SAFETY DATA SHEET

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Section 1: Identification

Product identifier

Product Name BORAX DECAHYDRATE

Product Code(s) 000000030863

Other means of identification

CAS No. 303-96-4

Synonyms Sodium tetraborate decahydrate; Disodium tetraborate decahydrate; Borax decahydrate; Borax decahidratado

Pure substance/mixture Substance

Recommended use of the chemical and restrictions on use

Recommended use Cosmetics applications. Restricted to professional users.

Uses advised against No information available.

Details of manufacturer or importer

Supplier
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Emergency telephone number

Emergency telephone number **1 800 033 111 (ALL HOURS)**

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.

Section 2: Hazard identification

Classified as a hazardous substance in accordance with the criteria of Safe Work Australia - Globally Harmonized System (GHS). Not classified as Dangerous Goods by the criteria of the Australian Dangerous Goods Code (ADG Code) for transport by Road and Rail; NON-DANGEROUS GOODS.

GHS Classification

Serious eye damage/eye irritation	Category 2
Reproductive toxicity	Category 1B

Label elements
Exclamation mark
Health hazard

Signal word
DANGER

Hazard statements
H319 - Causes serious eye irritation
H360FD - May damage fertility. May damage the unborn child

Precautionary Statements - Prevention
Obtain special instructions before use.
Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood.
Wear protective gloves/clothing and eye/face protection.
Wash face, hands and any exposed skin thoroughly after handling.
Precautionary Statements - Response
IF exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/attention.
IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.
If eye irritation persists: Get medical advice/attention.
Precautionary Statements - Storage
Store locked up.
Precautionary Statements - Disposal
Dispose of contents/container to an approved waste disposal plant.

Other hazards which do not result in classification
May be harmful if swallowed.

Section 3: Composition and information on ingredients

Chemical name	CAS No.	Weight-%
Sodium borate decahydrate	1303-96-4	100

Section 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. IF exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/attention. Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance.

Inhalation
IF INHALED: Remove to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing. IF exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/attention.

Eye contact
Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids, for at least 15 minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. Keep eye wide open while rinsing. Do not rub affected area. Get medical attention if irritation develops and persists.

Skin contact
Wash off immediately with soap and plenty of water. Get medical attention if symptoms

occur.

Ingestion Rinse mouth. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Do NOT induce vomiting. Call a physician.

Self-protection of the first aider Avoid contact with skin, eyes or clothing. Wear personal protective clothing (see section 8).

Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed

Symptoms May cause redness and tearing of the eyes. Burning sensation.

Effects of Exposure May cause adverse reproductive effects - such as birth defect, miscarriages, or infertility.

Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

Note to physicians Treat symptomatically.

Section 5: Firefighting measures

Suitable Extinguishing Media

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

Specific hazards arising from the chemical

Specific hazards arising from the chemical Non-combustible. In the event of fire, cool tanks with water spray. Do not allow run-off from fire-fighting to enter drains or water courses. Fire residues and contaminated fire extinguishing water must be disposed of in accordance with local regulations.

Hazardous combustion products Oxides of boron. Sodium compounds. Carbon oxides.

Special protective actions for fire-fighters

Special protective equipment and precautions for fire-fighters Firefighters should wear self-contained breathing apparatus and full firefighting turnout gear. Use personal protection equipment.

Section 6: Accidental release measures

Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

Personal precautions Avoid contact with skin, eyes or clothing. Use personal protective equipment as required. Ensure adequate ventilation. Avoid generation of dust. Do not breathe dust.

Other information Refer to protective measures listed in Sections 7 and 8.

For emergency responders Use personal protection recommended in Section 8.

Environmental precautions

Environmental precautions Prevent product from entering drains. Keep out of waterways. See Section 12 for additional Ecological Information.

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 Use appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE). Carefully shovel or sweep up spilled material and place in suitable container. Avoid generating dust.

Section 7: Handling and storage

Precautions for safe handling

Advice on safe handling Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice. Avoid contact with skin, eyes or clothing. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. Ensure adequate ventilation. Use with local exhaust ventilation. Do not breathe dust. Avoid generation of dust. Use personal protection equipment. Wash thoroughly after handling. Take off contaminated clothing and wash before reuse. Obtain special instructions before use. Avoid contact during pregnancy and while nursing.

General hygiene considerations Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. Wash hands before breaks and immediately after handling the product. Avoid contact with skin, eyes or clothing. Wear suitable gloves and eye/face protection.

Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Storage Conditions Keep containers tightly closed in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place. Store locked up. Keep/store only in original container. Do not contaminate food or feed stuffs. 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. Protect from direct sunlight.

Incompatible materials Reducing agent. Base metals.

Section 8: Exposure controls and personal protection

Control parameters

Exposure Limits

Chemical name	Australia	New Zealand	ACGIH TLV
Sodium borate decahydrate 1303-96-4	TWA: 5 mg/m³	TWA: 5 mg/m³	TWA: 2 mg/m³ inhalable particulate matter STEL: 6 mg/m³ inhalable particulate matter

Chemical name	European Union	United Kingdom	Germany DFG
Sodium borate decahydrate 1303-96-4	-	TWA: 5 mg/m³ STEL: 15 mg/m³	-

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

TWA - The time-weighted average airborne concentration of a particular substance when calculated over an eight-hour working day, for a five-day working week.

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

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, SAFETY SHOES, CHEMICAL GOGGLES, GLOVES, DUST MASK.

Eye/face protection	Goggles.
Skin and body protection	Wear suitable protective clothing. Boots. Overalls.
Hand protection	Impervious gloves.
Respiratory protection	If determined by a risk assessment an inhalation risk exists, wear a dust mask/respirator meeting the requirements of AS/NZS 1715 and AS/NZS 1716.
Environmental exposure controls	No information available.
Thermal hazards	No information available.

Section 9: Physical and chemical properties

Information on basic physical and chemical properties

Physical state	Solid
Appearance	Powder / Granules / Crystalline
Color	White
Odor	Odourless
Odor threshold	No information available

Property	**Values**	**Remarks • Method**
pH	9.3	4.7% @ 20°C
pH (as aqueous solution)	No data available	None known
Melting point / freezing point	> 1000 °C	None known
Boiling point / boiling range	No data available	None known
Flash point	No data available	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 limits	No data available	
Lower flammability or explosive limits	No data available	
Vapor pressure	No data available	None known
Vapor density	No data available	None known

Relative density	1.72	approx; @ 23 °C
Water solubility	47 - 49.74	g/L @ 20 °C; approx.
Solubility(ies)	Soluble in water	None known
Partition coefficient	Log Pow = -0.757 (based on boric acid)	@ 25 °C
Autoignition temperature	No data available	None known
Decomposition temperature	No data available	None known
Kinematic viscosity	No data available	None known
Dynamic viscosity	No data available	None known

Other information

Section 10: Stability and reactivity

Reactivity

Reactivity Reacts with light alloys to form hydrogen.

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 None under normal processing.

Conditions to avoid

Conditions to avoid Heat, flames and sparks. Dust formation. Moisture.

Incompatible materials

Incompatible materials Reducing agent. Base metals.

Hazardous decomposition products

Hazardous decomposition products Oxides of boron. Sodium compounds. Carbon oxides.

Section 11: Toxicological information

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 May cause irritation of respiratory tract.

Eye contact Causes serious eye irritation. May cause redness, itching, and pain.

Skin contact May cause irritation. Prolonged contact may cause redness and irritation.

Ingestion Ingestion may cause gastrointestinal irritation, nausea, vomiting and diarrhea.

Symptoms May cause redness and tearing of the eyes.

Acute toxicity .

Numerical measures of toxicity - Product Information

Chemical name	Oral LD50	Dermal LD50	Inhalation LC50
Sodium borate decahydrate	= 3493 mg/kg (Rat)	> 10000 mg/kg (Rabbit)	> 2 mg/m³ (Rat) 4 h

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 No information available.

Serious eye damage/eye irritation Causes serious eye irritation.

Respiratory or skin sensitization No information available.

Germ cell mutagenicity No information available.

Carcinogenicity

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

Chemical name	Australia	European Union	IARC
Sodium borate decahydrate - 1303-96-4	-	-	Group 2A

Legend

IARC (International Agency for Research on Cancer)
Group 2A - Probably Carcinogenic to Humans

Reproductive toxicity May damage fertility. May damage the unborn child.

STOT - single exposure No information available.

STOT - repeated exposure No information available.

Aspiration hazard No information available.

Section 12: Ecological information

Ecotoxicity

Aquatic ecotoxicity Keep out of waterways.

Terrestrial ecotoxicity There is no data for this product.

Persistence and degradability

Persistence and degradability No information available.

Bioaccumulative potential

Bioaccumulation There is no data for this product.

Mobility

Mobility No information available.

Other adverse effects

Other adverse effects No information available.

Section 13: Disposal considerations

Waste treatment methods

Waste from residues/unused products Should not be released into the environment. Dispose of in accordance with local regulations. Dispose of waste in accordance with environmental legislation.

Contaminated packaging Dispose of in accordance with federal, state and local regulations.

See section 8 for more information

Section 14: Transport information

ADG Not classified as Dangerous Goods by the criteria of the Australian Dangerous Goods Code (ADG Code) for transport by Road and Rail; NON-DANGEROUS GOODS.

IATA Not classified as Dangerous Goods by the criteria of the International Air Transport Association (IATA) Dangerous Goods Regulations for transport by air; NON-DANGEROUS GOODS.

IMDG Not classified as Dangerous Goods by the criteria of the International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code (IMDG Code) for transport by sea; NON-DANGEROUS GOODS.

Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL 73/78 and the IBC Code
No information available

Section 15: Regulatory information

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

National regulations

Australia

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See section 8 for national exposure control parameters

Standard for Uniform Scheduling of Medicines and Poisons (SUSMP)
Classified as a scheduled poison according to the Standard for Uniform Scheduling of Medicines and Poisons (SUSMP)
Poison Schedule Number 5

Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme (AICIS)

Chemical name	Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme (AICIS)	Additional information
Sodium borate decahydrate - 1303-96-4	Present	-

Illicit Drug Precursors/Reagents
This product does not contain any substance(s) on the Illicit Drug Precursors/Reagents list.

National pollutant inventory
Subject to reporting requirement

Chemical name	National pollutant inventory
Sodium borate decahydrate - 1303-96-4	10 tonne/yr Threshold category 1

International Inventories

AIIC	This material is listed on the Australian Inventory of Industrial Chemicals.
NZIoC	This material is listed on the New Zealand Inventory of Chemicals.
TSCA	Contact supplier for inventory compliance status.
DSL/NDSL	Contact supplier for inventory compliance status.
EINECS/ELINCS	Contact supplier for inventory compliance status.
ENCS	Contact supplier for inventory compliance status.
IECSC	Contact supplier for inventory compliance status.
KECL	Contact supplier for inventory compliance status.
PICCS	Contact supplier for inventory compliance status.

Legend:
AIIC- Australian Inventory of Industrial Chemicals
NZIoC - New Zealand Inventory of Chemicals
TSCA - United States Toxic Substances Control Act Section 8(b) Inventory
DSL/NDSL - Canadian Domestic Substances List/Non-Domestic Substances List
EINECS/ELINCS - European Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances/European List of Notified Chemical Substances
ENCS - Japan Existing and New Chemical Substances
IECSC - China Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances
KECL - Korean Existing and Evaluated Chemical Substances
PICCS - Philippines Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances

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

Section 16: Other information

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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
SVHC: Substances of Very High Concern for Authorization:
PBT: Persistent, Bioaccumulative, and Toxic (PBT) Substances
vPvB: Very Persistent and very Bioaccumulative (vPvB) Substances
STOT: Specific Target Organ Toxicity
ATE: Acute Toxicity Estimate
LC50: 50% Lethal Concentration
LD50: 50% Lethal Dose

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
Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR)
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ChemView Database
European Food Safety Authority (EFSA)
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)
National Institute of Technology and Evaluation (NITE)
Australia National Industrial Chemicals Notification and Assessment Scheme (NICNAS)
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)
U.S. 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
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 Bronson & Jacobs representative or Ixom

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.

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