

# MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET (MSDS)

## SLES – SODIUM LAURYL ETHER SULPHATE

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### 1. Product Identification

**Synonyms:** Sodium Lauryl Ether Sulphate

**CAS No.:** 68891-38-3

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### 2. Composition / Information On Ingredients

Ingredient	CAS No.	Concentration
Sodium lauryl ether sulphate	68891-38-3	70±2 %
Water	7732-18-5	27 - 32 %
R 38: Irritating to skin.		
R 41: Risk of serious damage to eyes.		

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### 3. Hazardous Identification

May cause irritation to the mouth & upper digestive tract.

May cause significant skin irritation especially if exposure is prolonged and/or repeated.

Contact with eyes can cause severe irritation. If not washed out promptly, will injure the tissue and permanent damage may result.

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### 4. First Aid measures

**Ingestion:** Wash out mouth with water. Do not induce vomiting. Seek medical advice.

**Skin:** Wash the skin immediately with soap and water. Get medical attention if any discomfort continues.

**Eyes:** Promptly wash eyes with plenty of water while lifting the eyelids. Continue to rinse for atleast 15 minutes. Get medical attention.

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### 5. Fire Fighting Measures

**Extinguishing media:**

Fire can be extinguished using water spray, alcohol foam, dry chemical or carbon dioxide. Avoid using large quantities of water.

**Hazardous combustion products:**

None.

**Protective measures in fire:**

Cool down the packing. In case of fire, wear self-contained breathing apparatus.

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### 6. Accidental Release Measures

**General information:** Use proper personal protective equipment as indicated in section 8.

**Spills/Leaks:** Vacuum or sweep up material and place into a suitable disposal container. Clean up spills immediately, observing precautions in the protective equipment section.

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## 7. Handling And Storage

**Handling containers:** Use full protective gear. Protect containers against physical damage/direct sunlight/water.

**Storage precautions:**

Store in plastic, plastic lined or stainless steel, tight closed containers at ambient temperature (<35°C) away from direct sunlight & also maintaining the pH >6.0 at all times. A slight pH drop is expected during prolonged storage. Avoid freezing and excessive heating.

DO NOT USE MILD STEEL TANKS OR TRANSFER LINES FOR THIS PRODUCT.

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## 8. Exposure Controls / Personal Protection

**Engineering controls:** Facilities storing or utilizing this material should be equipped with an eye wash facility and a safety shower. Use adequate ventilation to keep the airborne concentrations low.

**Personal protective equipment:**

**Skin:** Rubber gloves

**Respiration:** Air respirator

**Eyes:** Goggles

**Feet:** Safety shoes

**Body:** Lab coat

**Hygienic precautions:** Remove contaminated clothing & wash hands between breaks & at the end of duty hours.

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## 9. Physical And Chemical Properties

Appearance: Colorless to pale yellow translucent paste

Moisture & volatiles %: 27 – %32

Density at 25°C: Min. 1.05 gm/cm<sup>3</sup>

Boiling point: Not available

Freezing/Melting point: 5 – 10°C

Solubility in water (20°C): Soluble

Auto ignition temperature: Not available

Flash point: Not available

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## 10. Stability And Reactivity

**Chemical stability:** Product is very stable under the prescribed storage conditions.

**Incompatibility with other substances:** Do not subject to acidic pH. Avoid contact with strong acids & oxidizing substances.

**Reactivity and under what conditions:** Reaction with acids and elevated temperatures

**Hazardous decomposition:** On combustion it will yield oxides of carbon and sulphur.

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## 11. Toxicological Information

Toxicity: Non toxic

Skin contact: Moderate

Inhalation acute: None

Skin absorption: Slight

Inhalation chronic: None

Eye contact: Moderate

Ingestion: Mouse LD<sub>50</sub> > 2 g/kg

Effect of acute & chronic exposure to material: The extensive use of Sodium lauryl ether sulphate in industry has not been accompanied by any reports of injury.

Irritancy of material: Moderate

Carcinogenicity, reproductive effects, terratogenicity, mutagenicity: None reported

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## 12. Ecological Information

The product should not get into waters without treatment. Dissolved in water the material is readily biodegradable (>96%) and will not cause any disturbance in the waste water treatment plants.

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## 13. Disposal Considerations

### Leak and spill procedures:

Being a paste it can be collected, swept up and stored in closed containers.

### Disposal:

Any unrecoverable/recyclable materials should be disposed off in accordance with federal, state and local authority regulations.

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## 14. Transport Information

### IATA:

Not regulated as a hazardous material.

### IMO:

Not regulated as a hazardous material.

### RID/ADR:

Not regulated as a hazardous material.

Not classified as hazardous for transport. However one should observe the usual precautionary measures for transporting chemicals.

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## 15. Regulatory Information

According to the data available the product is not a regulated product. However one should observe the prescribed federal, state & local measures for dealing with chemicals.

**Hazard symbols:** Xi

### Risk Phrases:

R 38: Irritating to skin.

R 41: Risk of serious damage to eyes.

### Safety Advices:

S 26 – In case of contact with eyes, rinse immediately with plenty of water and seek medical Help

S 39 – Wear eye/face protection.

## 16. Other Information

Disclaimer:

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