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## Material Safety Data Sheet

### Magnesium chloride hexahydrate MSDS

#### Section 1: Chemical Product and Company Identification

**Product Name:** Magnesium chloride hexahydrate

**Catalog Codes:** SLM3697, SLM2926, SLM4306

**CAS#:** 7791-18-6

**RTECS:** OM2975000

**TSCA:** TSCA 8(b) inventory: Magnesium chloride hexahydrate

**CI#:** Not applicable.

**Synonym:**

**Chemical Name:** Magnesium dichloride hexahydrate

**Chemical Formula:** Mg-Cl<sub>2</sub>.6H<sub>2</sub>O

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#### Section 2: Composition and Information on Ingredients

**Composition:**

Name	CAS #	% by Weight
Magnesium chloride hexahydrate	7791-18-6	100

**Toxicological Data on Ingredients:** Not applicable.

#### Section 3: Hazards Identification

**Potential Acute Health Effects:** Slightly hazardous in case of skin contact (irritant, permeator), of eye contact (irritant), of ingestion, of inhalation.

**Potential Chronic Health Effects:**

CARCINOGENIC EFFECTS: Not available.

MUTAGENIC EFFECTS: Not available.

TERATOGENIC EFFECTS: Not available.

DEVELOPMENTAL TOXICITY: Not available.

The substance is toxic to cardiovascular system, upper respiratory tract.

Repeated or prolonged exposure to the substance can produce target organs damage.

#### Section 4: First Aid Measures

**Eye Contact:** Immediately flush eyes with running water for at least 15 minutes, keeping eyelids open. Cold water may be used.

**Skin Contact:**

After contact with skin, wash immediately with plenty of water. Gently and thoroughly wash the contaminated skin with running water and non-abrasive soap. Be particularly careful to clean folds, crevices, creases and groin. Cold water may be used. Cover the irritated skin with an emollient. If irritation persists, seek medical attention.

**Serious Skin Contact:** Not available.

**Inhalation:** Allow the victim to rest in a well ventilated area. Seek immediate medical attention.

**Serious Inhalation:** Not available.

**Ingestion:**

Do not induce vomiting. Loosen tight clothing such as a collar, tie, belt or waistband. If the victim is not breathing, perform mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. Seek immediate medical attention.

**Serious Ingestion:** Not available.

### Section 5: Fire and Explosion Data

**Flammability of the Product:** Non-flammable.

**Auto-Ignition Temperature:** Not applicable.

**Flash Points:** Not applicable.

**Flammable Limits:** Not applicable.

**Products of Combustion:** Not available.

**Fire Hazards in Presence of Various Substances:** Not applicable.

**Explosion Hazards in Presence of Various Substances:**

Risks of explosion of the product in presence of mechanical impact: Not available.

Risks of explosion of the product in presence of static discharge: Not available.

**Fire Fighting Media and Instructions:** Not applicable.

**Special Remarks on Fire Hazards:** Store under nitrogen. When heated to decomposition it emits toxic fumes.

**Special Remarks on Explosion Hazards:** Not available.

### Section 6: Accidental Release Measures

**Small Spill:**

Use appropriate tools to put the spilled solid in a convenient waste disposal container. Finish cleaning by spreading water on the contaminated surface and dispose of according to local and regional authority requirements.

**Large Spill:**

Use a shovel to put the material into a convenient waste disposal container. Finish cleaning by spreading water on the contaminated surface and allow to evacuate through the sanitary system.

### Section 7: Handling and Storage

**Precautions:**

Do not ingest. Do not breathe dust. If ingested, seek medical advice immediately and show the container or the label. Keep away from incompatibles such as oxidizing agents.

**Storage:**

No specific storage is required. Use shelves or cabinets sturdy enough to bear the weight of the chemicals. Be sure that it is not necessary to strain to reach materials, and that shelves are not overloaded.

## Section 8: Exposure Controls/Personal Protection

**Engineering Controls:**

Use process enclosures, local exhaust ventilation, or other engineering controls to keep airborne levels below recommended exposure limits. If user operations generate dust, fume or mist, use ventilation to keep exposure to airborne contaminants below the exposure limit.

**Personal Protection:** Safety glasses. Lab coat. Dust respirator. Be sure to use an approved/certified respirator or equivalent. Gloves.

**Personal Protection in Case of a Large Spill:**

Splash goggles. Full suit. Dust respirator. Boots. Gloves. A self contained breathing apparatus should be used to avoid inhalation of the product. Suggested protective clothing might not be sufficient; consult a specialist BEFORE handling this product.

**Exposure Limits:** Not available.

## Section 9: Physical and Chemical Properties

**Physical state and appearance:** Solid. (Deliquescent crystals solid.)

**Odor:** Not available.

**Taste:** Not available.

**Molecular Weight:** 203.3 g/mole

**Color:** Not available.

**pH (1% soln/water):** 7 [Neutral.]

**Boiling Point:** Not available.

**Melting Point:** 118°C (244.4°F)

**Critical Temperature:** Not available.

**Specific Gravity:** 1.59 (Water = 1)

**Vapor Pressure:** Not applicable.

**Vapor Density:** Not available.

**Volatility:** Not available.

**Odor Threshold:** Not available.

**Water/Oil Dist. Coeff.:** Not available.

**Ionicity (in Water):** Not available.

**Dispersion Properties:** See solubility in water, methanol.

**Solubility:**

Easily soluble in cold water, hot water, methanol.  
Insoluble in diethyl ether, n-octanol.

**Section 10: Stability and Reactivity Data**

**Stability:** The product is stable.

**Instability Temperature:** Not available.

**Conditions of Instability:** Not available.

**Incompatibility with various substances:**

Reactive with oxidizing agents.  
Non-reactive with moisture.

**Corrosivity:** Non-corrosive in presence of glass.

**Special Remarks on Reactivity:** Not available.

**Special Remarks on Corrosivity:** Not available.

**Polymerization:** No.

**Section 11: Toxicological Information**

**Routes of Entry:** Absorbed through skin. Eye contact. Inhalation. Ingestion.

**Toxicity to Animals:** Acute oral toxicity (LD50): 8100 mg/kg [Rat.].

**Chronic Effects on Humans:** The substance is toxic to cardiovascular system, upper respiratory tract.

**Other Toxic Effects on Humans:** Slightly hazardous in case of skin contact (irritant, permeator), of ingestion, of inhalation.

**Special Remarks on Toxicity to Animals:** Not available.

**Special Remarks on Chronic Effects on Humans:** Not available.

**Special Remarks on other Toxic Effects on Humans:** Material is irritating to mucous membranes and upper respiratory tract.

**Section 12: Ecological Information**

**Ecotoxicity:** Not available.

**BOD5 and COD:** Not available.

**Products of Biodegradation:**

Possibly hazardous short term degradation products are not likely. However, long term degradation products may arise.

**Toxicity of the Products of Biodegradation:** The products of degradation are more toxic.

**Special Remarks on the Products of Biodegradation:** Not available.

**Section 13: Disposal Considerations**

**Waste Disposal:**

## Section 14: Transport Information

**DOT Classification:** Not a DOT controlled material (United States).

**Identification:** Not applicable.

**Special Provisions for Transport:** Not applicable.

## Section 15: Other Regulatory Information

### Federal and State Regulations:

California prop. 65: This product contains the following ingredients for which the State of California has found to cause cancer, birth defects or other reproductive harm, which would require a warning under the statute:

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**Other Regulations:** Not available..

### Other Classifications:

**WHMIS (Canada):** Not controlled under WHMIS (Canada).

### DSCL (EEC):

This product is not classified according to the EU regulations.

### HMIS (U.S.A.):

**Health Hazard:** 2

**Fire Hazard:** 0

**Reactivity:** 0

**Personal Protection:** E

### National Fire Protection Association (U.S.A.):

**Health:** 2

**Flammability:** 0

**Reactivity:** 0

**Specific hazard:**

### Protective Equipment:

Gloves.

Lab coat.

Dust respirator. Be sure to use an approved/certified respirator or equivalent.

Safety glasses.

## Section 16: Other Information

**References:**

- Hawley, G.G.. The Condensed Chemical Dictionary, 11e ed., New York N.Y., Van Nostrand Reinold, 1987.
- SAX, N.I. Dangerous Properties of Industrial Materials. Toronto, Van Nostrand Reinold, 6e ed. 1984.
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**Other Special Considerations:** Not available.

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