

# SAFETY DATA SHEET



## Cefalexin Formulation

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### SECTION 1: IDENTIFICATION

Product name : Cefalexin Formulation

#### Manufacturer or supplier's details

Company : Intervet Australia Pty Limited (trading as MSD Animal Health)

Address : 91-105 Harpin Street  
Bendigo 3550, Victoria Australia

Telephone : 1 800 033 461

Emergency telephone number : Poisons Information Centre: Phone 13 11 26

E-mail address : EHSDATASTEWARD@msd.com

#### Recommended use of the chemical and restrictions on use

Recommended use : Veterinary product

Restrictions on use : Not applicable

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### SECTION 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

#### GHS Classification

Respiratory sensitisation : Category 1

Reproductive toxicity : Category 2

Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure : Category 3

Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure : Category 2 (Kidney, Adrenal gland, Blood, Gastrointestinal tract)

#### GHS label elements

Hazard pictograms : 

Signal word : Danger

Hazard statements : H334 May cause allergy or asthma symptoms or breathing difficulties if inhaled.  
H335 May cause respiratory irritation.  
H361f Suspected of damaging fertility.  
H373 May cause damage to organs (Kidney, Adrenal gland, Blood, Gastrointestinal tract) through prolonged or repeated exposure.

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### Precautionary statements

#### : **Prevention:**

P201 Obtain special instructions before use.  
P202 Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood.  
P260 Do not breathe mist or vapours.  
P271 Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area.  
P280 Wear protective gloves/ protective clothing/ eye protection/ face protection.  
P284 Wear respiratory protection.

#### : **Response:**

P304 + P340 + P312 IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing. Call a POISON CENTER/ doctor if you feel unwell.  
P308 + P313 IF exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/ attention.  
P342 + P311 If experiencing respiratory symptoms: Call a POISON CENTER/ doctor.

#### : **Storage:**

P405 Store locked up.

#### : **Disposal:**

P501 Dispose of contents/ container to an approved waste disposal plant.

### Other hazards which do not result in classification

None known.

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## SECTION 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Substance / Mixture : Mixture

#### **Components**

Chemical name	CAS-No.	Concentration (% w/w)
Cefalexin	15686-71-2	>= 20 -< 30

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## SECTION 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

General advice : In the case of accident or if you feel unwell, seek medical advice immediately.

When symptoms persist or in all cases of doubt seek medical advice.

If inhaled : If inhaled, remove to fresh air.

If not breathing, give artificial respiration.

If breathing is difficult, give oxygen.

Get medical attention.

In case of skin contact : In case of contact, immediately flush skin with soap and plenty of water.

Remove contaminated clothing and shoes.

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- In case of eye contact : Get medical attention.  
Wash clothing before reuse.  
Thoroughly clean shoes before reuse.
- If swallowed : Flush eyes with water as a precaution.  
Get medical attention if irritation develops and persists.  
If swallowed, DO NOT induce vomiting.  
Get medical attention.  
Rinse mouth thoroughly with water.
- Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed : Excessive exposure may aggravate preexisting asthma and other respiratory disorders (e.g. emphysema, bronchitis, reactive airways dysfunction syndrome).  
May cause allergy or asthma symptoms or breathing difficulties if inhaled.  
May cause respiratory irritation.  
Suspected of damaging fertility.  
May cause damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure.
- Protection of first-aiders : First Aid responders should pay attention to self-protection, and use the recommended personal protective equipment when the potential for exposure exists (see section 8).
- Notes to physician : Treat symptomatically and supportively.
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## SECTION 5. FIREFIGHTING MEASURES

- Suitable extinguishing media : Water spray  
Alcohol-resistant foam  
Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>)  
Dry chemical
- Unsuitable extinguishing media : None known.
- Specific hazards during fire-fighting : Exposure to combustion products may be a hazard to health.
- Hazardous combustion products : Carbon oxides  
Nitrogen oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>)  
Sulphur oxides
- Specific extinguishing methods : Use extinguishing measures that are appropriate to local circumstances and the surrounding environment.  
Use water spray to cool unopened containers.  
Remove undamaged containers from fire area if it is safe to do so.  
Evacuate area.
- Special protective equipment for firefighters : In the event of fire, wear self-contained breathing apparatus.  
Use personal protective equipment.
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## SECTION 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

- Personal precautions, protection : Use personal protective equipment.
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tive equipment and emergency procedures	Follow safe handling advice (see section 7) and personal protective equipment recommendations (see section 8).
Environmental precautions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>: Avoid release to the environment.</li><li>Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so.</li><li>Prevent spreading over a wide area (e.g. by containment or oil barriers).</li><li>Retain and dispose of contaminated wash water.</li><li>Local authorities should be advised if significant spillages cannot be contained.</li></ul>
Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>: Soak up with inert absorbent material.</li><li>For large spills, provide dyking or other appropriate containment to keep material from spreading. If dyked material can be pumped, store recovered material in appropriate container.</li><li>Clean up remaining materials from spill with suitable absorbent.</li><li>Local or national regulations may apply to releases and disposal of this material, as well as those materials and items employed in the cleanup of releases. You will need to determine which regulations are applicable.</li><li>Sections 13 and 15 of this SDS provide information regarding certain local or national requirements.</li></ul>

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**SECTION 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE**

Technical measures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>: See Engineering measures under EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION section.</li></ul>
Local/Total ventilation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>: If sufficient ventilation is unavailable, use with local exhaust ventilation.</li></ul>
Advice on safe handling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>: Do not breathe mist or vapours.</li><li>Do not swallow.</li><li>Avoid contact with eyes.</li><li>Avoid prolonged or repeated contact with skin.</li><li>Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice, based on the results of the workplace exposure assessment</li><li>Keep container tightly closed.</li><li>Already sensitised individuals, and those susceptible to asthma, allergies, chronic or recurrent respiratory disease, should consult their physician regarding working with respiratory irritants or sensitisers.</li><li>Take care to prevent spills, waste and minimize release to the environment.</li></ul>
Hygiene measures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>: If exposure to chemical is likely during typical use, provide eye flushing systems and safety showers close to the working place.</li><li>When using do not eat, drink or smoke.</li><li>Wash contaminated clothing before re-use.</li><li>The effective operation of a facility should include review of engineering controls, proper personal protective equipment,</li></ul>

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- appropriate degowning and decontamination procedures, industrial hygiene monitoring, medical surveillance and the use of administrative controls.
- Conditions for safe storage : Keep in properly labelled containers.  
Store locked up.  
Keep tightly closed.  
Keep in a cool, well-ventilated place.  
Store in accordance with the particular national regulations.
- Materials to avoid : Do not store with the following product types:  
Strong oxidizing agents

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## SECTION 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

### Components with workplace control parameters

Components	CAS-No.	Value type (Form of exposure)	Control parameters / Permissible concentration	Basis
Cefalexin	15686-71-2	TWA	550 µg/m <sup>3</sup> (OEB 2)	Internal
Further information: RSEN				

- Engineering measures** : Use appropriate engineering controls and manufacturing technologies to control airborne concentrations (e.g., drip-less quick connections).  
All engineering controls should be implemented by facility design and operated in accordance with GMP principles to protect products, workers, and the environment.  
Laboratory operations do not require special containment.

### Personal protective equipment

- Respiratory protection : If adequate local exhaust ventilation is not available or exposure assessment demonstrates exposures outside the recommended guidelines, use respiratory protection.
- Filter type : Combined particulates and organic vapour type
- Hand protection : Chemical-resistant gloves
- Eye protection : Wear safety glasses with side shields or goggles.  
If the work environment or activity involves dusty conditions, mists or aerosols, wear the appropriate goggles.  
Wear a faceshield or other full face protection if there is a potential for direct contact to the face with dusts, mists, or aerosols.
- Skin and body protection : Work uniform or laboratory coat.

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## SECTION 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

- Appearance : liquid
- Colour : clear

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Odour	:	No data available
Odour Threshold	:	No data available
pH	:	No data available
Melting point/freezing point	:	No data available
Initial boiling point and boiling range	:	No data available
Flash point	:	No data available
Evaporation rate	:	No data available
Flammability (solid, gas)	:	Not applicable
Flammability (liquids)	:	No data available
Upper explosion limit / Upper flammability limit	:	No data available
Lower explosion limit / Lower flammability limit	:	No data available
Vapour pressure	:	No data available
Relative vapour density	:	No data available
Relative density	:	No data available
Density	:	No data available
Solubility(ies)		
Water solubility	:	No data available
Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water	:	No data available
Auto-ignition temperature	:	No data available
Decomposition temperature	:	No data available
Viscosity		
Viscosity, kinematic	:	No data available
Explosive properties	:	Not explosive
Oxidizing properties	:	The substance or mixture is not classified as oxidizing.
Molecular weight	:	No data available

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### Particle characteristics

Particle size : Not applicable

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## SECTION 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Reactivity : Not classified as a reactivity hazard.  
Chemical stability : Stable under normal conditions.  
Possibility of hazardous reactions : Can react with strong oxidizing agents.  
Conditions to avoid : None known.  
Incompatible materials : Oxidizing agents  
Hazardous decomposition products : No hazardous decomposition products are known.

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## SECTION 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Exposure routes : Inhalation  
Skin contact  
Ingestion  
Eye contact

### Acute toxicity

Not classified based on available information.

### Product:

Acute oral toxicity : Acute toxicity estimate: > 2,000 mg/kg  
Method: Calculation method

### Components:

#### **Cefalexin:**

Acute oral toxicity	: LD50 (Mouse): 1,600 - 6,200 mg/kg
	LD50 (Dog): > 2,000 mg/kg
	Symptoms: Vomiting
	LD50 (Monkey): > 1,000 mg/kg
	Symptoms: Vomiting
	LD50 (Rat): > 20,000 mg/kg
Acute toxicity (other routes of administration)	: LD50 (Dog): > 1 g/kg Application Route: Intraperitoneal
	LD50 (Dog): > 0.1 g/kg Application Route: Intravenous

### **Skin corrosion/irritation**

Not classified based on available information.

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### **Serious eye damage/eye irritation**

Not classified based on available information.

### **Respiratory or skin sensitisation**

#### **Skin sensitisation**

Not classified based on available information.

#### **Respiratory sensitisation**

May cause allergy or asthma symptoms or breathing difficulties if inhaled.

### **Components:**

#### **Cefalexin:**

Assessment	: Probability or evidence of high respiratory sensitisation rate in humans
Remarks	: Based on data from similar materials May cause sensitisation by inhalation.
Result	: Sensitiser
Remarks	: Based on data from similar materials May cause sensitisation by inhalation.

### **Chronic toxicity**

#### **Germ cell mutagenicity**

Not classified based on available information.

### **Components:**

#### **Cefalexin:**

Genotoxicity in vitro	: Test Type: Bacterial reverse mutation assay (AMES) Result: negative
	: Test Type: Chromosomal aberration Test system: Chinese hamster ovary cells Result: negative
	: Test Type: In vitro mammalian cell gene mutation test Test system: mouse lymphoma cells Result: negative
Genotoxicity in vivo	: Test Type: Micronucleus test Species: Mouse Result: negative

### **Carcinogenicity**

Not classified based on available information.

### **Reproductive toxicity**

Suspected of damaging fertility.

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### Components:

#### **Cefalexin:**

Effects on fertility	: Test Type: Two-generation study Species: Rat Application Route: Oral Fertility: NOAEL: 250 mg/kg body weight Result: May cause adverse reproductive effects., Reduced fertility of F1 generation
Effects on foetal development	: Test Type: Development Species: Mouse Application Route: Oral Embryo-foetal toxicity: NOAEL: 400 mg/kg body weight Remarks: No significant adverse effects were reported Maternal toxicity observed.
	Test Type: Development Species: Rat Application Route: Oral Embryo-foetal toxicity: NOAEL: 1,200 mg/kg body weight Remarks: No significant adverse effects were reported Maternal toxicity observed.
Reproductive toxicity - Assessment	: Suspected of damaging fertility.

#### **STOT - single exposure**

May cause respiratory irritation.

### Components:

#### **Cefalexin:**

Exposure routes	: Inhalation
Assessment	: May cause respiratory irritation.

#### **STOT - repeated exposure**

May cause damage to organs (Kidney, Adrenal gland, Blood, Gastrointestinal tract) through prolonged or repeated exposure.

### Components:

#### **Cefalexin:**

Target Organs	: Kidney, Adrenal gland, Blood, Gastrointestinal tract
Assessment	: May cause damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure.

#### **Repeated dose toxicity**

### Components:

#### **Cefalexin:**

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Species	:	Rat
NOAEL	:	< 160 mg/kg
Application Route	:	Oral
Target Organs	:	Kidney, Adrenal gland, Blood
Symptoms	:	Vomiting, Diarrhoea, Kidney disorders, Blood disorders
Species	:	Dog
NOAEL	:	< 160 mg/kg
Application Route	:	Oral
Target Organs	:	Kidney, Adrenal gland, Blood
Symptoms	:	Vomiting, Diarrhoea, Blood disorders, Kidney disorders
Species	:	Monkey
NOAEL	:	< 160 mg/kg
Application Route	:	Oral
Target Organs	:	Kidney, Adrenal gland, Blood
Symptoms	:	Vomiting, Diarrhoea, Blood disorders, Kidney disorders

### Aspiration toxicity

Not classified based on available information.

### Experience with human exposure

#### Components:

##### **Cefalexin:**

Inhalation	:	Target Organs: Respiratory Tract Remarks: May cause irritation of respiratory tract. May cause sensitisation by inhalation.
Ingestion	:	Target Organs: Gastrointestinal tract Symptoms: The most common side effects are:, Nausea, Vomiting, Abdominal pain, Diarrhoea, liver function change, blood effects

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## SECTION 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### Ecotoxicity

#### Components:

##### **Cefalexin:**

#### **Ecotoxicology Assessment**

Acute aquatic toxicity	:	Toxic effects cannot be excluded
Chronic aquatic toxicity	:	Toxic effects cannot be excluded

### Persistence and degradability

No data available

### Bioaccumulative potential

No data available

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### **Mobility in soil**

No data available

### **Other adverse effects**

No data available

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## SECTION 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

### **Disposal methods**

Waste from residues : Do not dispose of waste into sewer.  
Dispose of in accordance with local regulations.

Contaminated packaging : Empty containers should be taken to an approved waste handling site for recycling or disposal.  
If not otherwise specified: Dispose of as unused product.

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## SECTION 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

### **International Regulations**

#### **UNRTDG**

UN number : Not applicable  
Proper shipping name : Not applicable  
Class : Not applicable  
Subsidiary risk : Not applicable  
Packing group : Not applicable  
Labels : Not applicable  
Environmentally hazardous : no

#### **IATA-DGR**

UN/ID No. : UN 3334  
Proper shipping name : Aviation regulated liquid, n.o.s.  
II  
Class : 9  
Packing group : III  
Labels : Miscellaneous  
Packing instruction (cargo aircraft) : 964  
Packing instruction (passenger aircraft) : 964

#### **IMDG-Code**

UN number : Not applicable  
Proper shipping name : Not applicable  
Class : Not applicable  
Subsidiary risk : Not applicable  
Packing group : Not applicable  
Labels : Not applicable  
EmS Code : Not applicable  
Marine pollutant : Not applicable

### **Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL 73/78 and the IBC Code**

Not applicable for product as supplied.

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### National Regulations

#### ADG

UN number	:	Not applicable
Proper shipping name	:	Not applicable
Class	:	Not applicable
Subsidiary risk	:	Not applicable
Packing group	:	Not applicable
Labels	:	Not applicable
Hazchem Code	:	Not applicable

#### Special precautions for user

The transport classification(s) provided herein are for informational purposes only, and solely based upon the properties of the unpackaged material as it is described within this Safety Data Sheet. Transportation classifications may vary by mode of transportation, package sizes, and variations in regional or country regulations.

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## SECTION 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

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

Therapeutic Goods (Poisons Standard) Instrument	:	No poison schedule number allocated (Please use the original publication to check for specific uses, specific conditions or threshold limits that might apply for this chemical)
Prohibition/Licensing Requirements	:	There is no applicable prohibition, authorisation and restricted use requirements, including for carcinogens referred to in Schedule 10 of the model WHS Act and Regulations.

### The components of this product are reported in the following inventories:

DSL	:	not determined
AICS	:	not determined
IECSC	:	not determined

## SECTION 16: ANY OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION

### Further information

Revision Date	:	14.04.2025
Sources of key data used to compile the Safety Data Sheet	:	Internal technical data, data from raw material SDSs, OECD eChem Portal search results and European Chemicals Agency, <a href="http://echa.europa.eu/">http://echa.europa.eu/</a>

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AIIC - Australian Inventory of Industrial Chemicals; ANTT - National Agency for Transport by Land of Brazil; ASTM - American Society for the Testing of Materials; bw - Body weight; CMR - Carcinogen, Mutagen or Reproductive Toxicant; DIN - Standard of the German Institute for Standardisation; DSL - Domestic Substances List (Canada); ECx - Concentration associated with x% response; ELx - Loading rate associated with x% response; EmS - Emergency Schedule; ENCS - Existing and New Chemical Substances (Japan); ErCx - Concentration associated with x% growth rate response; ERG - Emergency Response Guide; GHS - Globally Harmonized System; GLP - Good Laboratory Practice; IARC - International Agency for Research on Cancer; IATA - International Air Transport Association; IBC - International Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships carrying Dangerous Chemicals in Bulk; IC50 - Half maximal inhibitory concentration; ICAO - International Civil Aviation Organization; IECSC - Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances in China; IMDG - International Maritime Dangerous Goods; IMO - International Maritime Organization; ISHL - Industrial Safety and Health Law (Japan); ISO - International Organisation for Standardization; KECI - Korea Existing Chemicals Inventory; LC50 - Lethal Concentration to 50 % of a test population; LD50 - Lethal Dose to 50% of a test population (Median Lethal Dose); MARPOL - International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships; n.o.s. - Not Otherwise Specified; Nch - Chilean Norm; NO(A)EC - No Observed (Adverse) Effect Concentration; NO(A)EL - No Observed (Adverse) Effect Level; NOELR - No Observable Effect Loading Rate; NOM - Official Mexican Norm; NTP - National Toxicology Program; NZIoC - New Zealand Inventory of Chemicals; OECD - Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development; OPPTS - Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention; PBT - Persistent, Bioaccumulative and Toxic substance; PICCS - Philippines Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances; (Q)SAR - (Quantitative) Structure Activity Relationship; REACH - Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals; SADT - Self-Accelerating Decomposition Temperature; SDS - Safety Data Sheet; TCSI - Taiwan Chemical Substance Inventory; TDG - Transportation of Dangerous Goods; TECI - Thailand Existing Chemicals Inventory; TSCA - Toxic Substances Control Act (United States); UN - United Nations; UNRTDG - United Nations Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods; vPvB - Very Persistent and Very Bioaccumulative; WHMIS - Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System

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