

# Safety Data Sheet

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Water Treatment & Specialty Chemicals

## Hazardous Chemical, NON-Dangerous Goods

### 1. MATERIAL AND SUPPLY COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

Product name: **Sodium metabisulfite FG**

#### Synonyms

SMBS  
Sodium metabisulfite - food grade  
sodium bisulfite  
sodium disulfite

#### Product Code

**Recommended use:** Industrial use food additive reducing agent

**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

This material is hazardous according to health criteria of Safe Work Australia.



#### Signal Word

Danger

#### Hazard Classifications

Acute Toxicity - Oral - Category 4  
Serious Eye Damage/Irritation - Category 1

#### Hazard Statements

H302 Harmful if swallowed.  
H318 Causes serious eye damage.

#### Prevention Precautionary Statements

P102 Keep out of reach of children.  
P103 Read label before use.  
P264 Wash hands, face and all exposed skin thoroughly after handling.  
P270 Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.  
P280 Wear protective clothing, gloves, eye/face protection and suitable respirator.

#### Response Precautionary Statements

P101 If medical advice is needed, have product container or label at hand.  
P301+P310 IF SWALLOWED: Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician.  
P305+P351+P338 IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.  
P310 Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician.  
P330 Rinse mouth.

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## Storage Precautionary Statement

Not allocated

## Disposal Precautionary Statement

P501 Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local, regional, national and international regulations.

## 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
Sodium metabisulphate	7681-57-4	100 %
Ingredients determined to be Non-Hazardous		Balance

## 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

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

**Inhalation:** Remove victim from exposure - avoid becoming a casualty. Seek medical advice.

**Skin Contact:** Immediately wash contaminated skin with plenty of water and then wash with soap and water. Remove contaminated clothing and wash before re-use. Seek medical advice.

**Eye contact:** Immediately irrigate with copious quantities of water for at least 15 minutes. Eyelids to be held open. Seek immediate medical assistance.

**Ingestion:** Rinse mouth thoroughly with water immediately. If swallowed DO NOT induce vomiting.. Seek immediate medical assistance.

**Notes to physician:** Treat symptomatically. Can cause corneal burns. 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

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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:

	TWA		STEL		NOTICES
	ppm	mg/m <sup>3</sup>	ppm	mg/m <sup>3</sup>	
Sodium metabisulphite	-	5	-	-	-

As published by Safe Work Australia.

TWA - The time-weighted average airborne concentration over an eight-hour working day, for a five-day working week over an entire working life.

STEL (Short Term Exposure Limit) - the average airborne concentration over a 15 minute period which should not be exceeded at any time during a normal eight-hour workday.

These Exposure Standards are guides to be used in the control of occupational health hazards. All atmospheric contamination should be kept too as low a level as is workable. These exposure standards should not be used as fine dividing lines between safe and dangerous concentrations of chemicals. They are not a measure of relative toxicity.

If the directions for use on the product label are followed, exposure of individuals using the product should not exceed the above standard. The standard was created for workers who are routinely, potentially exposed during product manufacture.

**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.

**Engineering Measures:** Ensure ventilation is adequate to maintain air concentrations below Exposure Standards. Use only in well ventilated areas. Avoid generating and inhaling dusts. Use with local exhaust ventilation or while wearing dust mask.

**Personal Protection Equipment:** SAFETY SHOES, GLOVES, SAFETY GLASSES, DUST MASK.

Wear safety shoes, gloves, safety glasses, dust mask. 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

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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, Pungent, Sulfur Dioxide Odor

**Solubility:** 470g/L @20C  
**Specific Gravity (20 °C):** 1.4  
**Decomposition Point (°C):** >150  
**pH:** 3.5-5.0

(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, transport, storage, handling, and usage.

**Conditions to avoid:** AVOID excess heat; increases rate of decomposition.

**Incompatible materials:** Reacts with strong oxidisers, lewis acids, and mineral acids.

**Hazardous decomposition products:** Slowly evolves sulfur dioxide under ambient temperatures; keep containers well sealed.

**Hazardous reactions:** No known hazardous reactions.

## 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:** Product is irritating to nose, throat and respiratory tract

**Skin contact:** Skin contact causes irritation with reddening, swelling, rash, scaling and/or blistering.

**Ingestion:** Harmful if swallowed. May cause nausea, gastrointestinal upset, abdominal pain, central nervous system depression, vomiting, diarrhea, violent colic and death.

**Eye contact:** Vapours from this product are irritating to the eyes. This product causes irritation, redness and pain. Corneal damage and conjunctivitis may result from eye contact with this product. Exposure to the dust may cause discomfort due to 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

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LC50 (Rat): >5.5 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 a Category 4 Hazard. Acute toxicity estimate (based on ingredients): 300 - 2,000 mg/Kg

LD50 (Rat): 1540 mg/kg

**Corrosion/Irritancy:** Eye: this material has been classified as a Category 1 Hazard (irreversible effects 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:** This material has been classified as non-hazardous. Acute toxicity estimate (based on ingredients): >100 mg/L

96hr EC50 (fish): 215mg/L

**Long-term aquatic hazard:** This material has been classified as non-hazardous. Non-rapidly or rapidly degradable substance for which there are adequate chronic toxicity data available OR in the absence of chronic toxicity data, Acute toxicity estimate (based on ingredients): >100 mg/L, where the substance is not rapidly degradable and/or BCF < 500 and/or log K<sub>ow</sub> < 4.

**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

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accordance with local, regional, national and international Regulations.

## 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

### ROAD AND RAIL TRANSPORT

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### 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

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