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## Material Safety Data Sheet Vitamin A MSDS

### Section 1: Chemical Product and Company Identification

**Product Name:** Vitamin A

**Catalog Codes:** SLR1423

**CAS#:** 68-26-8

**RTECS:** VH6750000

**TSCA:** TSCA 8(b) inventory: Vitamin A

**CI#:** Not available.

**Synonym:** all trans Retinol

**Chemical Name:** Vitamin A

**Chemical Formula:** C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>30</sub>O

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### Section 2: Composition and Information on Ingredients

**Composition:**

Name	CAS #	% by Weight
Vitamin A	68-26-8	100

**Toxicological Data on Ingredients:** Vitamin A: ORAL (LD50): Acute: 1510 mg/kg [Mouse]. 2000 mg/kg [Rat].

### Section 3: Hazards Identification

**Potential Acute Health Effects:**

Hazardous in case of skin contact (irritant), of eye contact (irritant), of ingestion. Slightly hazardous in case of inhalation.

**Potential Chronic Health Effects:**

CARCINOGENIC EFFECTS: Not available.

MUTAGENIC EFFECTS: Mutagenic for mammalian somatic cells.

TERATOGENIC EFFECTS: Classified POSSIBLE for human.

DEVELOPMENTAL TOXICITY: Not available.

Repeated or prolonged exposure is not known to aggravate medical condition.

### Section 4: First Aid Measures

**Eye Contact:**

Check for and remove any contact lenses. In case of contact, immediately flush eyes with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Cold water may be used. WARM water MUST be used. Get medical attention.

**Skin Contact:**

In case of contact, immediately flush skin with plenty of water. Cover the irritated skin with an emollient. Remove contaminated clothing and shoes. Wash clothing before reuse. Thoroughly clean shoes before reuse. Get medical attention.

**Serious Skin Contact:**

Wash with a disinfectant soap and cover the contaminated skin with an anti-bacterial cream. Seek immediate medical attention.

**Inhalation:**

If inhaled, remove to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. Get medical attention.

**Serious Inhalation:** Not available.

**Ingestion:**

Do NOT induce vomiting unless directed to do so by medical personnel. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. If large quantities of this material are swallowed, call a physician immediately. Loosen tight clothing such as a collar, tie, belt or waistband.

**Serious Ingestion:** Not available.

## Section 5: Fire and Explosion Data

**Flammability of the Product:** May be combustible at high temperature.

**Auto-Ignition Temperature:** Not available.

**Flash Points:** Not available.

**Flammable Limits:** Not available.

**Products of Combustion:** These products are carbon oxides (CO, CO<sub>2</sub>).

**Fire Hazards in Presence of Various Substances:**

Slightly flammable to flammable in presence of open flames and sparks, of heat.

Non-flammable in presence of shocks.

**Explosion Hazards in Presence of Various Substances:**

Risks of explosion of the product in presence of mechanical impact: Not available.

Risks of explosion of the product in presence of static discharge: Not available.

**Fire Fighting Media and Instructions:**

SMALL FIRE: Use DRY chemical powder.

LARGE FIRE: Use water spray, fog or foam. Do not use water jet.

**Special Remarks on Fire Hazards:** Not available.

**Special Remarks on Explosion Hazards:** Not available.

## Section 6: Accidental Release Measures

**Small Spill:**

Use appropriate tools to put the spilled solid in a convenient waste disposal container. Finish cleaning by spreading water on the contaminated surface and dispose of according to local and regional authority requirements.

**Large Spill:**

Use a shovel to put the material into a convenient waste disposal container. Finish cleaning by spreading water on the contaminated surface and allow to evacuate through the sanitary system.

**Section 7: Handling and Storage****Precautions:**

Keep locked up.. Keep away from heat. Keep away from sources of ignition. Empty containers pose a fire risk, evaporate the residue under a fume hood. Ground all equipment containing material. Do not ingest. Do not breathe dust. Wear suitable protective clothing. If ingested, seek medical advice immediately and show the container or the label. Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Keep away from incompatibles such as oxidizing agents, alkalis.

**Storage:**

Light Sensitive. Store in light-resistant containers. Keep container tightly closed. Keep container in a cool, well-ventilated area. Do not store above 39°C. (102.2°F). Preferably store between 15 and 30 C (59 to 86 F)

**Section 8: Exposure Controls/Personal Protection****Engineering Controls:**

Use process enclosures, local exhaust ventilation, or other engineering controls to keep airborne levels below recommended exposure limits. If user operations generate dust, fume or mist, use ventilation to keep exposure to airborne contaminants below the exposure limit.

**Personal Protection:**

Splash goggles. Lab coat. Dust respirator. Be sure to use an approved/certified respirator or equivalent. Gloves.

**Personal Protection in Case of a Large Spill:**

Splash goggles. Full suit. Dust respirator. Boots. Gloves. A self contained breathing apparatus should be used to avoid inhalation of the product. Suggested protective clothing might not be sufficient; consult a specialist BEFORE handling this product.

**Exposure Limits:** Not available.

**Section 9: Physical and Chemical Properties**

**Physical state and appearance:** Solid. (Crystals solid.)

**Odor:** Not available.

**Taste:** Not available.

**Molecular Weight:** 286.44 g/mole

**Color:** Yellowish.

**pH (1% soln/water):** Not available.

**Boiling Point:** 122.5°C (252.5°F)

**Melting Point:** 63°C (145.4°F)

**Critical Temperature:** Not available.

**Specific Gravity:** Not available.

**Vapor Pressure:** Not applicable.

**Vapor Density:** Not available.

**Volatility:** Not available.

**Odor Threshold:** Not available.

**Water/Oil Dist. Coeff.:** Not available.

**Ionicity (in Water):** Not available.

**Dispersion Properties:** See solubility in water, methanol, diethyl ether, acetone.

**Solubility:**

Soluble in methanol, diethyl ether, acetone, chloroform, fats, oils, ethanol, benzene.

Very slightly soluble in cold water.

Very soluble in organic solvents.

### Section 10: Stability and Reactivity Data

**Stability:** The product is stable.

**Instability Temperature:** Not available.

**Conditions of Instability:** Excess heat, dust generation, light, air, incompatible materials.

**Incompatibility with various substances:** Reactive with oxidizing agents, alkalis.

**Corrosivity:** Non-corrosive in presence of glass.

**Special Remarks on Reactivity:**

Light sensitive.

Not readily destroyed by heat, but is easily oxidized and is less stable in acid than in alkaline solution.

**Special Remarks on Corrosivity:** Not available.

**Polymerization:** Will not occur.

### Section 11: Toxicological Information

**Routes of Entry:** Inhalation. Ingestion.

**Toxicity to Animals:** Acute oral toxicity (LD50): 1510 mg/kg [Mouse].

**Chronic Effects on Humans:**

MUTAGENIC EFFECTS: Mutagenic for mammalian somatic cells.

TERATOGENIC EFFECTS: Classified POSSIBLE for human.

**Other Toxic Effects on Humans:**

Hazardous in case of skin contact (irritant), of ingestion.

Slightly hazardous in case of inhalation.

**Special Remarks on Toxicity to Animals:** Lowest Published Lethal Dose (LDL) [Infant] - Route: Oral; Dose: 442 ku/kg/11D

**Special Remarks on Chronic Effects on Humans:**

Ingesting high doses (>10,000). Can cause birth defects (teratogen - development abnormalities).

May affect genetic material (mutagen).

Passes through the placenta (animal), excreted in maternal milk (human).

**Special Remarks on other Toxic Effects on Humans:**

**Acute Potential Health Effects:**

Skin: May cause skin irritation.

Eyes: May cause eye irritation.

Ingestion: May be harmful if swallowed in large amounts. May cause irritation of the digestive tract. May affect the liver, blood, behavior, respiration, sense organs, metabolism, urinary system.

Inhalation: May cause respiratory tract irritation.

### Section 12: Ecological Information

**Ecotoxicity:** Not available.

**BOD5 and COD:** Not available.

**Products of Biodegradation:**

Possibly hazardous short term degradation products are not likely. However, long term degradation products may arise.

**Toxicity of the Products of Biodegradation:** The products of degradation are less toxic than the product itself.

**Special Remarks on the Products of Biodegradation:** Not available.

### Section 13: Disposal Considerations

**Waste Disposal:**

Waste must be disposed of in accordance with federal, state and local environmental control regulations.

### Section 14: Transport Information

**DOT Classification:** Not a DOT controlled material (United States).

**Identification:** Not applicable.

**Special Provisions for Transport:** Not applicable.

### Section 15: Other Regulatory Information

**Federal and State Regulations:**

California prop. 65: This product contains the following ingredients for which the State of California has found to cause cancer, birth defects or other reproductive harm, which would require a warning under the statute: Vitamin A

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Massachusetts RTK: Vitamin A

TSCA 8(b) inventory: Vitamin A

**Other Regulations:** EINECS: This product is on the European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances.

**Other Classifications:**

**WHMIS (Canada):** Not controlled under WHMIS (Canada).

**DSCL (EEC):**

R22- Harmful if swallowed.

R36/38- Irritating to eyes and skin.

R40- Possible risks of irreversible effects.

R63- Possible risk of harm to the unborn child.  
S2- Keep out of the reach of children.  
S36/37- Wear suitable protective clothing and gloves.  
S46- If swallowed, seek medical advice immediately and show this container or label.

**HMIS (U.S.A.):**

**Health Hazard:** 2

**Fire Hazard:** 1

**Reactivity:** 0

**Personal Protection:** E

**National Fire Protection Association (U.S.A.):**

**Health:** 2

**Flammability:** 1

**Reactivity:** 0

**Specific hazard:**

**Protective Equipment:**

Gloves.  
Lab coat.  
Dust respirator. Be sure to use an approved/certified respirator or equivalent.  
Splash goggles.

**Section 16: Other Information**

**References:** Not available.

**Other Special Considerations:** Not available.

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