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## Material Safety Data Sheet

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### Section 1 - Product and Company Information

**Product Name** Dimethyl Sulfoxide, Biotechnology Performance Certified  
**Product Number** D2438  
**Brand** Sigma Chemical

**Company** Sigma-Aldrich  
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### Section 2 - Composition/Information on Ingredient

Substance Name	CAS #	SARA 313	EC no	Annex I Index Number
DIMETHYL SULFOXIDE, MEETS USP TESTING SPECS.	67-68-5	No	200-664-3	

**Formula** C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>6</sub>O<sub>S</sub>  
**Synonyms** A 10846, Deltan, Demeso, Demasorb, Demavet, Demsodrox, Dermasorb, Dimethyl sulfoxide, Dimethyl sulphoxide, Dimexide, Dipiratriol-tropico, DMS-70, DMS-90, DMSO, Dolcur, Domoso, Dromisol, Durasorb, Gamisol 90, Hyadur, Infiltrina, M 176, Methane, sulfinylbis-, Methylsulfinylmethane, NSC-763, Rimso-50, Somipront, SQ 9453, Sulfinylbis(methane), Syntexan, Topsylin

### Section 3 - Hazards Identification

#### Emergency Overview

Readily absorbed through skin. Target organ(s): Eyes. Skin. Combustible.

#### HMIS Rating

Health: 0\* Flammability: 2 Reactivity: 1

#### NFPA Rating

Health: 0 Flammability: 2 Reactivity: 1

\*additional chronic hazards present.

For additional information on toxicity, please refer to Section 11.

### Section 4 - First Aid Measures

#### Oral Exposure

If swallowed, wash out mouth with water provided person is conscious. Call a physician.

#### Inhalation Exposure

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

#### Dermal Exposure

In case of contact, immediately wash skin with soap and copious amounts of water.

#### Eye Exposure

In case of contact, immediately flush eyes with copious amounts of water for at least 15 minutes.

### Section 5 - Fire Fighting Measures

**Flash Point:** 188.6 °F 87 °C  
**Explosion Limits:** Lower: 3.5 % Upper: 42 %  
**Autoignition Temp:** 301 °C

#### Extinguishing Media

**Suitable**  
Water spray, Carbon dioxide, dry chemical powder, or appropriate foam.

#### Firefighting

**Protective Equipment**  
Wear self-contained breathing apparatus and protective clothing to prevent contact with skin and eyes.

#### Specific Hazard(s)

Combustible liquid. Emits toxic fumes under fire conditions.

### Section 6 - Accidental Release Measures

#### Procedure to be Followed in Case of Leak or Spill

Evacuate area.

#### Procedure(s) of Personal Precaution(s)

Wear respirator, chemical safety goggles, rubber boots, and heavy rubber gloves.

#### Methods for Cleaning Up

Cover with dry-lime, sand, or soda ash. Place in covered containers using non-sparking tools and transport outdoors. Ventilate area and wash spill site after material pickup is complete.

### Section 7 - Handling and Storage

#### Handling

##### User Exposure

Do not breathe vapor. Avoid contact with DMSO solutions containing toxic materials or materials with unknown toxicological properties. Dimethyl sulfoxide is readily absorbed through skin and may carry such materials into the body. Avoid prolonged or repeated exposure.

#### Storage

##### Suitable

Keep tightly closed. Keep away from heat and open flame.

#### Special Requirements

Hygroscopic.

### Section 8 - Exposure Controls / PPE

#### Engineering Controls

Safety shower and eye bath. Mechanical exhaust required.

#### Personal Protective Equipment

##### Respiratory

Government approved respirator.

##### Hand

Compatible chemical-resistant gloves.

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**Eye**  
Chemical safety goggles.  
**Skin-Specific**  
Chemical resistant apron.

#### General Hygiene Measures

Wash contaminated clothing before reuse. Wash thoroughly after handling.

### Section 9 - Physical/Chemical Properties

Appearance	Physical State	Color
	Clear liquid	Colorless
<b>Molecular Weight:</b>	78.13 AMU	
<b>pH</b>	N/A	
<b>BP/BP Range</b>	189 °C	
<b>MP/MP Range</b>	18.4 °C	
<b>Freezing Point</b>	N/A	
<b>Vapor Pressure</b>	0.42 mmHg	20 °C
<b>Vapor Density</b>	2.7 g/l	
<b>Saturated Vapor Conc.</b>	N/A	
<b>SG/Density</b>	1.1 g/cm3	
<b>Bulk Density</b>	N/A	
<b>Odor Threshold</b>	N/A	
<b>Volatile%</b>	N/A	
<b>VOC Content</b>	N/A	
<b>Water Content</b>	< 0.3 %	
<b>Solvent Content</b>	N/A	
<b>Evaporation Rate</b>	N/A	
<b>Viscosity</b>	N/A	
<b>Partition Coefficient</b>	N/A	
<b>Decomposition Temp.</b>	N/A	
<b>Flash Point °F</b>	188.6 °F	Method: closed cup
<b>Flash Point °C</b>	87 °C	Method: closed cup
<b>Explosion Limits</b>	Lower: 3.5 % Upper: 42 %	63 °C
<b>Flammability</b>	N/A	
<b>Autoignition Temp</b>	301 °C	
<b>Refractive Index</b>	1.479	
<b>Solubility</b>	N/A	

N/A = not available

### Section 10 - Stability and Reactivity

**Stability**  
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**Conditions to Avoid**  
Moisture.  
**Materials to Avoid**  
Acid chlorides, Phosphorus halides, Strong acids, Strong oxidizing agents, Strong reducing agents.

#### Hazardous Decomposition Products

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Carbon monoxide, Carbon dioxide, Sulfur oxides.

#### Hazardous Exothermic Reactions

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Methyl sulfoxide (DMSO) undergoes a violent exothermic reaction on mixing with copper wool and trichloroacetic acid. On mixing with potassium permanganate it will flash instantaneously. It reacts violently with: acid halides, cyanuric chloride, silicon tetrachloride, phosphorus trichloride and trioxide, thionyl chloride, magnesium perchlorate, silver fluoride, methyl bromide, iodine pentafluoride, nitrogen periodate, diborane, sodium hydride, and perchloric and periodic acids. When heated above its boiling point methyl sulfoxide degrades giving off formaldehyde, methyl mercaptan, and sulfur dioxide.

#### Hazardous Polymerization

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Will not occur.

### Section 11 - Toxicological Information

#### Route of Exposure

##### Skin Contact

May cause skin irritation.

##### Skin Absorption

May be harmful if absorbed through the skin. Readily absorbed through skin.

##### Eye Contact

May cause eye irritation.

##### Inhalation

Material may be irritating to mucous membranes and upper respiratory tract. May be harmful if inhaled.

##### Ingestion

May be harmful if swallowed.

#### Target Organ(s) or System(s)

Eyes. Skin.

#### Signs and Symptoms of Exposure

To the best of our knowledge, the chemical, physical, and toxicological properties have not been thoroughly investigated.

#### Conditions Aggravated by Exposure

Avoid contact with DMSO solutions containing toxic materials or materials with unknown toxicological properties. Dimethyl sulfoxide is readily absorbed through skin and may carry such materials into the body.

**RTECS Number:** PV6210000

#### Toxicity Data

Oral - Rat: 14500 mg/kg (LD50)

Remarks: Sense Organs and Special Senses (Nose, Eye, Ear, and Taste):Eye:Hemorrhage.

Sense Organs and Special Senses (Nose, Eye, Ear, and Taste):Eye:Conjunctive irritation.

Skin - Rat: 40000 mg/kg (LD50)

Intraperitoneal - Rat: 8200 MG/KG (LD50)

Subcutaneous - Rat: 12 GM/KG (LD50)

Remarks: Behavioral:Change in motor activity (specific assay).

Lungs, Thorax, or Respiration:Dyspnea.

Intravenous - Rat: 5360 MG/KG (LD50)

Remarks: Behavioral:Tremor.

Behavioral:Muscle weakness.

Lungs, Thorax, or Respiration:Dyspnea.

Oral - Mouse: 7920 mg/kg (LD50)

Skin - Mouse: 50000 mg/kg (LD50)

Intraperitoneal - Mouse: 2500 MG/KG (LD50)

Subcutaneous - Mouse: 14 GM/KG (LD50)

Remarks: Behavioral:Change in motor activity (specific assay).

Lungs, Thorax, or Respiration:Other changes.

Kidney, Ureter, Bladder:Hematuria.

Intravenous - Mouse: 3100 MG/KG (LD50)

Remarks: Sense Organs and Special Senses (Nose, Eye, Ear, and Taste): Eye: Hemorrhage.  
Sense Organs and Special Senses (Nose, Eye, Ear, and Taste): Eye: Conjunctive Irritation.

Oral - Dog: > 10000 mg/kg (LD50)

Intravenous - Dog: 2500 MG/KG (LD50)

Remarks: Cardiac: Other changes.

Kidney, Ureter, Bladder: Hematuria.

Kidney, Ureter, Bladder: Other changes.

Oral - Chicken: 12000 mg/kg (LD50)

Oral - Mammal: 21400 mg/kg (LD50)

Oral - Bird (wild): 100 mg/kg (LD50)

#### Irritation Data

Skin - Rabbit: 10 mg 24H

Remarks: Open Irritation test

Skin - Rabbit: 500 mg 24H

Remarks: Mild irritation effect

Eyes - Rabbit: 100 mg

Eyes - Rabbit: 500 mg 24H

Remarks: Mild irritation effect

#### Chronic Exposure - Carcinogen

Rat - Oral: 59 GM/KG 81W I

Result: Tumorigenic: Equivocal tumorigenic agent by RTECS criteria. Skin and Appendages: Other: Tumors.

Rat - Subcutaneous: 220 GM/KG 82W I

Result: Tumorigenic: Equivocal tumorigenic agent by RTECS criteria. Skin and Appendages: Other: Tumors.

Mouse - Oral: 65340 MG/KG 66W I

Result: Tumorigenic: Equivocal tumorigenic agent by RTECS criteria. Blood: Leukemia Skin and Appendages: Other: Tumors.

Mouse - Subcutaneous: 66 GM/KG 66W I

Result: Tumorigenic: Equivocal tumorigenic agent by RTECS criteria. Lungs, Thorax, or Respiration: Tumors. Skin and Appendages: Other: Tumors.

#### Chronic Exposure - Teratogen

Species	Dose	Route of Application	Exposure Time
Mouse	210 GM/KG	Intraperitoneal	(6-12D PREG)
Result: Specific Developmental Abnormalities: Central nervous system.			
Specific Developmental Abnormalities: Musculoskeletal system.			
Mouse	5500 MG/KG	Intraperitoneal	(10D PREG)
Result: Effects on Embryo or Fetus: Fetotoxicity (except death, e.g., stunted fetus).			
Specific Developmental Abnormalities: Musculoskeletal system.			
Hamster	11 GM/KG	Oral	(7D PREG)
Result: Specific Developmental Abnormalities: Central nervous system.			
Specific Developmental Abnormalities: Musculoskeletal system.			
Hamster	5500 MG/KG	Intraperitoneal	(8D PREG)
Result: Specific Developmental Abnormalities: Musculoskeletal system.			
Specific Developmental Abnormalities: Central nervous system.			
Specific Developmental Abnormalities: Craniofacial (including nose and tongue).			
Hamster	4400 MG/KG	Intraperitoneal	(8D PREG)
Result: Effects on Embryo or Fetus: Fetal death.			
Specific Developmental Abnormalities: Central nervous system.			
Hamster	2500 MG/KG	Intravenous	(8D PREG)
Result: Specific Developmental Abnormalities: Central nervous system.			
Specific Developmental Abnormalities: Craniofacial (including nose and tongue).			
Specific Developmental Abnormalities: Musculoskeletal system.			
Hamster	2500 MG/KG	Intravenous	(8D PREG)
Result: Specific Developmental Abnormalities: Other developmental abnormalities.			

#### Chronic Exposure - Mutagen

Species	Dose	Route of Application	Cell Type	Mutation test
Human	140 MMOL/L		lymphocyte	Other mutation test systems
Rat	25 GM/KG	Intraperitoneal		Cytogenetic analysis
Mouse	75 MMOL/KG	Intraperitoneal		DNA damage
Mouse	93 GM/L		lymphocyte	Cytogenetic analysis
Mouse	1 MOL/L		lymphocyte	Mutation in mammalian somatic cells.
Hamster	19 PPH		ovary	Cytogenetic analysis
Hamster	1 PPH		lung	Cytogenetic analysis

#### Chronic Exposure - Reproductive Hazard

Species	Dose	Route of Application	Exposure Time
Rat	56 GM/KG	Intraperitoneal	(6-12D PREG)
Result: Effects on Fertility: Abortion.			
Rat	6600 MG/KG	Intraperitoneal	(7-15D PREG)
Result: Effects on Fertility: Post-implantation mortality (e.g., dead and/or resorbed implants per total number of implants).			
Rat	30750 MG/KG	Subcutaneous	(8-10D PREG)
Result: Effects on Fertility: Post-implantation mortality (e.g., dead and/or resorbed implants per total number of implants).			
Effects on Fertility: Litter size (e.g., # fetuses per litter; measured before birth).			
Mouse	16 MG/KG	Oral	(5-9D PREG)
Result: Effects on Fertility: Pre-implantation mortality (e.g., reduction in number of implants per female; total number of implants per corpora lutea). Effects on Embryo or Fetus: Fetotoxicity (except death, e.g., stunted fetus). Specific			
Developmental Abnormalities: Musculoskeletal system.			
Mouse	8250 MG/KG	Intraperitoneal	(10D PREG)
Result: Effects on Fertility: Post-implantation mortality (e.g., dead and/or resorbed implants per total number of implants).			
Mouse	240 GM/KG	Intravenous	(1-20D PREG)
Result: Effects on Fertility: Post-implantation mortality (e.g., dead and/or resorbed implants per total number of implants).			

#### Section 12 - Ecological Information

N/A

#### Acute Ecotoxicity Tests

##### Test Type

LC50 Fish

##### Species

Onchorhynchus mykiss (Rainbow trout)

##### Time:

96.0 h

##### Value:

35,000 mg/l

#### Section 13 - Disposal Considerations

##### Appropriate Method of Disposal of Substance or Preparation

Contact a licensed professional waste disposal service to dispose of this material.

This combustible material may be burned in a chemical incinerator equipped with an afterburner and scrubber.

Observe all federal, state, and local environmental regulations.

#### Section 14 - Transport Information

##### DOT

Proper Shipping Name: Combustible liquid, n.o.s.

UN#: NA1993

Class: COMBUSTIBLE LIQUID

Packing Group: Packing Group III

Hazard Label: None

PIH: Not PIH

##### IATA

Non-Hazardous for Air Transport: Non-hazardous for air transport.

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## Section 15 - Regulatory Information

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### US Classification and Label Text

#### US Statements

Readily absorbed through skin, Target organ(s): Eyes, Skin, Combustible.

### United States Regulatory Information

**SARA Listed:** No

**TSCA Inventory Item:** Yes

### Canada Regulatory Information

#### WHMIS Classification

This product has been classified in accordance with the hazard criteria of the CPR, and the MSDS contains all the information required by the CPR.

**DSL:** Yes

**NDSL:** No

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## Section 16 - Other Information

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### Disclaimer

For R&D or manufacturing use. Not for prescription compound or other uses.

### Warranty

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