

# SAFETY DATA SHEET

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### 1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

Product name : Cefalexin Formulation

#### Manufacturer or supplier's details

Company : MSD

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

Recommended use : Veterinary product

Restrictions on use : Not applicable

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### 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

#### Manufacture, Storage and Import of Hazardous Chemicals Rules 1989

##### Classification

Not classified as hazardous according to criteria laid down in Part I of Schedule-1.

##### GHS Classification

Acute toxicity (Oral) : Category 5

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

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Hazard statements : H303 May be harmful if swallowed.  
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.

Precautionary statements : **Prevention:**  
P203 Obtain, read and follow all safety instructions before use.  
P233 Keep container tightly closed.  
P260 Do not breathe mist or vapours.  
P271 Use only outdoors or with adequate ventilation.  
P280 Wear protective gloves/ protective clothing/ eye protection/ face protection.  
P284 Wear respiratory protection.  
**Response:**  
P301 + P317 IF SWALLOWED: Get medical help.  
P304 + P340 + P319 IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing. Get medical help if you feel unwell.  
P318 IF exposed or concerned, get medical advice.  
P342 + P316 If experiencing respiratory symptoms: Get emergency medical help immediately.  
**Storage:**  
P403 Store in a well-ventilated place.  
P405 Store locked up.  
**Disposal:**  
P501 Dispose of contents/ container to an approved waste disposal plant.

### Additional Labelling

The following percentage of the mixture consists of ingredient(s) with unknown hazards to the aquatic environment: 21 %

### Other hazards which do not result in classification

None known.

## 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Substance / Mixture : Mixture

### Components

Chemical name	CAS-No.	Concentration (% w/w)
Cefalexin	15686-71-2	>= 20 - < 30
Glycerides, mixed decanoyl and octanoyl	73398-61-5	>= 1 - < 5

### Alternative CAS Numbers for some regions

Chemical name	Alternative CAS Number(s)

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Glycerides, mixed decanoyl and octanoyl	52622-27-2
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### 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.  
Get medical attention.  
Wash clothing before reuse.  
Thoroughly clean shoes before reuse.

In case of eye contact : Flush eyes with water as a precaution.  
Get medical attention if irritation develops and persists.

If swallowed : 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 be harmful if swallowed.  
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.

### 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

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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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## 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures : Use personal protective equipment.  
Follow safe handling advice (see section 7) and personal protective equipment recommendations (see section 8).

Environmental precautions : Avoid release to the environment.  
Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so.  
Prevent spreading over a wide area (e.g. by containment or oil barriers).  
Retain and dispose of contaminated wash water.  
Local authorities should be advised if significant spillages cannot be contained.

Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up : Soak up with inert absorbent material.  
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.  
Clean up remaining materials from spill with suitable absorbent.  
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.  
Sections 13 and 15 of this SDS provide information regarding certain local or national requirements.

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## 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

Technical measures : See Engineering measures under EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION section.

Local/Total ventilation : If sufficient ventilation is unavailable, use with local exhaust ventilation.

Advice on safe handling : Do not breathe mist or vapours.  
Do not swallow.  
Avoid contact with eyes.  
Avoid prolonged or repeated contact with skin.  
Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice, based on the results of the workplace exposure assessment  
Keep container tightly closed.  
Already sensitised individuals, and those susceptible

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to asthma, allergies, chronic or recurrent respiratory disease, should consult their physician regarding working with respiratory irritants or sensitizers.

Take care to prevent spills, waste and minimize release to the environment.

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

## 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

### Components with workplace control parameters

Components	CAS-No.	Value type (Form of exposure)	Control parame- ters / 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

Material : 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.

Hygiene measures : If exposure to chemical is likely during typical use, provide eye flushing systems and safety showers close to the working place.  
When using do not eat, drink or smoke.  
Wash contaminated clothing before re-use.

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The effective operation of a facility should include review of engineering controls, proper personal protective equipment, appropriate degowning and decontamination procedures, industrial hygiene monitoring, medical surveillance and the use of administrative controls.

### 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Appearance	:	liquid
Colour	:	clear
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		

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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
Particle characteristics	
Particle size	: Not applicable

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## 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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## 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Information on likely routes of exposure	: Inhalation Skin contact Ingestion Eye contact
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### Acute toxicity

May be harmful if swallowed.

#### Product:

Acute oral toxicity	: Acute toxicity estimate: 2,381 mg/kg Method: Calculation method
Acute inhalation toxicity	: Acute toxicity estimate: > 10 mg/l Exposure time: 4 h Test atmosphere: dust/mist 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
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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

### Glycerides, mixed decanoyl and octanoyl:

Acute oral toxicity : LD50 (Rat): > 5,000 mg/kg  
Remarks: Based on data from similar materials

Acute inhalation toxicity : LC50 (Rat): > 1.86 mg/l  
Exposure time: 6 h  
Test atmosphere: dust/mist

Acute dermal toxicity : LD50 (Rat): > 2,000 mg/kg  
Method: OECD Test Guideline 402  
Assessment: The substance or mixture has no acute dermal toxicity  
Remarks: Based on data from similar materials

### Skin corrosion/irritation

Not classified based on available information.

### Components:

#### Glycerides, mixed decanoyl and octanoyl:

Species : Rabbit  
Result : No skin irritation

### Serious eye damage/eye irritation

Not classified based on available information.

### Components:

#### Glycerides, mixed decanoyl and octanoyl:

Species : Rabbit  
Result : No eye irritation

### 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

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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.

### Glycerides, mixed decanoyl and octanoyl:

Test Type	: Buehler Test
Exposure routes	: Skin contact
Species	: Guinea pig
Method	: OECD Test Guideline 406
Result	: negative
Remarks	: Based on data from similar materials

### 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

#### Glycerides, mixed decanoyl and octanoyl:

Genotoxicity in vitro	: Test Type: Bacterial reverse mutation assay (AMES) Method: Directive 67/548/EEC, Annex, B.13/14 Result: negative Remarks: Based on data from similar materials
	: Test Type: Chromosome aberration test in vitro Result: negative Remarks: Based on data from similar materials
	: Test Type: In vitro mammalian cell gene mutation test Result: negative Remarks: Based on data from similar materials
	: Test Type: In vitro sister chromatid exchange assay in mammalian cells

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		Result: negative Remarks: Based on data from similar materials
Genotoxicity in vivo	:	Test Type: Mammalian erythrocyte micronucleus test (in vivo cytogenetic assay) Species: Mouse Application Route: Ingestion Result: negative Remarks: Based on data from similar materials

### Carcinogenicity

Not classified based on available information.

### Reproductive toxicity

Suspected of damaging fertility.

### 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.

#### Glycerides, mixed decanoyl and octanoyl:

Effects on fertility	:	Test Type: Two-generation reproduction toxicity study Species: Rat Application Route: Ingestion Method: OECD Test Guideline 416 Result: negative Remarks: Based on data from similar materials
Effects on foetal development	:	Test Type: Embryo-foetal development Species: Rat Application Route: Intravenous injection

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Result: negative

Remarks: Based on data from similar materials

### 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:**

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

### Glycerides, mixed decanoyl and octanoyl:

Species	:	Rat
NOAEL	:	5,000 mg/kg
Application Route	:	Ingestion
Exposure time	:	13 Weeks
Remarks	:	Based on data from similar materials

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### 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

## 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### Ecotoxicity

#### Components:

##### Cefalexin:

#### Ecotoxicology Assessment

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

#### Glycerides, mixed decanoyl and octanoyl:

Toxicity to fish	: LL50 (Danio rerio (zebra fish)): > 1,000 mg/l Exposure time: 96 h Test substance: Water Accommodated Fraction Method: Directive 67/548/EEC, Annex V, C.1.
Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates	: EL50 (Daphnia magna (Water flea)): > 100 mg/l Exposure time: 48 h Test substance: Water Accommodated Fraction Method: Directive 67/548/EEC, Annex V, C.2. Remarks: Based on data from similar materials
Toxicity to algae/aquatic plants	: EL10 ( Desmodesmus subspicatus (green algae)): > 1,000 mg/l Exposure time: 72 h Test substance: Water Accommodated Fraction Method: Directive 67/548/EEC, Annex V, C.3.
	: EL50 ( Desmodesmus subspicatus (green algae)): > 1,000 mg/l Exposure time: 72 h Test substance: Water Accommodated Fraction Method: Directive 67/548/EEC, Annex V, C.3.
Toxicity to daphnia and other	: NOEC: >= 0.01 mg/l

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aquatic invertebrates (Chronic toxicity)

Exposure time: 21 d  
Species: Daphnia magna (Water flea)  
Test substance: Water Accommodated Fraction  
Method: OECD Test Guideline 211  
Remarks: Based on data from similar materials  
No toxicity at the limit of solubility

### Persistence and degradability

#### Components:

##### Glycerides, mixed decanoyl and octanoyl:

Biodegradability : Result: Readily biodegradable.  
Biodegradation: 95.4 %  
Exposure time: 28 d  
Method: OECD Test Guideline 301B

### Bioaccumulative potential

#### Components:

##### Glycerides, mixed decanoyl and octanoyl:

Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water : log Pow: > 8

### Mobility in soil

No data available

### Other adverse effects

No data available

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## 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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## 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

#### International Regulations

##### UNRTDG

Not regulated as a dangerous good

##### IATA-DGR

UN/ID No. : UN 3334  
Proper shipping name : Aviation regulated liquid, n.o.s.  
(Cefalexin)  
Class : 9  
Packing group : III

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Labels : Miscellaneous  
Packing instruction (cargo aircraft) : 964  
Packing instruction (passenger aircraft) : 964

### IMDG-Code

Not regulated as a dangerous good

### Transport in bulk according to IMO instruments

Not applicable for product as supplied.

### 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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## 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

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

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

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

## 16. OTHER INFORMATION

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#### Further information

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, <http://echa.europa.eu/>

Items where changes have been made to the previous version are highlighted in the body of this document by two vertical lines.

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#### Full text of other abbreviations

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 Sys

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