

### Section 01 Identification

Product Identifier Soda Ash 15%, Solution

Other Means of Identification Sodium carbonate solution; carbonic acid, dibasic solution

**Product Use and Restrictions** 

on Use

Glass manufacture, detergent manufacture, sodium chemical manufacture, carbonate chemicals manufacture, pulp and paper, brine treatment, water hardness removal, pH adjustment in water or waste water, flue gas desulfurization, coal treatment, ion exchange

resin regeneration.

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### **Section 02 Hazard Identification**

#### **Physical Hazards**

This product does not qualify for any physical hazard class under WHMIS 2015

#### **Health Hazards**

Serious eye damage / eye

irritation

Category 2

Signal Word

Warning

#### **Hazard Statements**

H319 Causes serious eye irritation.

#### **Pictograms**



#### **Precautionary Statements**

#### Prevention

P264 Wash affected body parts thoroughly after handling.P280 Wear protective gloves, eye protection, face protection.

#### Response

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P305 P351 P338 IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present P337 P313 and easy to do. Continue rinsing. If eye irritation persists: Get medical advice or attention.

#### **Hazards Not Otherwise Classified**

Not available

#### Supplemental Information

Not available

### Section 03 Composition / Information on Ingredients

#### **Hazardous Ingredients:**

Chemical name Common name(s) **CAS** number Concentration (w/w%)

Sodium carbonate Soda ash 497-19-8 14-16%

#### Section 04 First-Aid Measures

#### Description of necessary first-aid measures

**Inhalation** Get medical advice / attention if you feel unwell or are concerned.

Ingestion Get medical advice / attention if you feel unwell or are concerned.

Skin Rinse skin with lukewarm, gently flowing water / shower for 5 minutes or until product is removed. If skin

contact irritation occurs or if you feel unwell: Get medical advice / attention.

Eye Remove source of exposure or move person to fresh air. Rinse eyes cautiously with lukewarm, gently flowing contact water for several minutes, while holding the eyelids open. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do.

Continue rinsing for 15 to 20 minutes. Take care not to rinse contaminated water into the unaffected eye or onto

the face. If eye irritation persists: Get medical advice / attention.

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

Inhalation May cause respiratory irritation. Ingestion May cause discomfort or nausea.

Skin contact May cause redness with prolonged exposure.

Eye contact Causes serious eye irritation.

Further information For further information see Section 11 Toxicological Information.

# Section 05 Fire Fighting Measures

Suitable extinguishing media Extinguish fire using extinguishing agents suitable for the surrounding fire.

Unsuitable extinguishing

media

Water jets are not recommended in fires involving chemicals.

the chemical

**Specific hazards arising from** In the event of a fire oxides of carbon may be released.

Special protective equipment

for fire-fighters

Wear NIOSH-approved self-contained breathing apparatus and chemical-protective

clothing.

#### Section 06 Accidental Release Measures

Personal Precautions / Protective Equipment / **Emergency Procedures** 

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Wear appropriate personal protective equipment (See Section 08 Exposure Controls and

Personal Protection). Stay upwind, ventilate area.

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**Environmental Precautions** 

Prevent material from entering waterways, sewers or confined spaces. Notify local health and wildlife officials. Notify operators of nearby water intakes.

Methods and Materials for Containment and Cleaning

Up

SMALL SPILLS: Stop or reduce leak if safe to do so. Clean up spill with non-reactive absorbent and place in suitable, covered, labeled containers. Flush area with water. Contaminated absorbent material may pose the same hazards as the spilled product. Use vented containers to avoid pressure buildup.

LARGE SPILLS: Contact fire and emergency services and supplier for advice.

# **Section 07 Handling and Storage**

Precautions for Safe Handling Use proper equipment for lifting and transporting all containers. Use sensible industrial

hygiene and housekeeping practices. Wash thoroughly after handling. Avoid all situations

that could lead to harmful exposure.

Inspect containers for damage or leaks before handling. If the original label is damaged or missing replace with a workplace label. Have suitable emergency equipment for fires, spills

and leaks readily available.

**Conditions for Safe Storage** Store in a cool, dry, well-ventilated area, away from heat sources and incompatible

materials. Always store in original labeled container. Keep containers tightly closed when not in use and when empty. Empty containers may contain hazardous residues. Protect

label and keep it visible.

**Incompatibilities** Acids, such as sulphuric, nitric, hydrochloric, phosphoric, flurosilicic (HFSA), sulphonic,

acetic, citric, oxalic, and formic.

Aluminum

### Section 08 Exposure Controls and Personal Protection

#### **Exposure limits**

There are no known exposure limits for this product.

#### **Engineering controls**

Ventilation Requirements Mechanical ventilation (dilution or local exhaust), process or personnel enclosure and

control of process conditions should be provided in accordance with all fire codes and regulatory requirements. Supply sufficient replacement air to make up for air removed by

exhaust systems.

Other An eye wash bottle or eye wash station should be available, tested, and be in close

proximity to the product being handled in accordance with provincial regulations.

#### Protective equipment

The following are recommendations only. It is the responsibility of the employer / user to conduct a hazard assessment of the process in which this product being used and determine the proper engineering controls and PPE for their process. Additional regulatory and safety information should be sought from local authorities and, if needed, a professional industrial hygienist.

Eye and face protection Where there is potential eye or face exposure, tightly fitting chemical goggles are

recommended. Contact lenses are not recommended; they may contribute to severe eye

injury.

**Hand and body protection** Where handling this product it is recommended that skin contact is avoided.

**Respiratory protection** In case of insufficient ventilation wear suitable respiratory equipment.

Thermal hazards Not available

# **Section 09 Physical and Chemical Properties**

#### **Appearance**

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Physical state Liquid

ColourNot availableOdourodourlessOdour thresholdNot applicable

**Property** 

**pH** ~11

Melting point / freezing point Not available Initial boiling point and Not available

boiling range

Flash point Not available Not available **Evaporation rate Flammability** Not applicable Upper flammable limit Not available Lower flammable limit Not available Vapour pressure Not available Vapour density Not available Relative density Not applicable Soluble in water Solubility

Partition coefficient: n-

octanol/water

Not available

Auto-ignition temperature Not available Decomposition temperature >400 °C

Viscosity Not available

**Specific gravity** 1.14-1.162 g/mL @ 20 °C

Particle characteristicsNot applicableFormulaNa₂CO₃Molecular weight105.99 g/mol

# Section 10 Stability and Reactivity

**Reactivity** Not available

**Stability** This product is stable if stored according to the recommendations in Section 07.

Possibility of hazardous

reactions

Hazardous polymerization is not known to occur.

**Conditions to avoid** Avoid contact with incompatible materials.

**Incompatible materials** Acids, such as sulphuric, nitric, hydrochloric, phosphoric, flurosilicic (HFSA), sulphonic,

acetic, citric, oxalic, and formic.

Aluminum

Hazardous decomposition

products

Thermal decomposition may produce oxides of carbon.

# Section 11 Toxicological Information

#### Acute Toxicity (LD50 / LC50 values)

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| Component        | Route      | Species | Value                      | Exposure time |
|------------------|------------|---------|----------------------------|---------------|
| Sodium carbonate | Oral       | Rat     | 2800 mg/kg                 |               |
|                  | Inhalation | Various | 800-2300 mg/m <sup>3</sup> | 2 hours       |
|                  | Dermal     | Rabbit  | >2000 mg/kg                |               |

#### **Toxic Health Effect Summary**

Chemical characteristics Sodium carbonate dissociates and is bioavailable. Primary toxic affect is expected to be pH change.

Skin

May cause redness with prolonged exposure. May cause redness with prolonged exposure.

Ingestion May cause discomfort or nausea. Inhalation May cause respiratory irritation. Eve contact Causes serious eye irritation.

Sensitization This product and its components at their listed concentration have no known sensitizing effects. Mutagenicity This product and its components at their listed concentration have no known mutagenic effects. Carcinogenicity This product and its components at their listed concentration have no known carcinogenic effects. This product and its components at their listed concentration have no known reproductive effects.

Reproductive toxicity

Specific organ toxicity

This product and its components at their listed concentration have no known effects on specific

organs.

**Aspiration hazard Synergistic** materials

Not available Not available

# **Section 12 Ecological Information**

#### **Ecotoxicity**

| Component        | Туре | Species      | Value    | Exposure Time |
|------------------|------|--------------|----------|---------------|
| Sodium carbonate | LC50 | Mosquitofish | 740 mg/L | 96 hours      |
|                  | EC50 | Cladoceran   | 200 mg/L | 48 hours      |

Biodegradability The domestic substance list categorizes sodium carbonate as persistent.

**Bioaccumulation** The domestic substance list categorizes sodium carbonate as non-bioaccumulative.

Mobility This product is water soluble, is not predicted to adsorb to soil and may contaminate ground

water.

Other adverse effects Not available

# **Section 13 Disposal Considerations**

Waste From Residues / **Unused Products** 

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Dispose in accordance with all federal, provincial, and local regulations including the

Canadian Environmental Protection Act.

Contaminated Packaging

Do not remove label, follow label warnings even after the container is empty. Empty containers should be recycled or disposed of at an approved waste handling facility.

# Section 14 Transport Information

**UN** number This product does not meet the definition of dangerous goods per Part 2 of Transport of

**Dangerous Goods Regulations** 

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UN proper shipping name

and description

Not available

Transport hazard class(es) Not available Packing group Not available **Excepted quantities** Not available

**Environmental hazards** Not listed as a marine pollutant under Canadian TDG Regulations, schedule III.

Special precautions No special precautions Transport in bulk ERAP index: not available

MARPOL 73/78 and IBC Code:

Product name: Sodium carbonate solution

Pollution category: Z

Hazards: the product is included in the Code because of its

pollution hazards.

Ship type: ship type 3

Tank type: integral gravity tank

Tank vents: open venting

Tank environmental control: no special requirements under this Code

Temperature classes no information

no information Electrical equipment: Apparatus group

> Flash point flashpoint exceeding 60 °C

Gauging: open gauging

Vapour detection: no special requirements under this Code Fire protection: no special requirements under this Code Emergency equipment no special requirements under this Code

Specific and operational requirements under this Code

Additional information Secure containers (full or empty) during shipment and ensure all caps, valves, or closures

are secured in the closed position.

TDG PRODUCT CLASSIFICATION: This product has been classified on the preparation date specified at section 16 of this SDS, for transportation in accordance with the requirements of part 2 of the Transportation of Dangerous Goods Regulations. If applicable, testing and published test data regarding the classification of this product are listed in the references at section 16 of this SDS.

# Section 15 Regulatory Information.

NOTE: THE PRODUCT LISTED ON THIS SAFETY DATA SHEET HAS BEEN CLASSIFIED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE HAZARD CRITERIA OF THE CANADIAN HAZARDOUS PRODUCTS REGULATIONS. THIS SAFETY DATA SHEET CONTAINS ALL INFORMATION REQUIRED BY THOSE REGULATIONS.

All components of this product appear on the domestic substance list.

#### Section 16 Other Information

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**Note:** The responsibility to provide a safe workplace remains with the buyer / user. The buyer / user should consider the health hazards and safety information contained herein as a guide and should take those precautions required in an individual operation to instruct employees and develop work practice procedures for a safe work environment. The information contained herein is, to the best of our knowledge and belief, accurate. However, since the conditions of handling and use are beyond our control, we make no guarantee of results, and assume no liability for damages incurred by the use of this material. It is the responsibility of the buyer / user to comply with all applicable laws and regulations regarding handling, using, reselling and shipping this product.

#### Attention: Receiver of the chemical goods / SDS coordinator

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If you have any questions or concerns please call our customer service center.

#### References:

- 1) *NIOSH Pocket Guide to Chemical Hazards;* U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, https://www.cdc.gov/niosh/npg/default.html
- 2) WorkSafe BC E-Limit; Workers' Compensation Foard of British Columbia, https://elimit.online.worksafebc.com/
- 3) ECHA Registered Substance Dossier; European Chemicals Agency, https://echa.europa.eu/registration-dossier/registered-dossier/15432/
- 4) Transportation of Dangerous Goods Regulations; Transport Canada, https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/regulations/SOR-2001-286/index.html
- 5) Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labeling of Chemicals (GHS) Seventh revised edition
- 6) International Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships Carrying Dangerous Chemicals in Bulk (IBC Code) 2007 Edition
- 7) The ACS Style Guide

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