SAFETY DATA SHEET

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This safety data sheet was created pursuant to the requirements of: US OSHA Hazard Communication Standard 2024 (29 CFR 1910.1200)

1. Identification

Product Name **Stearic acid**

Cat No. : **A12244**

CAS No 57-11-4
Synonyms Octadecanoic acid

Recommended Use Laboratory chemicals.
Uses advised against Food, drug, pesticide or biocidal product use.

Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

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Thermo Fisher Scientific Chemicals, Inc.
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CHEMTREC Tel. No. **US:**001-800-424-9300 / **Europe:**001-703-527-3887

2. Hazard(s) identification

Classification
This chemical is considered hazardous according to [US] OSHA (29 CFR 1910.1200, 2024)

Combustible dust	Yes

Label Elements
None required

Signal Word
Warning

Hazard Statements
May form combustible dust concentrations in air

Precautionary Statements
Storage
Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed
Hazards not otherwise classified (HNOC)
None identified

Hazards classified under paragraph (d)(1)(ii) of 1910.1200
No information available

3. Composition/information on Ingredients

Component	CAS No	Weight %
Stearic acid	57-11-4	>95

4. First-aid measures

Eye Contact Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids, for at least 15 minutes. Get medical attention.

Skin Contact Wash off immediately with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Get medical attention immediately if symptoms occur.

Inhalation Remove to fresh air. Get medical attention immediately if symptoms occur.

Ingestion Clean mouth with water and drink afterwards plenty of water. Get medical attention if symptoms occur.

Most important symptoms and effects None reasonably foreseeable.

Notes to Physician Treat symptomatically

5. Fire-fighting measures

Suitable Extinguishing Media Water spray, carbon dioxide (CO2), dry chemical, alcohol-resistant foam.

Unsuitable Extinguishing Media No information available

Flash Point 196 °C / 384.8 °F

Method - No information available

Autoignition Temperature 395 °C / 743 °F

Explosion Limits
Upper No data available
Lower No data available
Sensitivity to Mechanical Impact No information available
Sensitivity to Static Discharge No information available

Specific Hazards Arising from the Chemical
Fine dust dispersed in air may ignite. Dust can form an explosive mixture with air. Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating gases and vapors. Keep product and empty container away from heat and sources of ignition.

Hazardous Combustion Products
Carbon monoxide (CO). Carbon dioxide (CO_2).

Protective Equipment and Precautions for Firefighters
As in any fire, wear self-contained breathing apparatus pressure-demand, MSHA/NIOSH (approved or equivalent) and full protective gear.

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Health	Flammability	Instability	Physical hazards
0	1	0	N/A

6. Accidental release measures

Personal Precautions Use personal protective equipment as required. Ensure adequate ventilation. Avoid dust formation.

Environmental Precautions Should not be released into the environment.

Methods for Containment and Clean Up Sweep up and shovel into suitable containers for disposal. Avoid dust formation.

7. Handling and Storage

Handling Wear personal protective equipment/face protection. Ensure adequate ventilation. Avoid contact with skin, eyes or clothing. Avoid ingestion and inhalation. Avoid dust formation.

Storage. Keep containers tightly closed in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place. Incompatible Materials. Combustible material. Bases. Strong oxidizing agents. Reducing Agent.

8. Exposure controls / personal protection

Exposure Guidelines

Component	ACGIH TLV	OSHA PEL	NIOSH	Mexico OEL (TWA)
Stearic acid	TWA: 10 mg/m³ TWA: 3 mg/m³			

Legend

ACGIH - American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists

Engineering Measures Ensure adequate ventilation, especially in confined areas. Ensure that eyewash stations and safety showers are close to the workstation location.

Personal Protective Equipment

Eye/face Protection Wear appropriate protective eyeglasses or chemical safety goggles as described by OSHA's eye and face protection regulations in 29 CFR 1910.133 or European Standard EN166.

Skin and body protection Wear appropriate protective gloves and clothing to prevent skin exposure.

Respiratory Protection Follow the OSHA respirator regulations found in 29 CFR 1910.134 or European Standard EN 149. Use a NIOSH/MSHA or European Standard EN 149 approved respirator if exposure limits are exceeded or if irritation or other symptoms are experienced.

Recommended Filter type: Particle filter.

Hygiene Measures Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.

9. Physical and chemical properties

Appearance

Physical State	Solid	
Color	White	
Odor	No information available	
Odor Threshold	No information available	
Property	**Values**	**Remarks • Method**
Melting Point/Range	67 - 69 °C / 152.6 - 156.2 °F	
Softening Point	No data available	
Boiling Point/Range	361 °C / 681.8 °F	@ 760 mmHg
Flash Point	196 °C / 384.8 °F	**Method -** No information available
Flammability (liquid)	Not applicable	Solid
Flammability (solid,gas)	No information available	
Explosion Limits	No data available	
Autoignition Temperature	395 - °C / 743 - °F	
Decomposition Temperature	No data available	
pH	No information available	
Viscosity	Not applicable	Solid
Water Solubility	Slightly soluble	
Solubility in other solvents	No information available	
Partition Coefficient (n-octanol/water)		
Vapor Pressure	1 mmHg @ 174 °C	
Density / Specific Gravity	0.840	
Bulk Density	No data available	
Vapor Density	Not applicable	Solid
Particle characteristics	No data available	

Other Information

Molecular Formula	C18 H36 O2
Molecular Weight	284.47
Evaporation Rate	Not applicable - Solid

10. Stability and reactivity

Reactive Hazard None known, based on information available

Stability Stable under normal conditions.

Conditions to Avoid Avoid dust formation. Incompatible products. Excess heat.

Incompatible Materials Combustible material, Bases, Strong oxidizing agents, Reducing Agent

Hazardous Decomposition Products Carbon monoxide (CO), Carbon dioxide (CO_2)

Hazardous Polymerization Hazardous polymerization does not occur.

Hazardous Reactions None under normal processing.

11. Toxicological information

Information on expected route of exposure

Inhalation	Not an expected route of exposure.
Ingestion	No known effect based on information supplied.
Eyes	Not an expected route of exposure.
Skin	No known effect based on information supplied.

Toxicology data for the components

Component	LD50 Oral	LD50 Dermal	LC50 Inhalation

Stearic acid	LD50 = 4600 mg/kg (Rat)	LD50 > 2000 mg/kg (Rabbit)	-

Toxicologically Synergistic Products No information available

(b) skin corrosion/irritation; Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

(c) serious eye damage/irritation; Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

(d) respiratory or skin sensitization;
Respiratory Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met
Skin Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

(e) germ cell mutagenicity; Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

(f) carcinogenicity; Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

The table below indicates whether each agency has listed any ingredient as a carcinogen

Component	CAS No	IARC	NTP	ACGIH	OSHA	Mexico
Stearic acid	57-11-4	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed

(g) reproductive toxicity; Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

(h) STOT-single exposure; Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

(i) STOT-repeated exposure; Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

Target Organs None known.

(j) aspiration hazard; Not applicable
Solid

Other Adverse Effects The toxicological properties have not been fully investigated. See actual entry in RTECS for complete information

Symptoms / effects,both acute and delayed No information available.

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Endocrine Disrupting Properties This product does not contain any known or suspected endocrine disruptors.

12. Ecological information

Ecotoxicity
Do not empty into drains.

Persistence and Degradability Soluble in water Persistence is unlikely based on information available.

Bioaccumulation/ Accumulation No information available.

Mobility Will likely be mobile in the environment due to its water solubility.

13. Disposal considerations

Waste Disposal Methods Chemical waste generators must determine whether a discarded chemical is classified as a hazardous waste. Chemical waste generators must also consult local, regional, and national hazardous waste regulations to ensure complete and accurate classification.

14. Transport information

DOT Not regulated
TDG Not regulated
IATA Not regulated
IMDG/IMO Not regulated

15. Regulatory Information

United States of America Inventory

Component	CAS No	TSCA	TSCA Inventory notification - Active-Inactive	TSCA - EPA Regulatory Flags
Stearic acid	57-11-4	X	ACTIVE	-

Legend:
TSCA US EPA (TSCA) - Toxic Substances Control Act, (40 CFR Part 710)
X - Listed
'-' - Not Listed

TSCA - Per 40 CFR 751, Regulation of Certain Chemical Substances & Mixtures, Under TSCA Section 6(h) (PBT) Not applicable

TSCA 12(b) - Notices of Export Not applicable

International Inventories
Canada (DSL/NDSL), Europe (EINECS/ELINCS/NLP), Philippines (PICCS), Japan (ENCS), Japan (ISHL), Australia (AICS), China (IECSC), Korea (KECL).

Component	CAS No	DSL	NDSL	EINECS	PICCS	ENCS	ISHL	AICS	IECSC	KECL
Stearic acid	57-11-4	X	-	200-313-4	X	X	X	X	X	KE-26333

KECL - NIER number or KE number (http://ncis.nier.go.kr/en/main.do)

U.S. Federal Regulations

SARA 313
Section 313 of Title III of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA). This product does not contain any chemicals which are subject to the reporting requirements of the Act and Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 372

SARA 311/312 Hazard Categories
Should this product meet EPCRA 311/312 Tier reporting criteria at 40 CFR 370, refer to Section 2 of this SDS for appropriate classifications.

CWA (Clean Water Act) Not applicable

Clean Air Act Not applicable

OSHA - Occupational Safety and Health Administration Not applicable

CERCLA
This material, as supplied, does not contain any substances regulated as hazardous substances under the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) (40 CFR 302) or the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) (40 CFR 355). There may be specific reporting requirements at the local, regional, or state level pertaining to releases of this material.

California Proposition 65 This product does not contain any Proposition 65 chemicals.

U.S. State Right-to-Know Regulations Not applicable

U.S. Department of Transportation
Reportable Quantity (RQ): N
DOT Marine Pollutant N
DOT Severe Marine Pollutant N

U.S. Department of Homeland Security This product does not contain any DHS chemicals.

Other International Regulations

Mexico - Grade Slight risk, Grade 1

Authorisation/Restrictions according to EU REACH Not applicable

Component	CAS No	REACH (1907/2006) - Annex XIV - Substances Subject to Authorization	REACH (1907/2006) - Annex XVII - Restrictions on Certain Dangerous Substances	REACH Regulation (EC 1907/2006) article 59 - Candidate List of Substances of Very High Concern (SVHC)
Stearic acid	57-11-4	-	-	-

Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture

Component	CAS No	OECD HPV	Persistent Organic Pollutant	Ozone Depletion Potential	Restriction of Hazardous Substances (RoHS)
Stearic acid	57-11-4	Listed	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable

Contains component(s) that meet a 'definition' of per & poly fluoroalkyl substance (PFAS)?
Not applicable

Other International Regulations

Component	CAS No	Seveso III Directive (2012/18/EC) - Qualifying Quantities for Major Accident Notification	Seveso III Directive (2012/18/EC) - Qualifying Quantities for Safety Report Requirements	Rotterdam Convention (PIC)	Basel Convention (Hazardous Waste)
Stearic acid	57-11-4	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Annex I - Y34

16. Other Information

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