

## SAFETY DATA SHEET

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**SECTION 1: Identification of the substance/mixture and of the company/undertaking****1.1 Product identifiers**

Product name : Barium hydroxide octahydrate

Product Number : B3153  
Brand : Sigma  
CAS-No. : 12230-71-6

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

Identified uses : Laboratory chemicals, Synthesis of substances

**1.3 Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet**

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527-3887 CHEMTREC (International) 24  
Hours/day; 7 Days/week

**SECTION 2: Hazards identification****2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture****GHS Classification in accordance with 29 CFR 1910 (OSHA HCS)**

Acute toxicity, Oral (Category 4), H302  
Acute toxicity, Inhalation (Category 4), H332  
Skin corrosion (Category 1B), H314  
Serious eye damage (Category 1), H318

For the full text of the H-Statements mentioned in this Section, see Section 16.

**2.2 GHS Label elements, including precautionary statements**

Pictogram



Signal word

Danger

Hazard statement(s)	
H302 + H332	Harmful if swallowed or if inhaled.
H314	Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.
Precautionary statement(s)	
P260	Do not breathe dusts or mists.
P264	Wash skin thoroughly after handling.
P270	Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.
P271	Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area.
P280	Wear protective gloves/ protective clothing/ eye protection/ face protection.
P301 + P312 + P330	IF SWALLOWED: Call a POISON CENTER/ doctor if you feel unwell. Rinse mouth.
P301 + P330 + P331	IF SWALLOWED: Rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting.
P303 + P361 + P353	IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/ shower.
P304 + P340 + P310	IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing. Immediately call a POISON CENTER/ doctor.
P305 + P351 + P338 + P310	IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. Immediately call a POISON CENTER/ doctor.
P363	Wash contaminated clothing before reuse.
P405	Store locked up.
P501	Dispose of contents/ container to an approved waste disposal plant.

### 2.3 Hazards not otherwise classified (HNOC) or not covered by GHS - none

## SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients

### 3.1 Substances

Formula	: $\text{H}_2\text{BaO}_2 \cdot 8\text{H}_2\text{O}$
Molecular weight	: 315.46 g/mol
CAS-No.	: 12230-71-6
EC-No.	: 241-234-5

Component	Classification	Concentration
<b>Barium hydroxide</b>		
	Acute Tox. 4; Skin Corr. 1B; Eye Dam. 1; H302, H332, H314, H318	<= 100 %

For the full text of the H-Statements mentioned in this Section, see Section 16.

## SECTION 4: First aid measures

### 4.1 Description of first-aid measures

#### General advice

First aiders need to protect themselves. Show this material safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance.

**If inhaled**

After inhalation: fresh air. Immediately call in physician. If breathing stops: immediately apply artificial respiration, if necessary also oxygen.

**In case of skin contact**

In case of skin contact: Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/ shower. Call a physician immediately.

**In case of eye contact**

After eye contact: rinse out with plenty of water. Immediately call in ophthalmologist. Remove contact lenses.

**If swallowed**

After swallowing: make victim drink water (two glasses at most), avoid vomiting (risk of perforation). Call a physician immediately. Do not attempt to neutralise.

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

The most important known symptoms and effects are described in the labelling (see section 2.2) and/or in section 11

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

No data available

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**SECTION 5: Firefighting measures****5.1 Extinguishing media****Suitable extinguishing media**

Use extinguishing measures that are appropriate to local circumstances and the surrounding environment.

**Unsuitable extinguishing media**

For this substance/mixture no limitations of extinguishing agents are given.

**5.2 Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture**

Barium oxide

Not combustible.

Ambient fire may liberate hazardous vapours.

**5.3 Advice for firefighters**

Stay in danger area only with self-contained breathing apparatus. Prevent skin contact by keeping a safe distance or by wearing suitable protective clothing.

**5.4 Further information**

Prevent fire extinguishing water from contaminating surface water or the ground water system.

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**SECTION 6: Accidental release measures****6.1 Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures**

Advice for non-emergency personnel: Avoid inhalation of dusts. Avoid substance contact. Ensure adequate ventilation. Evacuate the danger area, observe emergency procedures, consult an expert.

For personal protection see section 8.

**6.2 Environmental precautions**

Do not let product enter drains.

### 6.3 Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up

Cover drains. Collect, bind, and pump off spills. Observe possible material restrictions (see sections 7 and 10). Take up dry. Dispose of properly. Clean up affected area. Avoid generation of dusts.

### 6.4 Reference to other sections

For disposal see section 13.

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## SECTION 7: Handling and storage

### 7.1 Precautions for safe handling

#### Advice on safe handling

Work under hood. Do not inhale substance/mixture.

#### Hygiene measures

Immediately change contaminated clothing. Apply preventive skin protection. Wash hands and face after working with substance.

For precautions see section 2.2.

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

#### Storage conditions

Tightly closed. Dry.

Air sensitive.

#### Storage class

Storage class (TRGS 510): 8B: Non-combustible, corrosive hazardous materials

### 7.3 Specific end use(s)

Apart from the uses mentioned in section 1.2 no other specific uses are stipulated

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## SECTION 8: Exposure controls/personal protection

### 8.1 Control parameters

#### Ingredients with workplace control parameters

Component	CAS-No.	Value	Control parameters	Basis
Barium hydroxide	12230-71-6	TWA	0.5 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	USA. Occupational Exposure Limits (OSHA) - Table Z-1 Limits for Air Contaminants
		TWA	0.5 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	USA. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)
	Remarks	Not classifiable as a human carcinogen		

		TWA	0.5 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	USA. NIOSH Recommended Exposure Limits
		PEL	0.5 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	California permissible exposure limits for chemical contaminants (Title 8, Article 107)

## 8.2 Exposure controls

### Appropriate engineering controls

Immediately change contaminated clothing. Apply preventive skin protection. Wash hands and face after working with substance.

### Personal protective equipment

#### Eye/face protection

Use equipment for eye protection tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or EN 166(EU). Tightly fitting safety goggles

#### Body Protection

protective clothing

#### Respiratory protection

required when dusts are generated.

Our recommendations on filtering respiratory protection are based on the following standards: DIN EN 143, DIN 14387 and other accompanying standards relating to the used respiratory protection system.

#### Control of environmental exposure

Do not let product enter drains.

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## SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties

### 9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties

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|---|-------------------------------------|
| a) Appearance                                   | Form: solid                         |
| b) Odor   | No data available                   |
| c) Odor Threshold                               | No data available                   |
| d) pH   | 12.5 at 50 g/l at 20 °C (68 °F)     |
| e) Melting point/freezing point                 | Melting point/range: 78 °C (172 °F) |
| f) Initial boiling point and boiling range      | No data available                   |
| g) Flash point                                  | ( )Not applicable                   |
| h) Evaporation rate                             | No data available                   |
| i) Flammability (solid, gas)                    | The product is not flammable.       |
| j) Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits | No data available                   |
| k) Vapor pressure                               | No data available                   |

l) Vapor density	No data available
m) Density	2.180 g/cm <sup>3</sup>
Relative density	No data available
n) Water solubility	soluble
o) Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water	No data available
p) Autoignition temperature	No data available
q) Decomposition temperature	No data available
r) Viscosity	No data available
s) Explosive properties	No data available
t) Oxidizing properties	none

## 9.2 Other safety information

No data available

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## SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity

### 10.1 Reactivity

No data available

### 10.2 Chemical stability

The product is chemically stable under standard ambient conditions (room temperature) .

### 10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions

Exothermic reaction with:  
hydrogen sulphide  
acids

### 10.4 Conditions to avoid

no information available

### 10.5 Incompatible materials

Light metals

### 10.6 Hazardous decomposition products

In the event of fire: see section 5

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## SECTION 11: Toxicological information

### 11.1 Information on toxicological effects

#### Acute toxicity

LD50 Oral - Rat - 550 mg/kg

Inhalation: No data available

Dermal: No data available

No data available

**Skin corrosion/irritation**

No data available

**Serious eye damage/eye irritation**

No data available

**Respiratory or skin sensitization**

No data available

**Germ cell mutagenicity**

No data available

**Carcinogenicity**

IARC: No ingredient of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as probable, possible or confirmed human carcinogen by IARC.

NTP: No ingredient of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a known or anticipated carcinogen by NTP.

OSHA: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is on OSHA's list of regulated carcinogens.

**Reproductive toxicity**

No data available

No data available

**Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure**

No data available

**Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure**

No data available

**Aspiration hazard**

No data available

**11.2 Additional Information**

Material is extremely destructive to tissue of the mucous membranes and upper respiratory tract, eyes, and skin., Cough, Shortness of breath, Headache, Nausea  
To the best of our knowledge, the chemical, physical, and toxicological properties have not been thoroughly investigated.

Stomach - Irregularities - Based on Human Evidence

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**SECTION 12: Ecological information****12.1 Toxicity**

No data available

**12.2 Persistence and degradability**

No data available

**12.3 Bioaccumulative potential**

No data available

**12.4 Mobility in soil**

No data available

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## 12.5 Results of PBT and vPvB assessment

PBT/vPvB assessment not available as chemical safety assessment not required/not conducted

## 12.6 Endocrine disrupting properties

No data available

## 12.7 Other adverse effects

No data available

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## SECTION 13: Disposal considerations

### 13.1 Waste treatment methods

#### Product

Waste material must be disposed of in accordance with the national and local regulations. Leave chemicals in original containers. No mixing with other waste. Handle uncleaned containers like the product itself. See [www.retrologistik.com](http://www.retrologistik.com) for processes regarding the return of chemicals and containers, or contact us there if you have further questions.

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## SECTION 14: Transport information

### DOT (US)

UN number: 3262    Class: 8    Packing group: II  
Proper shipping name: Corrosive solid, basic, inorganic, n.o.s. (Barium hydroxide)  
Reportable Quantity (RQ):  
Poison Inhalation Hazard: No

### IMDG

UN number: 3262    Class: 8    Packing group: II    EMS-No: F-A, S-B  
Proper shipping name: CORROSIVE SOLID, BASIC, INORGANIC, N.O.S. (Barium hydroxide)

### IATA

UN number: 3262    Class: 8    Packing group: II  
Proper shipping name: Corrosive solid, basic, inorganic, n.o.s. (Barium hydroxide)

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## SECTION 15: Regulatory information

### SARA 302 Components

This material does not contain any components with a section 302 EHS TPQ.

### SARA 313 Components

The following components are subject to reporting levels established by SARA Title III, Section 313:

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### SARA 311/312 Hazards

Acute Health Hazard, Chronic Health Hazard

### Massachusetts Right To Know Components

No components are subject to the Massachusetts Right to Know Act.



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## SECTION 16: Other information

### Further information

The above information is believed to be correct but does not purport to be all inclusive and shall be used only as a guide. The information in this document is based on the present state of our knowledge and is applicable to the product with regard to appropriate safety precautions. It does not represent any guarantee of the properties of the product. Sigma-Aldrich Corporation and its Affiliates shall not be held liable for any damage resulting from handling or from contact with the above product. See [www.sigma-aldrich.com](http://www.sigma-aldrich.com) and/or the reverse side of invoice or packing slip for additional terms and conditions of sale.

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