

**Dexamethasone (0.085%) Formulation**

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**1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION**

Product name : Dexamethasone (0.085%) Formulation

**Manufacturer or supplier's details**

Company : MSD

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Singapore - Singapore 638408

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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****GHS Classification**

Not a hazardous substance or mixture.

**GHS label elements**

No hazard pictogram, no signal word, no hazard statement(s), no precautionary statement(s) required

**Other hazards which do not result in classification**

None known.

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**3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS**

Substance / Mixture : Mixture

**Components**

Chemical name	CAS-No.	Concentration (% w/w)
Benzyl alcohol	100-51-6	>= 1 -< 10
Dexamethasone	50-02-2	>= 0.025 -< 0.1

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**4. FIRST AID MEASURES**

If inhaled : If inhaled, remove to fresh air.  
Get medical attention if symptoms occur.

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In case of skin contact	:	Wash with water and soap as a precaution. Get medical attention if symptoms occur.
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 if symptoms occur. Rinse mouth thoroughly with water.
Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed	:	None known.
Protection of first-aiders	:	No special precautions are necessary for first aid responders.
Notes to physician	:	Treat symptomatically and supportively.

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### 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 Metal 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	:	Wear self-contained breathing apparatus for firefighting if necessary. Use personal protective equipment.

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### 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures	:	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

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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.

### 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

- Technical measures : See Engineering measures under EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION section.
- Local/Total ventilation : Use only with adequate ventilation.
- Advice on safe handling : Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice, based on the results of the workplace exposure assessment  
Take care to prevent spills, waste and minimize release to the environment.
- Conditions for safe storage : Keep in properly labelled containers.  
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 parameters / Permissible concentration	Basis
Dexamethasone	50-02-2	TWA	10 µg/m <sup>3</sup> (OEB 3)	Internal
Further information: Skin				
		Wipe limit	100 µg/100 cm <sup>2</sup>	Internal

- 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.  
Containment technologies suitable for controlling compounds are required to control at source and to prevent migration of the compound to uncontrolled areas (e.g., open-face containment devices).  
Minimize open handling.

#### Personal protective equipment

- Respiratory protection : If adequate local exhaust ventilation is not available or expo-

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Filter type	:	sure assessment demonstrates exposures outside the recommended guidelines, use respiratory protection.
Hand protection	:	Organic vapour type
Material	:	Chemical-resistant gloves
Remarks	:	Consider double gloving.
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. Additional body garments should be used based upon the task being performed (e.g., sleevelets, apron, gauntlets, disposable suits) to avoid exposed skin surfaces. Use appropriate degowning techniques to remove potentially contaminated clothing.
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. 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.

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### 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Appearance	:	suspension
Colour	:	No data available
Odour	:	No data available
Odour Threshold	:	No data available
pH	:	7.0 - 7.8 No data available
Melting point/freezing point	:	Not applicable
Initial boiling point and boiling range	:	No data available
Flash point	:	No data available
Evaporation rate	:	No data available

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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	:	1.01 g/cm <sup>3</sup>
Solubility(ies)	:	
Water solubility	:	soluble
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	:	Not applicable
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**

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Information on likely routes of exposure : 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

Acute inhalation toxicity : Acute toxicity estimate: > 5 mg/l  
Exposure time: 4 h  
Test atmosphere: dust/mist  
Method: Calculation method

**Components:****Benzyl alcohol:**

Acute oral toxicity : LD50 (Rat): 1,620 mg/kg

Acute inhalation toxicity : LC50 (Rat): > 4.178 mg/l  
Exposure time: 4 h  
Test atmosphere: dust/mist  
Method: OECD Test Guideline 403

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Acute oral toxicity : LD50 (Rat): > 2,000 mg/kg  
LD50 (Mouse): > 6,500 mg/kg

Acute toxicity (other routes of administration) : LD50 (Rat): 14 mg/kg  
Application Route: Subcutaneous

**Skin corrosion/irritation**

Not classified based on available information.

**Components:****Benzyl alcohol:**

Species : Rabbit  
Method : OECD Test Guideline 404  
Result : No skin irritation

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Species : Rabbit  
Result : Mild skin irritation

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**Serious eye damage/eye irritation**

Not classified based on available information.

**Components:****Benzyl alcohol:**

Species	:	Rabbit
Result	:	Irritation to eyes, reversing within 21 days
Method	:	OECD Test Guideline 405

**Dexamethasone:**

Species	:	Rabbit
Result	:	Mild eye irritation

**Respiratory or skin sensitisation****Skin sensitisation**

Not classified based on available information.

**Respiratory sensitisation**

Not classified based on available information.

**Components:****Benzyl alcohol:**

Test Type	:	Maximisation Test
Exposure routes	:	Skin contact
Species	:	Guinea pig
Method	:	OECD Test Guideline 406
Result	:	negative

**Germ cell mutagenicity**

Not classified based on available information.

**Components:****Benzyl alcohol:**

Genotoxicity in vitro	:	Test Type: Bacterial reverse mutation assay (AMES) Result: negative
Genotoxicity in vivo	:	Test Type: Mammalian erythrocyte micronucleus test (in vivo cytogenetic assay) Species: Mouse Application Route: Intraperitoneal injection Result: negative

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Genotoxicity in vitro	:	Test Type: Bacterial reverse mutation assay (AMES) Result: negative
		Test Type: in vitro assay

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Test system: mouse lymphoma cells  
Result: negative

Genotoxicity in vivo : Test Type: Micronucleus test  
Species: Mouse  
Application Route: Oral  
Result: negative

**Carcinogenicity**

Not classified based on available information.

**Components:****Benzyl alcohol:**

Species : Mouse  
Application Route : Ingestion  
Exposure time : 103 weeks  
Method : OECD Test Guideline 451  
Result : negative

**Reproductive toxicity**

Not classified based on available information.

**Components:****Benzyl alcohol:**

Effects on fertility : Test Type: Fertility/early embryonic development  
Species: Rat  
Application Route: Ingestion  
Result: negative  
Remarks: Based on data from similar materials

Effects on foetal development : Test Type: Embryo-foetal development  
Species: Mouse  
Application Route: Ingestion  
Result: negative

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Effects on foetal development : Test Type: Development  
Species: Mouse  
Application Route: Subcutaneous  
Developmental Toxicity: LOAEL: 6 mg/kg body weight  
Result: Specific developmental abnormalities, Cleft palate

Species: Rabbit  
Application Route: Intramuscular  
Developmental Toxicity: NOAEL: 0.025 mg/kg body weight  
Result: Specific developmental abnormalities

Species: Rabbit  
Application Route: Intramuscular



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Developmental Toxicity: LOAEL:  $\geq$  0.062 mg/kg body weight  
Result: Specific developmental abnormalities

Species: Rat  
Application Route: Subcutaneous  
Developmental Toxicity: LOAEL:  $\geq$  0.02 mg/kg body weight  
Result: Skeletal and visceral variations, Retardations

Reproductive toxicity - Assessment : May damage the unborn child.

### STOT - single exposure

Not classified based on available information.

### STOT - repeated exposure

Not classified based on available information.

### Components:

#### Dexamethasone:

Exposure routes : Oral  
Target Organs : Adrenal gland, Immune system, thymus gland  
Assessment : May cause damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure.

### Repeated dose toxicity

### Components:

#### Benzyl alcohol:

Species : Rat  
NOAEL : 1.072 mg/l  
Application Route : inhalation (dust/mist/fume)  
Exposure time : 28 Days  
Method : OECD Test Guideline 412

#### Dexamethasone:

Species : Rat  
NOAEL : 0.0015 mg/kg  
Application Route : Oral  
Exposure time : 7 d  
Target Organs : Liver  
Remarks : Significant toxicity observed in testing

Species : Rat  
LOAEL : 0.003 mg/kg  
Application Route : Oral  
Exposure time : 90 d  
Target Organs : Blood, Adrenal gland, thymus gland  
Remarks : Significant toxicity observed in testing

Species : Rat

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LOAEL : 0.125 mg/kg  
 Application Route : Oral  
 Exposure time : 6 Weeks  
 Target Organs : Adrenal gland  
 Remarks : Significant toxicity observed in testing

Species : Rat  
 LOAEL : 0.4 mg/kg  
 Application Route : Oral  
 Exposure time : 3 Months  
 Target Organs : Immune system  
 Remarks : Significant toxicity observed in testing

Species : Dog  
 LOAEL : 8 mg/kg  
 Application Route : Oral  
 Exposure time : 3 Months  
 Target Organs : Immune system  
 Remarks : Significant toxicity observed in testing

### Aspiration toxicity

Not classified based on available information.

### Experience with human exposure

#### Components:

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Ingestion : Target Organs: Immune system  
 Target Organs: Adrenal gland  
 Target Organs: Bone  
 Symptoms: muscle weakness

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## 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### Ecotoxicity

#### Components:

#### **Benzyl alcohol:**

Toxicity to fish : LC50 (Pimephales promelas (fathead minnow)): 460 mg/l  
 Exposure time: 96 h

Toxicity to daphnia and other : EC50 (Daphnia magna (Water flea)): 230 mg/l  
 aquatic invertebrates : Exposure time: 48 h  
 Method: OECD Test Guideline 202

Toxicity to algae/aquatic : EC50 (Pseudokirchneriella subcapitata (green algae)): 770  
 plants : mg/l  
 Exposure time: 72 h  
 Method: OECD Test Guideline 201

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NOEC (Pseudokirchneriella subcapitata (green algae)): 310 mg/l  
Exposure time: 72 h  
Method: OECD Test Guideline 201

Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates (Chronic toxicity) : NOEC (Daphnia magna (Water flea)): 51 mg/l  
Exposure time: 21 d  
Method: OECD Test Guideline 211

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Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates : EC50 (Daphnia magna (Water flea)): > 56 mg/l  
Exposure time: 48 h  
Method: OECD Test Guideline 202

Toxicity to algae/aquatic plants : EC50 (Pseudokirchneriella subcapitata (green algae)): > 9.2 mg/l  
Exposure time: 72 h  
Method: OECD Test Guideline 201

NOEC (Pseudokirchneriella subcapitata (green algae)): 9.2 mg/l  
Exposure time: 72 h  
Method: OECD Test Guideline 201

Toxicity to fish (Chronic toxicity) : NOEC (Pimephales promelas (fathead minnow)): 0.033 mg/l  
Exposure time: 32 d  
Method: OECD Test Guideline 210

M-Factor (Chronic aquatic toxicity) : 1

Toxicity to microorganisms : EC50: > 1,000 mg/l  
Exposure time: 3 h  
Test Type: Respiration inhibition  
Method: OECD Test Guideline 209

NOEC: 1,000 mg/l  
Exposure time: 3 h  
Test Type: Respiration inhibition  
Method: OECD Test Guideline 209

**Persistence and degradability****Components:****Benzyl alcohol:**

Biodegradability : Result: Readily biodegradable.  
Biodegradation: 92 - 96 %  
Exposure time: 14 d

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Biodegradability : Result: Not readily biodegradable.

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Biodegradation: 50 %  
Exposure time: 3.54 d  
Method: OECD Test Guideline 314

**Bioaccumulative potential****Components:****Benzyl alcohol:**

Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water : log Pow: 1.05

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Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water : log Pow: 1.83

**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**

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

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UN/ID No. : Not applicable  
Proper shipping name : Not applicable  
Class : Not applicable  
Subsidiary risk : Not applicable  
Packing group : Not applicable  
Labels : Not applicable  
Packing instruction (cargo aircraft) : Not applicable

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Packing instruction (passenger aircraft) : Not applicable

**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.

**Special precautions for user**

Not applicable

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**15. REGULATORY INFORMATION****Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture****Workplace Safety and Health Act and Workplace Safety and Health (General Provisions) Regulations: This product is subjected to the SDS, labelling, PEL and other requirements in the Act/Regulations.**

Environmental Protection and Management Act and : Not applicable  
Environmental Protection and Management (Hazardous Substances) Regulations

Fire Safety (Petroleum and Flammable Materials) : Not applicable  
Regulations

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

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

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**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/>

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**Full text of other abbreviations**

AllC - 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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