

Sodium tetraborate decahydrate (Borax decahydrate)

Safety Data Sheet

according to Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006 (REACH) with its amendment Regulation (EU) 2015/830
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SECTION 1: Identification of the substance/mixture and of the company/undertaking

1.1. Product identifier

Product form	: Substance
Substance name	: Sodium tetraborate decahydrate (Borax decahydrate)
IUPAC name	: di-Sodium tetraborate decahydrate
EC-No.	: 215-540-4
CAS-No.	: 1303-96-4
Product code	: 37358764
Formula	: Na ₂ B ₄ O ₇ ·10H ₂ O

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

1.2.1. Relevant identified uses

Main use category	: Professional use, Industrial use
Industrial/Professional use spec	: For professional use only Industrial Laboratory use.

1.2.2. Uses advised against

No additional information available

1.3. Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

Supplier

Scaffell Organics
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1.4. Emergency telephone number

Emergency number : +44 (0) 7590 545705

SECTION 2: Hazards identification

2.1. Classification of the substance or mixture

Classification according to Regulation (EC) No. 1272/2008 [CLP]

Serious eye damage/eye irritation, Category 2	H319
Reproductive toxicity, Category 1A	H360Fd
Full text of H statements : see section 16	

Adverse physicochemical, human health and environmental effects

No additional information available

2.2. Label elements

Labelling according to Regulation (EC) No. 1272/2008 [CLP]

Hazard pictograms (CLP)



GHS07

GHS08

Signal word (CLP)

: Danger

Hazard statements (CLP)

: H319 - Causes serious eye irritation.
H360Fd - May damage fertility. Suspected of damaging the unborn child.

Precautionary statements (CLP)

: P263 - Avoid contact during pregnancy and while nursing.
P280 - Wear protective clothing, eye protection, face protection, protective gloves.
P305+P351+P338 - IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.
P308+P313 - IF exposed or concerned: Get medical advice.

2.3. Other hazards

This substance/mixture does not meet the PBT criteria of REACH regulation, annex XIII

This substance/mixture does not meet the vPvB criteria of REACH regulation, annex XIII

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SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients

3.1. Substances

Substance type : Mono-constituent

Name	Product identifier	%
Sodium tetraborate decahydrate (Borax decahydrate) substance listed as REACH Candidate (Disodium tetraborate, anhydrous)	(CAS-No.) 1303-96-4 (EC-No.) 215-540-4	100

Full text of H-statements: see section 16

3.2. Mixtures

Not applicable

SECTION 4: First aid measures

4.1. Description of first aid measures

First-aid measures general	: Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. If possible show this sheet, if not available show packaging or label. Do not leave affected person unattended.
First-aid measures after inhalation	: If breathing is difficult, remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing. Give oxygen or artificial respiration if necessary. If experiencing respiratory symptoms: Get medical advice/attention.
First-aid measures after skin contact	: After contact with skin, take off immediately all contaminated clothing, and wash immediately with plenty of water. Do not remove clothing if it sticks to the skin. If skin irritation occurs: Get medical advice/attention.
First-aid measures after eye contact	: Rinse immediately with plenty of water. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. Obtain medical attention if pain, blinking or redness persists.
First-aid measures after ingestion	: Rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting. Get medical advice/attention.

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

Symptoms/effects	: Not expected to present a significant hazard under anticipated conditions of normal use.
Symptoms/effects after inhalation	: Dust of the product, if present, may cause respiratory irritation after an excessive inhalation exposure.
Symptoms/effects after skin contact	: Dust may cause irritation in skin folds or by contact in combination with tight clothing.
Symptoms/effects after eye contact	: Dust from this product may cause eye irritation. redness, itching, tears. More severe symptoms are also possible.

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

Treat symptomatically.

SECTION 5: Firefighting measures

5.1. Extinguishing media

Suitable extinguishing media	: Foam. Dry powder. Carbon dioxide. Water spray. Sand.
Unsuitable extinguishing media	: Do not use a heavy water stream.

5.2. Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture

Hazardous decomposition products in case of fire	: Sodium Oxides. Can form higher boranes.
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5.3. Advice for firefighters

Precautionary measures fire	: Exposure to fire/heat: seal off low-lying areas. Keep container tightly closed and away from heat, sparks and flame.
Firefighting instructions	: Use water spray or fog for cooling exposed containers. Exercise caution when fighting any chemical fire. Prevent fire fighting water from entering the environment. Use extinguishing agent suitable for surrounding fire.
Protection during firefighting	: Do not enter fire area without proper protective equipment, including respiratory protection.
Other information	: Warn all persons of toxic hazard.

SECTION 6: Accidental release measures

6.1. Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

General measures	: Isolate from fire, if possible, without unnecessary risk. No flames, no sparks. Eliminate all sources of ignition. Avoid dust formation.
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6.1.1. For non-emergency personnel

Protective equipment	: Wear recommended personal protective equipment.
Emergency procedures	: Evacuate unnecessary personnel. Mark out the contaminated area with signs and prevent access to unauthorized personnel. Avoid contact with skin, eyes and clothing. Do not breathe dust. Do not touch or walk on the spilled product.
Measures in case of dust release	: Keep upwind. Ventilate the area thoroughly, especially low lying areas (basements, workpits etc).

6.1.2. For emergency responders

Protective equipment	: Equip cleanup crew with proper protection. Use self-contained breathing apparatus and chemically protective clothing.
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Emergency procedures : Ventilate area. Stop leak if safe to do so.

6.2. Environmental precautions

Prevent entry to sewers and public waters. Notify authorities if liquid enters sewers or public waters.

6.3. Methods and material for containment and cleaning up

Methods for cleaning up : On land, sweep or shovel into suitable containers. Minimise generation of dust. Store away from other materials.

6.4. Reference to other sections

See Heading 8. Exposure controls and personal protection.

SECTION 7: Handling and storage

7.1. Precautions for safe handling

Precautions for safe handling : Provide local exhaust or general room ventilation. Avoid creating or spreading dust.
Hygiene measures : Take off immediately all contaminated clothing and wash it before reuse. Contaminated work clothing should not be allowed out of the workplace. Always wash hands after handling the product. Wash hands and other exposed areas with mild soap and water before eating, drinking or smoking and when leaving work. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.

7.2. Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Storage conditions : Keep only in the original container in a cool, well ventilated place away from : Direct sunlight, Heat sources. Keep container closed when not in use.
Incompatible products : Strong reducing agents. Strong oxidisers.
Incompatible materials : Sources of ignition. Direct sunlight. Heat sources.
Storage area : Store at ambient temperature.

7.3. Specific end use(s)

No additional information available

SECTION 8: Exposure controls/personal protection

8.1. Control parameters

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United Kingdom	WEL TWA (mg/m ³)	5 mg/m ³
United Kingdom	Remark (WEL)	Where no specific short-term exposure limit is listed, a figure three times the long-term exposure should be used

8.2. Exposure controls

Appropriate engineering controls:

Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety procedures. Provide local exhaust or general room ventilation.

Personal protective equipment:

Wear recommended personal protective equipment. Avoid all unnecessary exposure.

Hand protection:

The protective gloves to be used must comply with the specifications of the regulation 2016/425 and the resultant standard EN 374

Type	Material	Permeation	Thickness (mm)	Penetration	Standard
Disposable gloves	Nitrile rubber (NBR)	6 (> 480 minutes)	0.11		EN 374

Eye protection:

Emergency eye wash fountains should be available in the immediate vicinity of any potential exposure. Use eye protection according to EN 166, designed to protect against powders and dusts. Chemical goggles or safety glasses

Type	Use	Characteristics	Standard
Safety glasses	Dust	With side shields	EN 166

Skin and body protection:

Emergency safety showers should be available in the immediate vicinity of any potential exposure. Keep suitable chemically resistant protective clothing readily available for emergency use

Type	Standard
Long sleeved protective clothing	EN ISO 13982

Respiratory protection:

Self contained breathing apparatus, in case of emergency. Where exposure through inhalation may occur from use, respiratory protection equipment is recommended

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Device	Filter type	Condition	Standard
Respiratory protective device with a particle filter	Type P3	Dust protection, Protection for Solid particles	EN 14387

Other information:

Do not eat, drink or smoke during use.

SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties

9.1. Information on basic physical and chemical properties

Physical state	: Solid
Appearance	: Crystalline powder.
Molecular mass	: 381.37 g/mol
Colour	: white.
Odour	: No data available.
Odour threshold	: No data available
pH	: 9.2 at 10 g/l
Relative evaporation rate (butylacetate=1)	: No data available
Melting point	: 62 °C
Freezing point	: No data available
Boiling point	: No data available
Flash point	: No data available
Auto-ignition temperature	: No data available
Decomposition temperature	: No data available
Flammability (solid, gas)	: Non flammable.
Vapour pressure	: No data available
Relative vapour density at 20 °C	: No data available
Relative density	: 1.73 73 g/mL at 25 °C
Solubility	: No data available
Log Pow	: -1.53
Viscosity, kinematic	: No data available
Viscosity, dynamic	: No data available
Explosive properties	: No data available
Oxidising properties	: No data available
Explosive limits	: No data available

9.2. Other information

No additional information available

SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity

10.1. Reactivity

The product is non-reactive under normal conditions of use, storage and transport.

10.2. Chemical stability

Stable under recommended handling and storage conditions (see section 7).

10.3. Possibility of hazardous reactions

No dangerous reactions known under normal conditions of use.

10.4. Conditions to avoid

Keep away from heat, hot surfaces, sparks, open flames and other ignition sources. No smoking. Protect from sunlight.

10.5. Incompatible materials

Strong reducing agents. Strong oxidizers.

10.6. Hazardous decomposition products

Under normal conditions of storage and use, hazardous decomposition products should not be produced. Thermal decomposition generates : Sodium Oxides. Can form higher boranes.

SECTION 11: Toxicological information

11.1. Information on toxicological effects

Acute toxicity (oral)	: Not classified
Acute toxicity (dermal)	: Not classified
Acute toxicity (inhalation)	: Not classified

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LD50 oral rat	4500 mg/kg
LD50 dermal rat	10000 mg/kg

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Skin corrosion/irritation	: Not classified pH: 9.2 at 10 g/l
Additional information	: Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met
Serious eye damage/irritation	: Causes serious eye irritation. pH: 9.2 at 10 g/l
Respiratory or skin sensitisation	: Not classified
Additional information	: Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met
Germ cell mutagenicity	: Not classified
Additional information	: Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met
Carcinogenicity	: Not classified
Additional information	: Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met
Reproductive toxicity	: May damage fertility. Suspected of damaging the unborn child.
STOT-single exposure	: Not classified
Additional information	: Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met
STOT-repeated exposure	: Not classified
Additional information	: Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met
Aspiration hazard	: Not classified
Additional information	: Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met
Potential adverse human health effects and symptoms	: Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.

SECTION 12: Ecological information

12.1. Toxicity

Acute aquatic toxicity	: Not classified
Chronic aquatic toxicity	: Not classified

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LC50 fish 1	178 mg/l Carassius auratus (Goldfish) 72hr
EC50 Daphnia 1	> 1085 Daphnia magna 48hr

12.2. Persistence and degradability

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Persistence and degradability	No data available.
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12.3. Bioaccumulative potential

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Log Pow	-1.53
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12.4. Mobility in soil

No additional information available

12.5. Results of PBT and vPvB assessment

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This substance/mixture does not meet the vPvB criteria of REACH regulation, annex XIII

12.6. Other adverse effects

Additional information	: Avoid release to the environment.
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SECTION 13: Disposal considerations

13.1. Waste treatment methods

Product/Packaging disposal recommendations	: Dispose in a safe manner in accordance with local/national regulations.
Ecology - waste materials	: Avoid release to the environment.

SECTION 14: Transport information

In accordance with ADR / RID / IMDG / IATA / ADN

ADR	IMDG	IATA	ADN	RID
14.1. UN number				
Not regulated	Not regulated	Not regulated	Not regulated	Not regulated

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14.2. UN proper shipping name				
Not regulated	Not regulated	Not regulated	Not regulated	Not regulated
14.3. Transport hazard class(es)				
Not regulated	Not regulated	Not regulated	Not regulated	Not regulated
14.4. Packing group				
Not regulated	Not regulated	Not regulated	Not regulated	Not regulated
14.5. Environmental hazards				
Not regulated	Not regulated	Not regulated	Not regulated	Not regulated
No supplementary information available				
14.6. Special precautions for user				
Overland transport				
Not regulated				
Transport by sea				
Not regulated				
Air transport				
Not regulated				
Inland waterway transport				
Not regulated				
Rail transport				
Not regulated				
14.7. Transport in bulk according to Annex II of Marpol and the IBC Code				
Not applicable				

SECTION 15: Regulatory information

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

15.1.1. EU-Regulations

No REACH Annex XVII restrictions

Disodium tetraborate, anhydrous is on the REACH Candidate List

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Directive 2012/18/EU (SEVESO III)

15.1.2. National regulations

No additional information available

15.2. Chemical safety assessment

No chemical safety assessment has been carried out for the substance or the mixture by the supplier

SECTION 16: Other information

Data sources : REGULATION (EC) No 1272/2008 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of 16 December 2008 on classification, labelling and packaging of substances and mixtures, amending and repealing Directives 67/548/EEC and 1999/45/EC, and amending Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006.

Other information : None.

Full text of H- and EUH-statements:	
Eye Irrit. 2	Serious eye damage/eye irritation, Category 2
Repr. 1A	Reproductive toxicity, Category 1A
H319	Causes serious eye irritation.
H360Fd	May damage fertility. Suspected of damaging the unborn child.

SDS EU (REACH Annex II)

This information is based on our current knowledge and is intended to describe the product for the purposes of health, safety and environmental requirements only. It should not therefore be construed as guaranteeing any specific property of the product