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Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS)

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Section 1 — Chemical Product and Company Identification

Lactic Acid

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Section 2 — Composition, Information on Ingredients

Lactic Acid

Synonym: acetic acid

CAS#: 50-21-5

Section 3 — Hazards Identification

Colorless or yellowish, hygroscopic syrupy liquid. Odorless.

Corrosive to eyes; irritates skin and respiratory tract. Slightly toxic by ingestion.

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Health-1

Flammability-1

Reactivity-1

Exposure-2

Storage-1

0 is low hazard, 3 is high hazard

Section 4 — First Aid Measures

Call a physician, seek medical attention for further treatment, observation and support after first aid.

Inhalation: Remove to fresh air at once. If breathing has stopped give artificial respiration immediately.

Eye: Immediately flush with fresh water for 15 minutes.

External: Wash continuously with fresh water for 15 minutes.

Internal: Give large quantities of water. Call a physician or poison control at once.

Section 5 — Fire Fighting Measures

Combustible liquid.

Flash Point: 230 F

When heated to decomposition, emits toxic acrid smoke and irritating fumes.

Fire Fighting Instructions: Use triclass, dry chemical fire extinguisher. Firefighters should wear PPE and SCBA with full facepiece operated in positive pressure mode.

NFPA CODE

None Established

Section 6 — Accidental Release Measures

Restrict unprotected personnel from area and ventilate area. Contain spill with sand or absorbent material; deposit in sealed bag or container. See Sections 8 and 13 for further information.

Section 7 — Handling and Storage

Flinn Suggested Chemical Storage Pattern: Organic #1. Store with acids, anhydrides and peracids.

Store in a cool dry place. Deliquescent, store in Flinn Chem-Saf Bag. Use and dispense in a hood.

Section 8 — Exposure Controls, Personal Protection

Avoid contact with eyes, skin and clothing. Wear chemical splash goggles, chemical-resistant gloves and chemical-resistant apron.

Use exhaust ventilation to keep airborne concentrations low.

Section 9 — Physical and Chemical Properties

Colorless or yellowish, hygroscopic syrupy liquid. Odorless.
Solubility: Miscible with water and other solvents.
Formula: C₃H₆O₃
Formula Weight: 90.09

Specific Gravity: 1.2
Melting Point: 18 C

Section 10 — Stability and Reactivity

Avoid contact with bases, oxidizing agents and reducing agents.
Shelf life: Poor; substance hygroscopic.

Section 11 — Toxicological Information

Acute effects: Corrosive
Chronic effects: N.A.
Target organs: N.A.

ORL-RAT LD50: 3730 mg/kg
IHL-RAT LC50: N.A.
SKN-RBT LD50: N.A.

N.A. = Not available, not all health aspects of this substance have been fully investigated.

Section 12 — Ecological Information

Data not yet available.

Section 13 — Disposal Considerations

Please consult with state and local regulations.
Flinn Suggested Disposal Method #24a is one option.

Section 14 — Transport Information

Shipping Name: Not regulated
Hazard Class: N/A
UN Number: N/A

N/A = Not applicable

Section 15 — Regulatory Information

TSCA-listed, EINECS-listed (200-018-0), RCRA code D002.

Section 16 — Other Information

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