

# Safety Data Sheet

**AQUAPAC**

Water Treatment & Specialty Chemicals

## NON-Hazardous Chemical, NON-Dangerous Goods

### 1. MATERIAL AND SUPPLY COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

Product name: **Sodium bicarbonate**

**Synonyms**

Bicar; CARBONIC ACID, MONOSODIUM SALT; Sodium bicarb; Sodium hydrogen carbonate

**Product Code**

**Recommended use:** Food/feed stuff additives, Detergent, Chemical industry, Glass industry, Foaming agents, Water treatment, Environmental protection, Purifying flue gas, Animal feed.

**Supplier:** Aquapac Pty Ltd  
**ABN:** 36 114 118 311  
**Street Address:** 88 Lee Holm Road  
St Marys NSW 2760  
**Telephone:** 02 9673 1192  
**Facsimile:** 02 9673 1193

**Emergency Telephone number:** 1800 HELP

### 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

Based on available information, this material is not classified as hazardous according to criteria of Safe Work Australia.

**Prevention Precautionary Statements**

P102 Keep out of reach of children.  
P280 Wear protective clothing, gloves, eye/face protection.

**Response Precautionary Statement**

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

**Storage Precautionary Statement**

Not allocated

**Disposal Precautionary Statement**

Not allocated

**Poison Schedule:**

### DANGEROUS GOOD CLASSIFICATION

Not classified as Dangerous Goods by the criteria of the "Australian Code for the Transport of Dangerous Goods by Road & Rail" and the "New Zealand NZS5433: Transport of Dangerous Goods on Land".

### 3. COMPOSITION INFORMATION

CHEMICAL ENTITY	CAS NO	PROPORTION
Carbonic acid, monosodium salt	144-55-8	100 %
Ingredients determined to be Non-Hazardous		Balance

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## 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

If poisoning occurs, contact a doctor or Poisons Information Centre (Phone Australia 131 126, New Zealand 0800 764 766).

**Inhalation:** Should not occur, in the event it is aspirated, remove the victim from the contaminated area, sit them down and if there is persistent difficulty in breathing, seek medical advice.

**Skin Contact:** Wash off with excess water and soap.

**Eye contact:** Flush the eye with water, pulling back the eyelids.

**Ingestion:** Rinse out the mouth with water. May cause mild gastric bloating from gas formation.

**Notes to physician:** Treat symptomatically. Treat symptomatically.

## 5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

**Hazchem Code:** Not applicable.

**Suitable extinguishing media:** If material is involved in a fire use water fog (or if unavailable fine water spray), alcohol resistant foam, standard foam, dry agent (carbon dioxide, dry chemical powder).

**Specific hazards:** Non-combustible material.

**Fire fighting further advice:** Not applicable.

## 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

### SMALL SPILLS

Wear protective equipment to prevent skin and eye contamination. Avoid inhalation of vapours or dust. Wipe up with absorbent (clean rag or paper towels). Collect and seal in properly labelled containers or drums for disposal.

### LARGE SPILLS

Clear area of all unprotected personnel. Slippery when spilt. Avoid accidents, clean up immediately. Wear protective equipment to prevent skin and eye contamination and the inhalation of dust. Work up wind or increase ventilation. Cover with damp absorbent (inert material, sand or soil). Sweep or vacuum up, but avoid generating dust. Collect and seal in properly labelled containers or drums for disposal. If contamination of crops, sewers or waterways has occurred advise local emergency services.

**Dangerous Goods – Initial Emergency Response Guide No:** Not applicable

## 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

**Handling:** Avoid eye contact and repeated or prolonged skin contact. Avoid inhalation of dust.

**Storage:** Store in a cool, dry, well-ventilated place and out of direct sunlight. Store away from foodstuffs. Store away from incompatible materials described in Section 10. Store away from sources of heat and/or ignition. Keep container standing upright. Keep containers closed when not in use - check regularly for spills.

## 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

**National occupational exposure limits:** No value assigned for this specific material by Safe Work Australia.

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**Biological Limit Values:** As per the "National Model Regulations for the Control of Workplace Hazardous Substances (Safe Work Australia)" the ingredients in this material do not have a Biological Limit Allocated.

**National occupational exposure limits:** Natural ventilation should be adequate under normal use conditions..

**Personal Protection Equipment:** OVERALLS, GLOVES, SAFETY GLASSES.

Wear overalls, gloves, safety glasses. Available information suggests that gloves made from polyvinyl chloride (PVC) should be suitable for intermittent contact. However, due to variations in glove construction and local conditions, the user should make a final assessment. Always wash hands before smoking, eating, drinking or using the toilet. Wash contaminated clothing and other protective equipment before storing or re-using.

**Hygiene measures:** Keep away from food, drink and animal feeding stuffs. When using do not eat, drink or smoke. Wash hands prior to eating, drinking or smoking. Avoid contact with clothing. Avoid eye contact and repeated or prolonged skin contact. Avoid inhalation of dust. Ensure that eyewash stations and safety showers are close to the workstation location.

## 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

**Form:** Crystalline Powder  
**Colour:** White  
**Odour:** Characteristic

**Solubility:** Miscible  
**Specific Gravity (20 °C):** 1.10  
**pH:** >9 (neat solution)

(Typical values only - consult specification sheet)  
N Av = Not available, N App = Not applicable

## 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

**Chemical stability:** Stable under normal ambient conditions, storage, transport, handling, and usage.

**Conditions to avoid:** AVOID contact with acids.

**Incompatible materials:** AVOID contact with acids; reacts to form toxic odourless gaseous oxides of carbon.

**Hazardous decomposition products:** None known.

**Hazardous reactions:** None known.

## 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

No adverse health effects expected if the product is handled in accordance with this Safety Data Sheet and the product label. Symptoms or effects that may arise if the product is mishandled and overexposure occurs are:

### Acute Effects

**Inhalation:** Should not occur. If spray or mist is aspirated, expected symptoms should mimic the effects of other benign fluid on the lung/

**Skin contact:** No significant acute effects anticipated.

**Ingestion:** Very large doses may cause gastric distress due to gas build up in the digestive system.

**Eye contact:** No significant acute effects anticipated. Exposure to the dust may cause discomfort due to

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particulate nature. May cause physical irritation to the eyes.

## Acute toxicity

**Inhalation:** This material has been classified as non-hazardous. Acute toxicity estimate (based on ingredients): >5 mg/L

**Skin contact:** This material has been classified as non-hazardous. Acute toxicity estimate (based on ingredients): >2,000 mg/Kg

**Ingestion:** This material has been classified as non-hazardous. Acute toxicity estimate (based on ingredients): >2,000 mg/Kg

LD50 (Rat): 4220 mg/kg

**Corrosion/Irritancy:** Eye: this material has been classified as not corrosive or irritating to eyes. Skin: this material has been classified as not corrosive or irritating to skin.

**Sensitisation:** Inhalation: this material has been classified as not a respiratory sensitiser. Skin: this material has been classified as not a skin sensitiser.

**Aspiration hazard:** This material has been classified as non-hazardous.

**Specific target organ toxicity (single exposure):** This material has been classified as non-hazardous.

## Chronic Toxicity

**Mutagenicity:** This material has been classified as non-hazardous.

**Carcinogenicity:** This material has been classified as non-hazardous.

**Reproductive toxicity (including via lactation):** This material has been classified as non-hazardous.

**Specific target organ toxicity (repeat exposure):** This material has been classified as non-hazardous.

## 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Avoid contaminating waterways.

**Acute aquatic hazard:** May cause strong localised changes in pH which may affect some aquatic species.

**Long-term aquatic hazard:** No long term aquatic hazards known.

**Ecotoxicity:** No information available.

**Persistence and degradability:** No information available.

**Bioaccumulative potential:** No information available.

**Mobility:** No information available.

## 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Persons conducting disposal, recycling or reclamation activities should ensure that appropriate personal protection equipment is used, see "Section 8. Exposure Controls and Personal Protection" of this SDS.

If possible material and its container should be recycled. If material or container cannot be recycled, dispose in accordance with local, regional, national and international Regulations.

## 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

### ROAD AND RAIL TRANSPORT

Not classified as Dangerous Goods by the criteria of the "Australian Code for the Transport of Dangerous Goods by Road & Rail" and the "New Zealand NZS5433: Transport of Dangerous Goods on Land".

### MARINE TRANSPORT

Not classified as Dangerous Goods by the criteria of the International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code (IMDG Code) for transport by sea.

### AIR TRANSPORT

Not classified as Dangerous Goods by the criteria of the International Air Transport Association (IATA) Dangerous Goods Regulations for transport by air.

## 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

### This material is not subject to the following international agreements:

Montreal Protocol (Ozone depleting substances)  
The Stockholm Convention (Persistent Organic Pollutants)  
The Rotterdam Convention (Prior Informed Consent)  
Basel Convention (Hazardous Waste)  
International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships (MARPOL)

## 16. OTHER INFORMATION

Reason for issue: Format change

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