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# 1. IDENTIFICATION OF THE SUBSTANCE/MIXTURE AND OF THE COMPANY/UNDERTAKING

1.1 Product Identifier

Product Name Soda Crystals, washing soda, washing soda crystals, fine soda crystals. Chemical Name Sodium carbonate, sodium carbonate decahydrate, hydrated soda ash.

CAS Number 497-19-8 EC Number 207-838-8 Index Number 011-005-00-2

REACH Registration number 01-2119485498-19-0018

1.2 Relevant identified uses of the substance/mixture and uses advised against

Generally used as a water softener in laundry operations, as a cleaning aid and as a mild

alkali.

1.2.1 Uses advised against Do not mix with acids

1.3 Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

Company Details Dri-Pak Limited,

Furnace Road,

Ilkeston, Derbyshire, DE7 5EP

Telephone 0115 9 325165 Fax 0115 9 440297 E-mail address bruce@dripak.co.uk

1.4 Emergency Telephone Number

Emergency Number 07836 697940

## 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

- 2.1 <u>Classification of the substance or mixture</u>
  - 2.1.1 Classification according to Regulation (EC) 1272/2008

Eye irritant 2

2.1.2 Classification according to EU Directive 67/548/EEC

Irritating to eyes

2.2 <u>Label elements</u>

2.2.1 Labelling according to Regulation (EC) 1272/2008

Hazard Pictogram



Signal Word

Warning

Hazard Statements

H319 Causes serious eye irritation

**Precautionary Statements:** 

P102: Keep out of reach of children

P264: Wash hands thoroughly after handling

P280 Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection

P305 + P351 + P338: IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact

lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing

P337 + P313: If eye irritation persists: Get medical advice/attention

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2.2.2 Labelling according to Directive 67/548/EEC



Symbol

Xi - irritan

Risk Phrases

R36 Irritating to eyes

Safety Phrases:

S2: Keep out of the reach of children

S22 Do not breathe dust

S24 Avoid contact with skin

### 2.3 Other hazards

The substance does not meet the criteria for PBT or vPvB according to Annex XIII of the REACH Regulation EC 1907/2006 (an inorganic substance)

No other hazards identified.

# 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

3.1/2 Substance/Mixture

Main constituent Formula Purity %w/w (typical) CAS Number EC Number Sodium carbonate Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> >99.0 497-19-8 207-838-8

**Impurities** 

Added anti-caking agent. No impurities relevant for classification and labelling.

# 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

## 4.1 Description of first aid measures

4.1.1 General advice Take off all contaminated clothing. No known delayed effects.

Inhalation Move to fresh air, keep warm and at rest. If symptoms persist seek

medical advice.

Skin contact Remove contaminated clothing. Wash the skin with plenty

of water until no 'soapy' feeling remains. Obtain medical attention if symptoms, e.g. redness or irritation, develop.

Eye contact Remove contact lenses if present. The eye should be thoroughly

irrigated with clean water for not less than 15 minutes. Obtain

medical attention if symptoms develop.

Ingestion Wash out mouth with water and give plenty of water to

drink. Do not induce vomiting. If patient feels unwell obtain

medical attention.

Further Medical Symptomatic treatment and supportive therapy as indicated.

Treatment

# 4.2 Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed

Skin contact: Irritation may occur.

Eye contact: Redness or irritation may occur.

Ingestion: May cause coughing..

Inhalation: There may be shortness of breath with a burning sensation in the throat. Exposure may cause coughing.

4.3 Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

Treat symptomatically.

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# 5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

5.1 Extinguishing media

Non-combustible although packaging may burn.

5.1.1 Suitable extinguishing media

Use extinguisher suitable for surrounding fire conditions.

5.1.2 Unsuitable extinguishing media

No further information available.

5.2 Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture

Product may melt to form an aqueous solution, avoid splashes if melting occurs.

5.3 Advice for fire fighters

No special precautions required.

# 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

6.1 <u>Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures</u>

6.1.1 For non emergency personnel

Keep dust levels to a minimum.

6.1.2 For emergency responders

In the event of accidental release of bulk solid wear suitable gloves and eye/face protection. Use vacuum suction or shovel into containers for re-use or disposal according to local legislation. The affected area can be cleaned with plenty of water..

6.2 <u>Environmental precautions</u>

Prevent uncontrolled discharges into the environment.

6.3 Methods and material for containment and cleaning up

Refer to 6.1 above

6.4 Reference to other sections

For personal protection see Section 8.

# 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

7.1 <u>Precautions for safe handling</u>

Always follow good personal hygiene when working with this product. Wash promptly with soap and water if skin becomes contaminated Do not breathe dust. Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Keep dust levels to a minimum. Ensure adequate ventilation.

7.2 <u>Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibles</u>

Store in a cool well-ventilated place in the original closed containers. Avoid contact with acids and finely divided aluminium, zinc, tin and their alloys. The product will melt at 32/33° C. In open containers, the product may lose water of crystallisation.

Keep out of the reach of children.

7.3 Specific end use(s)

Refer to label on container.

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# 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

8.1 Control parameters

Exposure limits (WEL) 10mg/m3 total dust; 5mg/m3 respirable dust.

8.2 Exposure controls

8.2.1 Appropriate engineering controls

Provide adequate general ventilation. Provide appropriate exhaust ventilation at places where dust is formed. Apply technical measures to comply with the occupational exposure limits.

8.2.2 Personal protective equipment

Respiratory protection In the case of high dust levels wear suitable respiratory protective

equipment e.g. dust mask or respirator, that conform international

standard, EN143. Recommended filter type P2..

Eye protection Wear eye/face protection rated to protect eyes against dust

(EN166) e.g. safety eye shields with dust protection, goggles or

face visor.

Skin protection Dust impervious protective suit rubber or plastic boots where

appropriate. Gloves are recommended for people with sensitive or damaged skin. Avoid prolonged contact with skin. Rinse hands

after use.

Industrial Hygiene Normal standards of industrial hygiene should be observed.

Disposal Empty container thoroughly before disposal, Rinse empty container

with water and recycle where possible.

8.2.3 Environmental exposure controls

Contain any large spillage, avoid large discharges to the environment. Dispose of any large rinse water in accordance with local and national regulations.

# 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

# 9.1 <u>Information on basic physical and chemical properties</u>

Appearance fine white crystals

Odour odourless

Odour threshold currently not available pH >11 (saturated solution)

Molting point/Fraccing Point 32/328 C (forms solution)

Melting point/Freezing Point 32/33° C (forms solution)
Initial boiling point and boiling point range about 100 deg C

Initial boiling point and boiling point range about 100 deg C Flash point not applicable

Evaporation rate currently not available Flammability (solid, gas) does not ignite
Upper flammability or explosive limits currently not available
Vapour pressure currently not available

Vapour density currently not available Relative density (bulk density) 0.8g/ml approx.

Solubility(ies) : 212.5 g/l @20 deg C(wrt anhydrous salt). Insoluble residue (up to 1%)

Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water currently not available

Autoignition temperature Currently not available Does not burn

Decomposition temperature currently not available

Viscosity some viscosity

Explosive properties not explosive
Oxidising properties not an oxidising product

9.2 <u>Other information</u>

No other information available.

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10.	STABILITY AND REACTIVITY	
10.1	Reactivity	Reaction with strong acids causes evolution of carbon dioxide.
10.2	<u>Chemical stability</u>	Loses water of crystallisation on prolonged standing in air and when heated to 32° C.
10.3	Possibility of hazardous reactions	Liberates carbon dioxide when mixed with acid. Solutions may react with new surfaces of aluminium and zinc and their alloys to produce hydrogen.
10.4	Conditions to avoid	Strong heat causing the product to melt and then dry out.
10.5	Incompatible materials	Acids, aluminium and zinc.

#### TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION 11.

#### 11.1 <u>Information on toxicological effects</u>

No specific information available.

Hazardous decomposition products

Inhalation High concentrations of dust will irritate the respiratory system. Skin contact May cause skin irritation resulting from removal of natural greases. Eye contact Irritating to the eyes. May cause corneal damage in severe circumstances. May result in a burning sensation in the mouth and throat, inability to Ingestion

None.

swallow, and irritation of the gastro-intestinal tract with nausea and

vomiting.

#### 12. **ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

12.1 **Toxicity** 

No specific information available.

12.2 Persistence and degradability

Not applicable.

12.3 Bioaccumulative potential

No bioaccumulation expected.

12.4 Mobility in soil

Readily absorbed into soil.

Results of PBT and vPvB assessment 12.5

Not a PBT or a PvB substance.

12.6 Other adverse effects

Based on bulk product.

High concentrations in receiving waters can cause long term adverse effects on the aquatic environment by raising pH. Low toxicity to fish.

No environmental hazard is likely provided the product is handled and disposed of with due care in accordance with normal household practice on following the instructions on the label..

#### DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS 13.

#### 13.1 Waste treatment methods

Disposal should be in accordance with local, county or national legislation. Small quantities may be washed away using plenty of water. Dispose of contents by using as per directions for use. Rinse empty container and recycle where possible.

#### 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

In its normal packaging this product is not classified as hazardous for transport.

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## 15 REGULATORY INFORMATION

15.1 <u>Safety, health and and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture</u>

Health, safety and environmental details to be shown on label. Ref. Directive 1999/45/EC. Refer to Section 2.

15.2 <u>Chemical safety assessment</u>

A Chemical safety assessment has been undertaken on sodium carbonate by our supplier.

# 16. OTHER INFORMATION

List of relevant R-phrases and symbols not included in Sections 2 and 3 No further statements included.

Abbreviations and acronyms

PBT Persistent, Bioaccumulative, Toxic vPvB very Persistent, very Bioaccumulative

WEL: Workplace exposure limit

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