notification (40 CFR 707, Subpt. D)

Not regulated.

CERCLA Hazardous Substance List (40 CFR 302.4)

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Listed.

SARA 304 Emergency release notification

Not regulated.

OSHA Specifically Regulated Substances (29 CFR 1910.1001-1052)

Not regulated.

Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA)

SARA 302 Extremely hazardous substance

Not listed.

SARA 311/312

No

Hazardous chemical

SARA 313 (TRI reporting)

Not regulated.

Other federal regulations

Clean Air Act (CAA) Section 112 Hazardous Air Pollutants (HAPs) List

Not regulated.

Clean Air Act (CAA) Section 112(r) Accidental Release Prevention (40 CFR 68.130)

Not regulated.

Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) Not regulated.

US state regulations

California Proposition 65

California Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 2016 (Proposition 65): This material is not known to contain any chemicals currently listed as carcinogens or reproductive toxins. For more information go to www.P65Warnings.ca.gov.

US. California. Candidate Chemicals List. Safer Consumer Products Regulations (Cal. Code Regs, tit. 22, 69502.3, subd. (a))

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SODIUM TETRABORATE, DECAHYDRATE (CAS 1303-96-4)

International Inventories

Country(s) or region	Inventory name	On inventory (yes/no)*
Australia	Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances (AICS)	Yes
Canada	Domestic Substances List (DSL)	Yes
Canada	Non-Domestic Substances List (NDSL)	No
China	Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances in China (IECSC)	Yes
Europe	European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances (EINECS)	Yes
Europe	European List of Notified Chemical Substances (ELINCS)	No
Japan	Inventory of Existing and New Chemical Substances (ENCS)	Yes
Korea	Existing Chemicals List (ECL)	Yes
New Zealand	New Zealand Inventory	Yes
Philippines	Philippine Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances (PICCS)	Yes
Taiwan	Taiwan Chemical Substance Inventory (TCSI)	No
United States & Puerto Rico	Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) Inventory	Yes

*A "Yes" indicates that all components of this product comply with the inventory requirements administered by the governing country(s)

A "No" indicates that one or more components of the product are not listed or exempt from listing on the inventory administered by the governing country(s).

16. Other information, including date of preparation or last revision

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Revision information	This document has undergone significant changes and should be reviewed in its entirety.