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## SECTION 1: Identification of the substance/mixture and of the company/undertaking

### 1.1. Product identifier

**Trade name**

Terephthalic acid

**CAS number**

100-21-0

**EC number**

202-830-0

**Synonyms**

1,4-Benzenedicarboxylic acid

### 1.2. Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against

**Relevant identified uses**

Research and development. Laboratory Chemicals. Manufacture of substances.

**Not suitable for use in**

Not suitable for human consumption or veterinary purposes.

### 1.3. Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

**Supplier**

Molekula Group

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### 1.4. Emergency telephone number

**Poison center/Additional emergency number**

0344 892 0111 - National Poisons Information Service (Newcastle Centre)

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## SECTION 2: Hazards identification

### 2.1. Classification of the substance or mixture

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#### Classification

Skin irritation, hazard category 2

Eye irritation, hazard category 2

Specific Target Organ Toxicity — Single exposure, hazard category 3

#### Hazard statements

H315, H319, H335

### 2.2. Label elements

Labelling according to Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008

#### Hazard pictograms



#### Signal word

Warning

#### Hazard statements

H315 Causes skin irritation.

H319 Causes serious eye irritation.

H335 May cause respiratory irritation.

#### Precautionary statements

P261 Avoid breathing dust/fumes/gas/mist/vapours/spray.

P264 Wash skin thoroughly after handling.

P271 Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area.

P280 Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection.

P312 Call a POISON CENTER/doctor if you feel unwell.

P321 Specific treatment (see on this label).

P302 + P352 IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of water/.

P304 + P340 IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing.

P305 + P351 + P338 IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.

P332 + P313 If skin irritation occurs: Get medical advice/attention.

P337 + P313 If eye irritation persists: Get medical advice/attention.

P405 Store locked up.

P403 + P233 Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed.

P501 Dispose of contents/container to local regulations.

P362 + P364 Take off contaminated clothing and wash it before reuse.

### 2.3. Other hazards

No data available

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## SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients

### 3.2. Mixtures

Chemical name	CAS No. EC No. REACH No. Index No.	Concentration	Classification	H-phrases M factor acute M factor chronic	Note
Terephthalic acid	100-21-0 202-830-0 - -	100%	Skin Irrit. 2, Eye Irrit. 2, STOT SE 3	H315, H319, H335 - -	-

#### Molecular weight

166.13

#### Substance additional information

For the complete text of H- / EUH-statements mentioned in this section, see section 16.

## SECTION 4: First aid measures

### 4.1. Description of first aid measures

#### Inhalation

Move to fresh air if inhaled.

Get medical attention if any discomfort continues.

#### Skin contact

Rinse skin with water.

If skin irritation or rash occurs: Get medical advice/attention.

#### Eye contact

Remove contact lenses if present. Rinse eyes with water.

If eye irritation persists: Get medical advice/attention.

#### Ingestion

Rinse mouth.

Get medical advice/attention if you feel unwell.

#### Information for doctors

No data available.

### 4.2. Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed

The severity of the symptoms described will vary dependant of the concentration and the length of exposure.

#### Inhalation

May cause respiratory irritation.

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## Skin contact

Prolonged contact may cause dryness of the skin.

## Eye contact

May be slightly irritating to the eyes.

## Ingestion

May cause discomfort if swallowed.

## 4.3. Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

Treat symptomatically. No special treatment requirement.

## SECTION 5: Firefighting measures

### 5.1. Extinguishing media

#### Suitable extinguishing media

Foam, carbon dioxide or dry powder.

#### Unsuitable extinguishing media

No specific fire fighting procedure given.

### 5.2. Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture

Specific hazards: Combustible.

Thermal decomposition or combustion may liberate carbon oxides and other toxic gases or vapours.

Carbon monoxide (CO). Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>).

Development of hazardous combustion gases or vapours possible in the event of fire.

### 5.3. Advice for firefighters

#### Special protective equipment for fire-fighters

Evacuate area. Avoid breathing gas, fume, vapours or spray. Cool containers exposed to heat with water spray and remove container, if no risk is involved.

## SECTION 6: Accidental release measures

### 6.1. Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

Avoid breathing dust/fume/gas/mist/vapours/spray. Provide adequate ventilation. For personal protection, see section 8.

### 6.2. Environmental precautions

Avoid discharge into drains, water courses or onto the ground.

### 6.3. Methods and material for containment and cleaning up

Collect spillage with shovel, broom or the like and reuse, if possible. Dispose of large amounts of spillage/waste according to agreement with local authorities.

### 6.4. Reference to other sections

For personal protection, see section 8. For waste disposal, see section 13.

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## SECTION 7: Handling and storage

### 7.1. Precautions for safe handling

#### Preventive handling precautions

Wear protective clothing, gloves, eye and face protection. Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/vapours/spray. Avoid ingestion and inhalation. For precautions see section 2.2.

#### General hygiene

Observe good chemical hygiene practices. Keep away from food, drink and animal feeding stuffs. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. Remove contaminated clothing and launder thoroughly before re-use. Wash skin thoroughly after handling.

### 7.2. Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Store in a dry place. Store in a closed container. Recommended storage temperature: 2 to 8°C (35.6 to 46.4°F)

### 7.3. Specific end use(s)

No specific usage precautions noted.

## SECTION 8: Exposure controls/personal protection

### 8.1. Control parameters

#### Exposure limits

No occupational exposure limit assigned.

#### DNEL/DMEL

Product/Substance name (CAS No./EC No.)	Type	Exposure	Value	Population	Effects
Terephthalic acid (100-21-0/202-830-0)	DNEL	Chronic (long term) Dermal	67 mg/kg	Workers	Systemic
Terephthalic acid (100-21-0/202-830-0)	DNEL	Chronic (long term) Inhalation	23 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Workers	Systemic

#### PNEC/PEC

Product/Substance name (CAS No./EC No.)	Type	Environmental compartment	Value
Terephthalic acid (100-21-0/202-830-0)	PNEC	Freshwater	0.38 mg/l
Terephthalic acid (100-21-0/202-830-0)	PNEC	Sediment (freshwater)	0.52 mg/kg
Terephthalic acid	PNEC	Marine water	0.038 mg/l

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Product/Substance name (CAS No./EC No.)	Type	Environmental compartment	Value
(100-21-0/202-830-0)			
Terephthalic acid (100-21-0/202-830-0)	PNEC	Sediment (marine water)	0.052 mg/kg
Terephthalic acid (100-21-0/202-830-0)	PNEC	Intermittent releases	1.9 mg/l
Terephthalic acid (100-21-0/202-830-0)	PNEC	Sewage Treatment Plant	50 g/l
Terephthalic acid (100-21-0/202-830-0)	PNEC	Soil	0.71 mg/kg

## 8.2. Exposure controls

### Personal Protective Equipment Symbols



### Eye / face protection

Wear eye protection.

### Hand protection

Wear protective gloves.

Recommended gloves: Nitrile.

Glove Thickness: 0.11mm

Breakthrough time: 8 hours

No specific hygiene procedures noted, but good personal hygiene practices are always advisable, especially when working with chemicals.

Wash contaminated skin thoroughly after handling.

### Other skin protection

Wash skin thoroughly after handling.

### Respiratory protection

Provide adequate ventilation.

### Environmental exposure controls

Avoid discharge into drains.

## SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties

### 9.1. Information on basic physical and chemical properties

#### Physical state

Solid

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## Colour

White.

## Odour

No data available

## Melting point / freezing point

> 300 °C

## Boiling point or initial boiling point and boiling range

No data available

## Flammability

No data available

## Lower and upper explosion limit

No data available

## Flash point

No data available

## Auto-ignition temperature

496 °C

## Decomposition temperature

No data available

## pH

No data available

## Kinematic viscosity

No data available

## Solubility

No data available

## Partition coefficient n-octanol/water

No data available

## Vapour pressure

No data available

## Density and/or relative density

1.58 g/cm<sup>3</sup>

## Relative vapour density

No data available

## Particle characteristics

No data available

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## 9.2. Other information

No data available

## SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity

### 10.1. Reactivity

There are no known reactivity hazards associated with this product.

### 10.2. Chemical stability

Stable under the prescribed storage conditions.

### 10.3. Possibility of hazardous reactions

Violent reactions possible with:  
Strong oxidising agents.

### 10.4. Conditions to avoid

No data available

### 10.5. Incompatible materials

Strong oxidising agents.

### 10.6. Hazardous decomposition products

See section 5.

## SECTION 11: Toxicological information

### 11.1. Information on hazard classes as defined in Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008

#### Acute toxicity

Product / Substance name CAS / EC no.	Dose descriptor	Value / Dose	Exposure route	Duration of exposure	Test animals
Terephthalic acid 100-21-0 / 202-830-0	LD50	>15,380 mg/kg	Oral	-	Rat
Terephthalic acid 100-21-0 / 202-830-0	LC50	>2.02 mg/l	Inhalation.	2 hours	Rat
Terephthalic acid 100-21-0 / 202-830-0	LD50	>2000 mg/kg	Dermal	-	Rabbit

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Product / Substance name CAS / EC no.	Result	Duration of exposure	Species
Terephthalic acid 100-21-0 / 202-830-0	No skin irritation.	4 hours	Rabbit

## Serious eye damage/irritation

Product / Substance name CAS / EC no.	Result	Species
Terephthalic acid 100-21-0 / 202-830-0	No eye irritation.	Rabbit

## Respiratory or skin sensitisation

Product / Substance name CAS / EC no.	Result	Species	Method / Guideline
Terephthalic acid 100-21-0 / 202-830-0	Negative.	Guinea Pig	Buehler test:

## Germ cell mutagenicity

Product / Substance name CAS / EC no.	Result	Exposure route	Metabolic activation / Exposure	Species	Method / Guideline
Terephthalic acid 100-21-0 / 202-830-0	Negative.	-	with and without metabolic activation	Salmonella typhimurium	Ames test
Terephthalic acid 100-21-0 / 202-830-0	Positive.	-	with and without metabolic activation	Human lymphocytes	Chromosome aberration: In Vitro Test
Terephthalic acid 100-21-0 / 202-830-0	Negative.	-	with and without metabolic activation	Mouse lymphoma cells	In vitro mammalian cell gene mutation test.
Terephthalic acid 100-21-0 / 202-830-0	Negative.	Intraperitoneal.	-	Mouse bone marrow	Micronucleus test
Terephthalic acid 100-21-0 / 202-830-0	Negative.	Oral	-	Rat Liver.	unscheduled DNA synthesis assay

## Aspiration hazard

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.

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## 11.2. Information on other hazards

No data available

## SECTION 12: Ecological information

### 12.1. Toxicity

#### Acute fish toxicity

Product / Substance name CAS / EC no.	Measurement type	Value / Result	Duration of exposure	Species
Terephthalic acid 100-21-0 / 202-830-0	LC50	>961 mg/l	96 hours	Leuciscus idus melanotus

#### Acute algae toxicity

Product / Substance name CAS / EC no.	Measurement type	Value / Result	Duration of exposure	Species
Terephthalic acid 100-21-0 / 202-830-0	ErC50	>668 mg/l	96 hours	Desmodesmus subspicatus (green algae)

#### Acute crustacean toxicity

Product / Substance name CAS / EC no.	Measurement type	Value / Result	Duration of exposure	Species
Terephthalic acid 100-21-0 / 202-830-0	EC50	>967 mg/l	48 hours	Daphnia magna

#### Micro-/macro organism toxicity

Product / Substance name CAS / EC no.	Measurement type	Value / Result	Duration of exposure	Species
Terephthalic acid 100-21-0 / 202-830-0	EC50	1,393 mg/l	3 hours	Activated sludge.

#### Chronical toxicity

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Product / Substance name CAS / EC no.	Measurement type	Value / Result	Duration of exposure	Species
Terephthalic acid 100-21-0 / 202-830-0	NOEC	19.5 mg/l	21 days	Daphnia magna

## 12.2. Persistence and degradability

### Persistence and degradability

Product / Substance name CAS / EC no.	Type of test	Duration	Result	Degradation
Terephthalic acid 100-21-0 / 202-830-0	aerobic	14 days	85.2%	The product is readily biodegradable.

## 12.3. Bioaccumulative potential

No data available

## 12.4. Mobility in soil

No data available

## 12.5. Results of PBT and vPvB assessment

No data available

## 12.6. Endocrine disrupting properties

This product does not contain any known or suspected endocrine disruptors.

## 12.7. Other adverse effects

No data available

## SECTION 13: Disposal considerations

### 13.1. Waste treatment methods

#### Disposal considerations

Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local/regional/national/international regulations.

## SECTION 14: Transport information

### 14.1. UN number

Not applicable

### 14.2. UN proper shipping name

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## 14.3. Transport hazard class(es)

Not applicable

## 14.4. Packing group

Not applicable

## 14.5. Environmental hazards

Not applicable

## 14.6. Special precautions for user

Not applicable

## 14.7. Maritime transport in bulk according to IMO instruments

Not applicable

## SECTION 15: Regulatory information

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

#### EU regulations

This material safety data sheet complies with the requirements of Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006.

This material safety data sheet complies with the requirements of Regulation (EU) 2020/878.

#### National regulations

No data available

### 15.2. Chemical safety assessment

No chemical safety assessment has been carried out.

## SECTION 16: Other information

#### Phrase meaning

Skin Irrit. 2 - Skin irritation, hazard category 2

Eye Irrit. 2 - Eye irritation, hazard category 2

STOT SE 3 - Specific Target Organ Toxicity — Single exposure, hazard category 3

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