# SAFETY DATA SHEET



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# 1. IDENTIFICATION OF THE MATERIAL AND SUPPLIER

**Product identifier** 

Product Name CAUSTIC SODA - LIQUID (46%-50%)

**Product Code(s)** 000031006701

Synonyms Sodium hydroxide - liquid (46%-50%), Soda lye solution (46%-50%), Caustic soda solution

(46%-50%), Sodium hydroxide solution (46%-50%), Liquid caustic soda (46%-50%), LCS

46%, Algane C46

Recommended use Chemical manufacture; neutralising agent; pulp and paper, aluminium, detergent, and

textile processing; vegetable oil refining; reclaiming rubber; etching and electroplating.

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Please ensure you refer to the limitations of this Safety Data Sheet as set out in the "Other Information" section at the end of this Data Sheet.

# 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

#### GHS Classification

Classified as dangerous goods in accordance with the Australian Code for the Transport of Dangerous Goods by Road and Rail (ADG).

Classified as a hazardous chemical in accordance with the criteria of Safe Work Australia - Globally Harmonized System (GHS).

Corrosive to metals	Category 1
Skin corrosion/irritation	Category 1 Sub-category A
Serious eye damage/eye irritation	Category 1
Specific target organ toxicity (single exposure)	Category 3

#### **SIGNAL WORD**

Danger

#### Label elements

Corrosion

Exclamation mark



#### **Hazard statements**

H290 - May be corrosive to metals

H314 - Causes severe skin burns and eye damage

H335 - May cause respiratory irritation

#### **Precautionary Statements - Prevention**

Keep only in original container

Do not breathe fume, gas, mist, vapours, spray

Wash face, hands and any exposed skin thoroughly after handling

Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area

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

#### **Precautionary Statements - Response**

Specific treatment (see First aid on this SDS)

IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician

IF ON SKIN (or hair): Remove/Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/shower

Wash contaminated clothing before reuse

Get immediate medical advice/attention

IF INHALED: Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing

Call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician if you feel unwell

IF SWALLOWED: Rinse mouth. DO NOT induce vomiting

Absorb spillage to prevent material damage

### **Precautionary Statements - Storage**

Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed

Store locked up

Store in corrosion resistant container with a resistant inner liner

# **Precautionary Statements - Disposal**

Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local, regional, national, and international regulations as applicable

# Other hazards which do not result in classification

**General Hazards** 

Poisons Schedule (SUSMP)

# 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

#### <u>Mixture</u>

Chemical name	CAS No.	Weight-%
Sodium hydroxide	1310-73-2	46-50%
Water	7732-18-5	50-54%

# 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

### **Description of first aid measures**

General advice For advice, contact a Poisons Information Centre (e.g. phone Australia 13 11 26; New

Zealand 0800 764 766) or a doctor. Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance.

**Inhalation** Remove to fresh air. If breathing is difficult, (trained personnel should) give oxygen. If

breathing has stopped, give artificial respiration. Get medical attention immediately.

Eye contact Rinse thoroughly with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes, lifting lower and upper eyelids.

Consult a physician.

Skin contact IF ON SKIN (or hair): Remove/Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin

with water/shower. Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician.

**Ingestion** Rinse mouth thoroughly with water. Do NOT induce vomiting. Drink 1 or 2 glasses of water.

Get immediate medical advice/attention.

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

Symptoms Irritation/Corrosion. May cause redness and tearing of the eyes. Erythema (skin redness).

Burning. Coughing and/ or wheezing. Difficulty in breathing.

#### Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

Note to physicians Treat symptomatically. Can cause corneal burns. Aspiration of vomitus may cause lung

injury. No specific antidote.

### 5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

**Suitable Extinguishing Media** 

**Suitable Extinguishing Media** Dry chemical, CO2, water spray or regular foam.

**Unsuitable extinguishing media** No information available.

Specific hazards arising from the chemical

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chemical

Corrosive hazard. Wear protective gloves/clothing and eye/face protection. Contact with

metals may evolve flammable hydrogen gas.

Special protective actions for fire-fighters

Special protective equipment for

fire-fighters

Firefighters should wear self-contained breathing apparatus and full firefighting turnout

gear. Use personal protection equipment.

Hazchem code 2R

# 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

#### Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

**Personal precautions** Evacuate personnel to safe areas. Avoid contact with skin, eyes and inhalation of vapors.

Ensure adequate ventilation. Do not touch or walk through spilled material. Stop leak if you can do it without risk. Use personal protective equipment as required. Wash thoroughly

after handling.

**Environmental precautions** 

Environmental precautions Local authorities should be advised if significant spillages cannot be contained.

Methods and material for containment and cleaning up

**Methods for containment** Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so.

Methods for cleaning up Soak up with inert absorbent material. Pick up and transfer to properly labelled containers.

After cleaning, flush away traces with water.

# 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

#### Precautions for safe handling

Advice on safe handling Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Do not breathe vapor or mist. Do not eat, drink or smoke

when using this product. Keep out of reach of children. Ensure adequate ventilation. Use

personal protection equipment. Wash thoroughly after handling.

### Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Storage Conditions Keep containers tightly closed in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place. Store away from

foodstuffs. Do not store in aluminium or galvanised containers nor use die-cast zinc or aluminium bungs; plastic bungs should be used. At temperatures greater than 40°C, tanks

must be stress relieved. Keep container closed when not in use.

This material is a Scheduled Poison and must be stored, maintained and used in

accordance with the relevant regulations.

Packaging materials Do not store in aluminium containers. Do not store in tin containers. Do not store in zinc

containers.

Incompatible materials Ammonium salts. Aluminium. Tin. Zinc. Strong acids. Copper. Copper alloys.

Poisons Schedule (SUSMP) 6

# 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

#### **Control parameters**

**Exposure Limits** No value assigned for this specific material by Safe Work Australia. However, Workplace

Exposure Standard(s) for constituent(s):

Sodium hydroxide: Peak Limitation = 2 mg/m<sup>3</sup>

As published by Safe Work Australia Workplace Exposure Standards for Airborne Contaminants.

Peak Limitation - a maximum or peak airborne concentration of a particular substance determined over the shortest analytically practicable period of time which does not exceed 15 minutes.

These Workplace Exposure Standards are guides to be used in the control of occupational health hazards. All atmospheric contamination should be kept to as low a level as is workable. These workplace exposure standards should not be used as fine dividing lines between safe and dangerous concentrations of chemicals. They are not a measure of relative toxicity.

### **Appropriate engineering controls**

**Engineering controls** Ensure that eyewash stations and safety showers are close to the workstation location.

Apply technical measures to comply with the occupational exposure limits.

If in the handling and application of this material, safe exposure levels could be exceeded, the use of engineering controls such as local exhaust ventilation must be considered and

the results documented. If achieving safe exposure levels does not require engineering controls, then a detailed and documented risk assessment using the relevant Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) (refer to PPE section below) as a basis must be carried out to determine the minimum PPE requirements.

### Individual protection measures, such as personal protective equipment

The selection of PPE is dependent on a detailed risk assessment. The risk assessment should consider the work situation, the physical form of the chemical, the handling methods, and environmental factors.

OVERALLS, CHEMICAL GOGGLES, FACE SHIELD, GLOVES (Long), APRON, RUBBER BOOTS.











**Eye/face protection** Tight sealing safety goggles. If splashes are likely to occur:. Face protection shield.

**Skin and body protection** Rubber boots. Overalls. Apron.

**Hand protection** Elbow-length impervious gloves.

Respiratory protection If determined by a risk assessment an inhalation risk exists, wear a suitable mist respirator

meeting the requirements of AS/NZS 1715 and AS/NZS 1716.

**Environmental exposure controls** No information available.

# 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Information on basic physical and chemical properties

Physical state Liquid

Appearance Clear to Slightly turbid

Color Colourless
Odor Odourless

Odor threshold No information available

 Property
 Values
 Remarks • Method

 pH
 14 (literature)
 None known

 pH (as aqueous solution)
 No data available
 None known

No data available pH (as aqueous solution) ca. 12°C (calculated) Melting point / freezing point None known ca. 145°C (literature) None known Boiling point / boiling range Not applicable Flash point None known **Evaporation rate** No data available None known Flammability (solid, gas) No data available None known Flammability Limit in Air None known

Upper flammability or explosive Not app

limits

Not applicable

Lower flammability or explosive No.

limits

Not applicable

1.34 mm Hg @20°C (calculated) Vapor pressure None known No data available Vapor density None known Relative density 1.48-1.52 @20°C None known Water solubility Miscible in water None known Solubility(ies) No data available None known Partition coefficient No data available None known **Autoignition temperature** Not applicable None known

Decomposition temperature Kinematic viscosity Dynamic viscosity No data available None known
No data available None known
No data available None known

Other information

# 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Reactivity\_

Reactivity Reacts with strong acids. Reacts exothermically on dilution with water.

**Chemical stability** 

**Stability** Stable under normal conditions.

**Explosion data** 

Sensitivity to mechanical impact None.

Sensitivity to static discharge None.

Possibility of hazardous reactions

Possibility of hazardous reactions Contact with metals (aluminum, zinc, tin) may release hydrogen gas. Reacts with

ammonium salts, evolving ammonia gas. Reacts readily with various reducing sugars (i.e. fructose, galactose, maltose, dry whey solids) to produce carbon monoxide. Take

precautions including monitoring the tank atmosphere for carbon monoxide to ensure safety

of personnel before vessel entry.

**Conditions to avoid** 

**Conditions to avoid**Do not contaminate food or feed stuffs.

**Incompatible materials** 

Incompatible materials Ammonium salts. Aluminium. Tin. Zinc. Strong acids. Copper. Copper alloys.

**Hazardous decomposition products** 

Hazardous decomposition products None known based on information supplied.

# 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

#### **Acute toxicity**

Information on likely routes of exposure

Product Information No adverse health effects expected if the chemical is handled in accordance with this

Safety Data Sheet and the chemical label. Symptoms or effects that may arise if the

chemical is mishandled and overexposure occurs are:

**Inhalation** Irritating to respiratory system.

**Eye contact** Causes serious eye damage.

**Skin contact** Contact causes severe skin irritation and possible burns.

**Ingestion** Can burn mouth, throat, and stomach.

**Symptoms** Irritation/Corrosion. May cause redness and tearing of the eyes. Erythema (skin redness).

Burning. Coughing and/ or wheezing. Difficulty in breathing.

#### Numerical measures of toxicity - Product Information

Refer to component information below.

**Component Information** 

Chemical name	Oral LD50	Dermal LD50	Inhalation LC50
Sodium hydroxide	-	= 1350 mg/kg ( Rabbit )	-

See section 16 for terms and abbreviations

#### Delayed and immediate effects as well as chronic effects from short and long-term exposure

Skin corrosion/irritation Causes burns. Classification is based on mixture calculation methods based on component

data.

Serious eye damage/eye irritation Causes serious eye damage. Classification is based on mixture calculation methods based

on component data.

**Respiratory or skin sensitization** No information available.

Germ cell mutagenicity No information available.

**Carcinogenicity** Not listed as carcinogenic according to IARC.

(IARC - International Agency for Research on Cancer).

**Reproductive toxicity**No information available.

STOT - single exposure May cause respiratory irritation. Classification is based on mixture calculation methods

based on component data.

**STOT - repeated exposure** No information available.

Aspiration hazard Not classified.

# 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### **Ecotoxicity**

**Ecotoxicity** Keep out of waterways.

Chemical name	Algae/aquatic plants	Fish	Toxicity to microorganisms	Crustacea
Sodium hydroxide	-	LC50: =45.4mg/L (96h, Oncorhynchus mykiss)	-	-

#### Persistence and degradability

**Persistence and degradability**Biodegradation is not an applicable endpoint since the product is an inorganic substance.

Bioaccumulative potential

**Bioaccumulation** No information available.

Mobility

Mobility in soil No information available.

Other adverse effects

# 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Waste treatment methods

Waste from residues/unused

products

Dispose of in accordance with local regulations. Dispose of waste in accordance with

environmental legislation.

Contaminated packaging Empty containers should be taken to an approved waste handling site for recycling or

disposal.

# 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

### **ADG**

Classified as Dangerous Goods by the criteria of the Australian Dangerous Goods Code (ADG Code) for Transport by Road and

Rail; DANGEROUS GOODS.

UN number 1824

Proper shipping name SODIUM HYDROXIDE SOLUTION

Hazard class 8
Packing group II
Hazchem code 2R

#### **IATA**

Classified as Dangerous Goods by the criteria of the International Air Transport Association (IATA) Dangerous Goods Regulations for transport by air; DANGEROUS GOODS.

UN number 1824

UN proper shipping name SODIUM HYDROXIDE SOLUTION

Transport hazard class(es) 8
Packing group | |

### **IMDG**

Classified as Dangerous Goods by the criteria of the International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code (IMDG Code) for transport by sea; DANGEROUS GOODS.

UN number 1824

UN proper shipping name SODIUM HYDROXIDE SOLUTION

Transport hazard class(es) 8
Packing group II
IMDG EMS Fire F-A
IMDG EMS Spill S-B
Marine pollutant No

# 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

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

#### **National regulations**

#### Australia

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Classified as a hazardous chemical in accordance with the criteria of Safe Work Australia - Globally Harmonized System (GHS).

See section 8 for national exposure control parameters

#### Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Medicines and Poisons (SUSMP)

Classified as a scheduled poison according to the Standard for Uniform Scheduling of Medicines and Poisons (SUSMP)

Poisons Schedule (SUSMP)

**International Inventories** 

All the constituents of this material are listed on the Australian Inventory of Industrial

Chemicals.

NZIOC All the constituents of this material are listed on the New Zealand Inventory of Chemicals.

Legend:

AllC- Australian Inventory of Industrial Chemicals NZIoC - New Zealand Inventory of Chemicals

**International Regulations** 

The Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer Not applicable

The Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants Not applicable

The Rotterdam Convention Not applicable

# 16. OTHER INFORMATION

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This Safety Data Sheet has been prepared by Ixom Operations Pty Ltd (Toxicology and SDS Services).

**Revision Note:** 

The symbol (\*) in the margin of this SDS indicates that this line has been revised.

Key or legend to abbreviations and acronyms used in the safety data sheet

Legend Section 8: EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

TWA TWA (time-weighted average) STEL STEL (Short Term Exposure Limit)

Ceiling Maximum limit value \* Skin designation

C Carcinogen

### Key literature references and sources for data used to compile the SDS

EPA (Environmental Protection Agency)

Acute Exposure Guideline Level(s) (AEGL(s))

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency High Production Volume Chemicals

Food Research Journal

Hazardous Substance Database

International Uniform Chemical Information Database (IUCLID)

Japan GHS Classification

Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme (AICIS)

NIOSH (National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health)

National Library of Medicine's ChemID Plus (NLM CIP)

National Library of Medicine's PubMed database (NLM PUBMED)

National Toxicology Program (NTP)

New Zealand's Chemical Classification and Information Database (CCID)

Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development Environment, Health, and Safety Publications

Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development High Production Volume Chemicals Program

Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development Screening Information Data Set

RTECS (Registry of Toxic Effects of Chemical Substances)

World Health Organization

#### **Disclaimer**

This SDS summarises to our best knowledge at the date of issue, the chemical health and safety hazards of the material and general guidance on how to safely handle the material in the workplace. Since Ixom Operations Pty Ltd cannot anticipate or control the conditions under which the product may be used, each user must, prior to usage, assess and control the risks arising from its use of the material.

If clarification or further information is needed, the user should contact their lxom representative or lxom Operations Pty Ltd at the contact details on page 1.

Ixom Operations Pty Ltd's responsibility for the material as sold is subject to the terms and conditions of sale, a copy of which is available upon request.

**End of Safety Data Sheet**