Material Safety Data Sheet

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1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

Product name	:	Boric acid
Product Number	:	B7901
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2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

Emergency Overview

OSHA Hazards
Target Organ Effect, Teratogen, Reproductive hazard

Target Organs

Testes.Testes.

GHS Label elements, including precautionary statements

Pictogram

Signal word Danger

Hazard statement(s)

H303	May be harmful if swallowed.
H360	May damage fertility or the unborn child.

Precautionary statement(s)

P201	Obtain special instructions before use.
P308 + P313	IF exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/attention.

HMIS Classification

Health hazard:	2
Chronic Health Hazard:	*
Flammability:	0
Physical hazards:	0

NFPA Rating

Health hazard:	2
Fire:	0
Reactivity Hazard:	0

Potential Health Effects

Inhalation	May be harmful if inhaled. May cause respiratory tract irritation.
Skin	May be harmful if absorbed through skin. May cause skin irritation.
Eyes	May cause eye irritation.
Ingestion	May be harmful if swallowed.

3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Formula : H_3BO_3
Molecular Weight : 61.83 g/mol

CAS-No.	EC-No.	Index-No.	Concentration
Boric acid			
10043-35-3	233-139-2	005-007-00-2	-

4. FIRST AID MEASURES

General advice
Consult a physician. Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance.Move out of dangerous area.

If inhaled
If breathed in, move person into fresh air. If not breathing give artificial respiration Consult a physician.

In case of skin contact
Wash off with soap and plenty of water. Consult a physician.

In case of eye contact
Rinse thoroughly with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes and consult a physician.

If swallowed
Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Rinse mouth with water. Consult a physician.

5. FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES

Suitable extinguishing media
Use extinguishing measures that are appropriate to local circumstances and the surrounding environment.

Special protective equipment for fire-fighters
Wear self contained breathing apparatus for fire fighting if necessary.

Further information
The product itself does not burn.

6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Personal precautions
Use personal protective equipment. Avoid dust formation. Avoid breathing dust. Ensure adequate ventilation. Evacuate personnel to safe areas.

Environmental precautions
Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so. Do not let product enter drains.

Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up
Pick up and arrange disposal without creating dust. Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal.

7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

Precautions for safe handling
Avoid formation of dust and aerosols.
Provide appropriate exhaust ventilation at places where dust is formed.

Conditions for safe storage
Keep container tightly closed in a dry and well-ventilated place.

Moisture sensitive.

8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

Components with workplace control parameters

Components	CAS-No.	Value	Control parameters	Update	Basis
Boric acid	10043-35-3	TWA	2 mg/m3	2005-01-01	USA. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values

					(TLV)
Remarks	Not classifiable as a human carcinogen: Agents which cause concern that they could be carcinogenic for humans but which cannot be assessed conclusively because of a lack of data. In vitro or animal studies do not provide indications of carcinogenicity which are sufficient to classify the agent into one of the other categories. Inhalable fraction. See Appendix C, paragraph A. Inhalable Particulate Mass TLVs (IPM-TLVs) for those materials that are hazardous when deposited anywhere in the respiratory tract. ACGIH 2005 Adoption Refers to Appendix A -- Carcinogens.				
		STEL	6 mg/m3	2005-01-01	USA. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)
	Not classifiable as a human carcinogen: Agents which cause concern that they could be carcinogenic for humans but which cannot be assessed conclusively because of a lack of data. In vitro or animal studies do not provide indications of carcinogenicity which are sufficient to classify the agent into one of the other categories. Inhalable fraction. See Appendix C, paragraph A. Inhalable Particulate Mass TLVs (IPM-TLVs) for those materials that are hazardous when deposited anywhere in the respiratory tract. ACGIH 2005 Adoption Refers to Appendix A -- Carcinogens.				
		TWA	2 mg/m3	2007-01-01	USA. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)
	Upper Respiratory Tract irritation Not classifiable as a human carcinogen: Agents which cause concern that they could be carcinogenic for humans but which cannot be assessed conclusively because of a lack of data. In vitro or animal studies do not provide indications of carcinogenicity which are sufficient to classify the agent into one of the other categories. varies				
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Personal protective equipment

Respiratory protection
Where risk assessment shows air-purifying respirators are appropriate use a full-face particle respirator type N100 (US) or type P3 (EN 143) respirator cartridges as a backup to engineering controls. If the respirator is the sole means of protection, use a full-face supplied air respirator. Use respirators and components tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or CEN (EU).

Hand protection
Handle with gloves.

Eye protection
Safety glasses with side-shields conforming to EN166

Skin and body protection
Choose body protection according to the amount and concentration of the dangerous substance at the work place.

Hygiene measures
Avoid contact with skin, eyes and clothing. Wash hands before breaks and immediately after handling the product.

9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Appearance

Form	solid

Safety data

pH	5.1 at 1.8 g/l at 25 °C (77 °F)
Melting point	160 °C (320 °F)
Boiling point	300 °C (572 °F)
Flash point	no data available
Ignition temperature	no data available
Lower explosion limit	no data available
Upper explosion limit	no data available
Vapour pressure	3.5 hPa (2.6 mmHg) at 20 °C (68 °F)
Density	1.440 g/cm3
Water solubility	soluble

10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Chemical stability
Stable under recommended storage conditions.

Conditions to avoid
Exposure to moisture.

Materials to avoid
Potassium, Acid anhydrides

Hazardous decomposition products
Hazardous decomposition products formed under fire conditions. - Borane/boron oxides

11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Acute toxicity
LD50 Oral - rat - 2,660 mg/kg

Skin corrosion/irritation
no data available

Serious eye damage/eye irritation
no data available

Respiratory or skin sensitization
no data available

Germ cell mutagenicity

no data available

Carcinogenicity

IARC: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as probable, possible or confirmed human carcinogen by IARC.

NTP: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a known or

anticipated carcinogen by NTP.

OSHA: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a carcinogen or potential carcinogen by OSHA.

Reproductive toxicity
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Presumed human reproductive toxicant

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Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure (GHS)
no data available

Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure (GHS)
no data available

Aspiration hazard
no data available

Potential health effects

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Signs and Symptoms of Exposure
Toxicity reported for borates in humans: ingestion or absorption may cause nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal cramps, anderythematous lesions on the skin and mucous membranes. Other symptoms include: circulatory collapse, tachycardia, cyanosis, delirium, convulsions, and coma. Death has been reported to occur in infants from less than 5 grams and in adults from 5 to 20 grams.

Additional Information
RTECS: ED4550000

12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Toxicity

Toxicity to fish	LC50 - Ptychocheilus lucius - 279 mg/l - 96 h
	LC0 - Lepomis macrochirus (Bluegill) - > 1,021 mg/l - 96 h
Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates.	LC50 - Daphnia magna (Water flea) - 53.2 mg/l - 21 d
	EC50 - Daphnia magna (Water flea) - 133 mg/l - 48 h

Persistence and degradability
no data available

Bioaccumulative potential
no data available

Mobility in soil
no data available

PBT and vPvB assessment
no data available

Other adverse effects

no data available

13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Product
Observe all federal, state, and local environmental regulations. Contact a licensed professional waste disposal service to dispose of this material.

Contaminated packaging
Dispose of as unused product.

14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

DOT (US)
Not dangerous goods

IMDG
Not dangerous goods

IATA
Not dangerous goods

15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

OSHA Hazards
Target Organ Effect, Teratogen, Reproductive hazard

DSL Status
All components of this product are on the Canadian DSL list.

SARA 302 Components
SARA 302: No chemicals in this material are subject to the reporting requirements of SARA Title III, Section 302.

SARA 313 Components
SARA 313: This material does not contain any chemical components with known CAS numbers that exceed the threshold (De Minimis) reporting levels established by SARA Title III, Section 313.

SARA 311/312 Hazards
Chronic Health Hazard

Massachusetts Right To Know Components
No components are subject to the Massachusetts Right to Know Act.

Pennsylvania Right To Know Components

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New Jersey Right To Know Components

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California Prop. 65 Components
This product does not contain any chemicals known to State of California to cause cancer, birth defects, or any other reproductive harm.

16. OTHER INFORMATION

Further information

The above information is believed to be correct but does not purport to be all inclusive and shall be used only as a guide. The information in this document is based on the present state of our knowledge and is applicable to the product with regard to appropriate safety precautions. It does not represent any guarantee of the properties of the product. Sigma-Aldrich Co., shall not be held liable for any damage resulting from handling or from contact with the above product. See reverse side of invoice or packing slip for additional terms and conditions of sale.