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**1. IDENTIFICATION OF THE SUBSTANCE OR MIXTURE AND OF THE SUPPLIER**

Product identifier used on the label: Twenty Mule Team Borax

Other means of identification: 719066

Recommended use of the chemical and restrictions on use: Universal, Do not use on broken skin. Wash hands thoroughly after use

Name, address and telephone number of the chemical manufacturer:

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**2. HAZARD IDENTIFICATION**

The hazards described in this OSHA Globally Harmonized System Safety Data Sheet (SDS) are not intended for consumers, and does not address consumer use of the product. For information regarding consumer applications of this product, refer to the product label.

Classification of the substance or mixture in accordance with paragraph (d) of §1910.1200

HAZARD CLASS	HAZARD CATEGORY
SKIN IRRITATION	2
EYE IRRITATION	2A
REPRODUCTIVE TOXICITY	2

Signal word, hazard statement(s), symbol(s) and precautionary statement(s) in accordance with paragraph (f) of §1910.1200

Signal word:

WARNING

Hazard Statement(s):

Causes skin irritation.

Causes serious eye irritation.

Suspected of damaging fertility or the unborn child.



Symbol(s):

Precautionary Statements:

Prevention:

Obtain special instructions before use.

Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood.

Wash thoroughly after handling.

Wear eye and face protection.

Wear protective gloves.

Use personal protective equipment as required.

Response:

IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water.

IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to remove. Continue rinsing.

IF exposed or concerned: Get medical attention.

If skin irritation occurs: Get medical attention.

If eye irritation persists: Get medical attention.

Take off contaminated clothing.

Storage:

Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed.

Disposal:

Dispose of contents and/or container according to Federal, State/Provincial and local governmental regulations.

Hazards not otherwise classified: Not available.

Classification complies with OSHA Hazard Communication Standard (29 CFR 1910.1200) and is consistent with the provisions of the United Nations Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labeling of Chemicals (GHS).

See Section 11 for additional toxicological information.

### 3. COMPOSITION / INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

The following chemicals are classified as health hazards in accordance with paragraph (d) of § 1910.1200.

Chemical Name*	CAS Number (Unique Identifier)	Concentration
Sodium tetraborate decahydrate	1303-96-4	60 – 100 %

\*The specific chemical identity and/or exact percentage (concentration) of composition has been withheld because a trade secret is claimed in accordance with paragraph (i) of § 1910.1200.

### 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

#### Description of necessary measures

**Inhalation:** Remove from exposure area to fresh air. Treat symptomatically and supportively. If any symptoms appear, get medical attention.

**Skin contact:** Rinse affected area with large amounts of water until no evidence of product remains. Discontinue exposure. Get medical attention if irritation persists.

**Eye contact:** Immediately rinse eyes with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes while holding eyelids open. Get medical attention if pain or irritation develops.

**Ingestion:** Dilution by rinsing the mouth and giving water or milk to drink is generally recommended. Contact physician or local poison control center.

#### Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed

After eye contact: Moderate to strong irritation of the eyes (redness, swelling, burning, watering eyes), the occurrence of these symptoms may be delayed. After skin contact: Moderate to strong irritation of the skin (redness, swelling, burning), severe burns also possible. After Ingestion: Ingestion may cause pain, burning, swelling and redness in the mouth and throat. Nausea and vomiting may occur. After inhalation: Dust may cause mucous membrane irritation with coughing and shortness of breath.

#### Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

After eye contact: Rinse eyes immediately with plenty of water, occasionally lifting upper and lower lids, until no evidence of product remains.

After skin contact: Rinse affected area with large amounts of water until no evidence of product remains. After ingestion: Dilution by rinsing the mouth and giving a glass of water to drink is generally recommended. After inhalation: Remove from exposure area to fresh air. Contact physician or local poison control center.

### 5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

#### Suitable (and unsuitable) extinguishing media

**Suitable extinguishing media:** Extinguish using agent suitable for type of surrounding fire. Product is fire retardant.

**Unsuitable extinguishing media:** None known

#### Specific hazards arising from the chemical

Thermal decomposition products may include toxic oxides of sodium and boron.

#### Special protective equipment and precautions for fire-fighters

In case of fire, wear a full-face positive-pressure self-contained breathing apparatus and protective suit. Shut off all ignition sources. Apply cooling water to sides of containers that are exposed to flames until well after fire is out. Isolate area. Keep unnecessary personnel away. Avoid breathing vapors, keep upwind.

### 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

#### Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

Wear skin, eye and respiratory protection as recommended in Section 8. Stop leak if you can do it without risk. Spills present a slipping hazard. Keep unnecessary personnel away. Ventilate spill area if possible. Make sure area is slip-free before re-opening to traffic.

#### Environmental Precautions

Small or household quantities may be disposed in regular domestic trash. For larger quantities check with your local disposal authorities.

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

**SMALL SPILLS:** Sweep or scoop up and place into containers for later disposal. Wash site of spillage thoroughly with water. **LARGE SPILLS:** Sweep or scoop up and place into suitable clean, dry containers for reclamation or later disposal. Do not flush spilled material into sewer. Dispose in suitable waste container. Keep unnecessary people away from spill.

### 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

#### Precautions for safe handling

Do not get in eyes. Do not take internally. Use with adequate ventilation. Keep the containers closed when not in use. Have emergency equipment (for fires, spills, leaks, etc.) readily available.

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**Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities**

Store in original containers in a cool dry area. Storage areas for large quantities (warehouse) should be well ventilated. Keep the containers tightly closed when not in use.

**8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION**

OSHA permissible exposure limit (PEL), American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists (ACGIH) Threshold Limit Value (TLV), and any other exposure limit used or recommended by the chemical manufacturer, importer, or employer preparing the safety data sheet, where available.

Hazardous Component(s)	ACGIH	OSHA PEL	AIHA WEEL	OTHER
Sodium tetraborate decahydrate	2 mg/m3 TWA Inhalable fraction. 6 mg/m3 STEL Inhalable fraction	None	None	None

**Appropriate engineering controls**

Provide local exhaust or general dilution ventilation to keep exposure to airborne contaminants below the permissible exposure limits where mists or vapors may be generated.

**Individual protection measures**

**Respiratory:** If respiratory protection is required, it must be based on the contamination levels found in the workplace, must not exceed the working limits of the respirator and be jointly approved by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health and the Mine Safety and Health Administration (NIOSH-MSHA).

**Eye:** Safety glasses are required to prevent eye contact where dusty conditions may occur.

**Hand/Body:** Protective gloves are required where repeated or prolonged skin contact may occur.  
Protective clothing is required where repeated or prolonged skin contact may occur.

**9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES**

Appearance:	powder, white
Odor:	odorless
Odor threshold:	Not available
pH:	9.3 (3% aqueous solution)
Melting point/ range:	144 °F (62 °C)
Boiling point/range:	Not available.
Flash point:	Not applicable
Evaporation rate:	Not available.
Flammable/Explosive limits - lower:	Not available.
Flammable/Explosive limits - upper:	Not available.
Vapor pressure:	Not available.
Vapor density:	Not available.
Solubility in water:	Soluble
Partition coefficient (n-octanol/water):	Not available.
Autoignition temperature:	Not available.
Decomposition temperature:	Not available.
Viscosity:	Not available.
VOC content:	Not available.
Specific gravity:	348 – 426 g/L (density)

**10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY**

**Reactivity:** This product may react with strong oxidizing agents.

**Chemical stability:** Stable under normal ambient temperature (70°F, 21°C) and pressure (1 atm).

**Possibility of hazardous reactions:** Hazardous polymerization has not been reported to occur under normal temperatures and pressures.

**Conditions to avoid:** Avoid storing in direct sunlight and avoid extremes of temperature.

**Incompatible materials:** Strong oxidizers, acids, zirconium.

**Hazardous decomposition products:** Thermal decomposition products may include toxic oxides of sodium and boron.

**11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION****Likely routes of exposure including symptoms related to characteristics**

**Inhalation:** Dust may cause mucous membrane irritation with coughing, dryness and sore throat.

**Skin contact:** May cause severe irritation, pain and possibly chemical burns.

**Eye contact:** May cause moderate to severe irritation, with possibility of corneal injury if not removed promptly.

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**Ingestion:** Large quantities may be toxic. May cause burns of the mouth, throat and stomach. May also cause gastrointestinal disturbances such as nausea, vomiting, abdominal pain, and diarrhea.

**Physical/Chemical:** The product is irritant to skin and mucous membranes.

**Other relevant toxicity information:**

This product is a laundry care product. The use of this product by consumers is safe under normal and reasonable foreseen use.

**Numerical measures of toxicity, including delayed and immediate effect**

Hazardous Component(s)	LD50s and LC50s	Immediate and Delayed Health Effects
Sodium tetraborate decahydrate	Oral LD50 (RAT) = 396 - 689 mg/kg Dermal LD50 (RABBIT) = > 10,000 mg/kg Inhalation LC50 (RAT, 4 h) = > 0.002 mg/l	Blood, Central nervous system, Gastrointestinal, Irritant, Kidney, Liver, Lung, Reproductive, Skin, Vascular, Less weight gain and food intake.

**Carcinogenicity information**

Hazardous Component(s)	NTP Carcinogen	IARC Carcinogen	OSHA Carcinogen
Sodium tetraborate decahydrate	No	No	No

**Carcinogenicity** None of the ingredients in this product are listed as carcinogens by the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC), the National Toxicology Program (NTP) or the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA).

**Mutagenicity** None of the ingredients in this product are known to cause mutagenicity.

**Toxicity to reproduction** Sodium borate and boric acid interfere with sperm production, damage the testes and interfere with male fertility when given to animals by mouth at high doses. Boric acid produces developmental effects, including reduced body weight, malformations and death, in the offspring of pregnant animals given boric acid by mouth.

## 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

**Aquatic Toxicity:**

This product is anticipated to be safe for the environment at concentrations predicted in household settings under normal use conditions. The following toxicity information is available for the hazardous ingredient(s) when used as technical grade and is provided as reference for the occupational settings.

**Toxicity to fish:**

The aquatic toxicity profile of this product has not been determined.

**Toxicity to aquatic invertebrates:**

The aquatic toxicity profile of this product has not been determined.

**Toxicity to algae:**

The aquatic toxicity profile of this product has not been determined.

**Persistence and Degradability:** The persistence and degradability of this product has not been determined.

**Bioaccumulation Potential:** The bioaccumulation potential of this product has not been determined.

**Mobility:** The mobility of this product (in soil and water) has not been determined.

## 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

**Waste Number and Description:** Not applicable, not regulated.

**Disposal Considerations:**

**Disposal of products:** This product is not a RCRA hazardous waste and can be disposed of in accordance with federal, state and local regulations.

**Disposal of packages:** Place in trash.

**Additional information:** Observe all federal, state and local regulations when storing or disposing of this substance

## 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

The transport information provided in this section only applies to the material/formulation itself, and is not specific to any package/configuration.

**U.S. Department of Transportation Ground (49 CFR)**

**Proper shipping name:** Not regulated

**Hazard class or division:** None

**Identification number:** None

**Packing group:** None

**International Air Transportation (ICAO/IATA)**

**Proper shipping name:** Not regulated

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Hazard class or division: None  
Identification number: None  
Packing group: None

**Water Transportation (IMO/IMDG)**

Proper shipping name: Not regulated  
Hazard class or division: None  
Identification number: None  
Packing group: None

## 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

**Occupational safety and health act:** Hazard Communication Standard, 29 CFR 1910.1200(g) Appendix D: The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) require that the Safety Data Sheets (SDSs) are readily accessible to employees for all hazardous chemicals in the workplace. Since the use pattern and exposure in the workplace are generally not consistent with those experienced by consumers, this SDS may contain health hazard information not relevant to consumer use.

**United States Regulatory Information:**

<b>TSCA 8 (b) Inventory Status:</b>	All components are listed or are exempt from listing on the Toxic Substances Control Act Inventory.
<b>TSCA 12 (b) Export Notification:</b>	None above reporting de minimis
<b>CERCLA/SARA Section 302:</b>	None above reporting de minimis
<b>CERCLA/SARA Section 311/312:</b>	Not available.
<b>CERCLA/SARA Section 313:</b>	None above reporting de minimis
<b>California Proposition 65:</b>	No California Proposition 65 listed chemicals are known to be present.

**Canada Regulatory Information:**

**CEPA DSL/NDL Status:** One or more components are not listed on, and are not exempt from listing on either the Domestic Substances List or the Non-Domestic Substances List.

## 16. OTHER INFORMATION

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