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**1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION**

Product name : Methylene blue

Product Number : M9140

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**2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION****Emergency Overview****OSHA Hazards**

Target Organ Effect, Harmful by ingestion., Irritant

**Target Organs**

Blood, Central nervous system, Eyes

**GHS Classification**

Acute toxicity, Oral (Category 4)

Skin irritation (Category 2)

Eye irritation (Category 2A)

Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure (Category 3)

**GHS Label elements, including precautionary statements**

Pictogram



Signal word

Warning

Hazard statement(s)

H302

Harmful if swallowed.

H315

Causes skin irritation.

H319

Causes serious eye irritation.

H335

May cause respiratory irritation.

Precautionary statement(s)

P261

Avoid breathing dust/ fume/ gas/ mist/ vapours/ spray.

P264

Wash skin thoroughly after handling.

P270

Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.

P271

Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area.

P280

Wear protective gloves/ eye protection/ face protection.

P301 + P312

IF SWALLOWED: Call a POISON CENTER or doctor/ physician if you feel unwell.

P302 + P352

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

P304 + P340

IF INHALED: Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for

P305 + P351 + P338 breathing.  
 IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.  
 P312 Call a POISON CENTER or doctor/ physician if you feel unwell.  
 P321 Specific treatment (see supplemental first aid instructions on this label).  
 P330 Rinse mouth.  
 P332 + P313 If skin irritation occurs: Get medical advice/ attention.  
 P337 + P313 If eye irritation persists: Get medical advice/ attention.  
 P362 Take off contaminated clothing and wash before reuse.  
 P403 + P233 Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed.  
 P405 Store locked up.  
 P501 Dispose of contents/ container to an approved waste disposal plant.

**HMIS Classification**

**Health hazard:** 2  
**Chronic Health Hazard:** \*  
**Flammability:** 0  
**Physical hazards:** 0

**NFPA Rating**

**Health hazard:** 2  
**Fire:** 0  
**Reactivity Hazard:** 0

**Potential Health Effects**

**Inhalation** May be harmful if inhaled. Causes respiratory tract irritation.  
**Skin** May be harmful if absorbed through skin. Causes skin irritation.  
**Eyes** Causes eye irritation.  
**Ingestion** May be harmful if swallowed.

**3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS**

Synonyms : Tetramethylthionine chloride  
 3,7-bis(Dimethylamino)phenazathionium chloride  
 Basic Blue 9

Formula : C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>18</sub>ClN<sub>3</sub>S · 3H<sub>2</sub>O  
 Molecular Weight : 373.90 g/mol

| Component                        |           | Concentration |
|----------------------------------|-----------|---------------|
| <b>Methylthioninium chloride</b> |           |               |
| CAS-No.                          | 7220-79-3 | -             |
| EC-No.                           | 200-515-2 | -             |

**4. FIRST AID MEASURES**

**General advice**

Consult a physician. Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance. Move out of dangerous area.

**If inhaled**

If breathed in, move person into fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. Consult a physician.

**In case of skin contact**

Wash off with soap and plenty of water. Consult a physician.

**In case of eye contact**

Rinse thoroughly with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes and consult a physician.

**If swallowed**

Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Rinse mouth with water. Consult a physician.

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## 5. FIREFIGHTING MEASURES

### Suitable extinguishing media

Use water spray, alcohol-resistant foam, dry chemical or carbon dioxide.

### Special protective equipment for firefighters

Wear self contained breathing apparatus for fire fighting if necessary.

### Hazardous combustion products

Hazardous decomposition products formed under fire conditions. - Carbon oxides, nitrogen oxides (NOx), Sulphur oxides, Hydrogen chloride gas

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## 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

### Personal precautions

Use personal protective equipment. Avoid dust formation. Avoid breathing vapors, mist or gas. Ensure adequate ventilation. Evacuate personnel to safe areas. Avoid breathing dust.

### Environmental precautions

Do not let product enter drains.

### Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up

Pick up and arrange disposal without creating dust. Sweep up and shovel. Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal.

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## 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

### Precautions for safe handling

Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Avoid formation of dust and aerosols.

Provide appropriate exhaust ventilation at places where dust is formed. Normal measures for preventive fire protection.

### Conditions for safe storage

Keep container tightly closed in a dry and well-ventilated place.

Keep in a dry place.

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## 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

Contains no substances with occupational exposure limit values.

### Personal protective equipment

#### Respiratory protection

For nuisance exposures use type P95 (US) or type P1 (EU EN 143) particle respirator. For higher level protection use type OV/AG/P99 (US) or type ABEK-P2 (EU EN 143) respirator cartridges. Use respirators and components tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or CEN (EU).

#### Hand protection

Handle with gloves. Gloves must be inspected prior to use. Use proper glove removal technique (without touching glove's outer surface) to avoid skin contact with this product. Dispose of contaminated gloves after use in accordance with applicable laws and good laboratory practices. Wash and dry hands.

#### Eye protection

Safety glasses with side-shields conforming to EN166 Use equipment for eye protection tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or EN 166(EU).

#### Skin and body protection

Complete suit protecting against chemicals, The type of protective equipment must be selected according to the concentration and amount of the dangerous substance at the specific workplace.

#### Hygiene measures

Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice. Wash hands before breaks and at the end of workday.

## 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

### Appearance

|        |            |
|--------|------------|
| Form   | powder     |
| Colour | dark green |

### Safety data

|  |                                      |
|--|--------------------------------------|
| pH                                     | no data available                    |
| Melting point/freezing point           | Melting point/range: 190 °C (374 °F) |
| Boiling point                          | no data available                    |
| Flash point                            | no data available                    |
| Ignition temperature                   | no data available                    |
| Autoignition temperature               | no data available                    |
| Lower explosion limit                  | no data available                    |
| Upper explosion limit                  | no data available                    |
| Vapour pressure                        | no data available                    |
| Density                                | no data available                    |
| Water solubility                       | soluble                              |
| Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water | no data available                    |
| Relative vapour density                | no data available                    |
| Odour                                  | no data available                    |
| Odour Threshold                        | no data available                    |
| Evaporation rate                       | no data available                    |

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## 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

### Chemical stability

Stable under recommended storage conditions.

### Possibility of hazardous reactions

no data available

### Conditions to avoid

no data available

### Materials to avoid

Strong oxidizing agents

### Hazardous decomposition products

Hazardous decomposition products formed under fire conditions. - Carbon oxides, nitrogen oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>), Sulphur oxides, Hydrogen chloride gas

Other decomposition products - no data available

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## 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### Acute toxicity

#### Oral LD50

no data available

#### Inhalation LC50

#### Dermal LD50

no data available

**Other information on acute toxicity**

no data available

**Skin corrosion/irritation**

no data available

**Serious eye damage/eye irritation**

no data available

**Respiratory or skin sensitization**

no data available

**Germ cell mutagenicity**

no data available

**Carcinogenicity**

IARC: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as probable, possible or confirmed human carcinogen by IARC.

ACGIH: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a carcinogen or potential carcinogen by ACGIH.

NTP: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a known or anticipated carcinogen by NTP.

OSHA: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a carcinogen or potential carcinogen by OSHA.

**Reproductive toxicity**

no data available

**Teratogenicity**

no data available

**Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure (Globally Harmonized System)**

Inhalation - May cause respiratory irritation.

**Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure (Globally Harmonized System)**

no data available

**Aspiration hazard**

no data available

**Potential health effects**

|                   |  |
|-------------------|--|
| <b>Inhalation</b> | May be harmful if inhaled. Causes respiratory tract irritation.  |
| <b>Ingestion</b>  | May be harmful if swallowed.                                     |
| <b>Skin</b>       | May be harmful if absorbed through skin. Causes skin irritation. |
| <b>Eyes</b>       | Causes eye irritation.   |

**Signs and Symptoms of Exposure**

Absorption into the body leads to the formation of methemoglobin which in sufficient concentration causes cyanosis. Onset may be delayed 2 to 4 hours or longer., Vomiting, Diarrhoea, To the best of our knowledge, the chemical, physical, and toxicological properties have not been thoroughly investigated.

**Synergistic effects**

no data available

**Additional Information**

RTECS: SP5740000

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**12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION****Toxicity**

no data available

**Persistence and degradability**

no data available

**Bioaccumulative potential**

no data available

**Mobility in soil**

no data available

**PBT and vPvB assessment**

no data available

**Other adverse effects**

no data available

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**13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS**

**Product**

Offer surplus and non-recyclable solutions to a licensed disposal company. Contact a licensed professional waste disposal service to dispose of this material.

**Contaminated packaging**

Dispose of as unused product.

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**14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION**

**DOT (US)**

Not dangerous goods

**IMDG**

Not dangerous goods

**IATA**

Not dangerous goods

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**15. REGULATORY INFORMATION**

**OSHA Hazards**

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**SARA 302 Components**

SARA 302: No chemicals in this material are subject to the reporting requirements of SARA Title III, Section 302.

**SARA 313 Components**

SARA 313: This material does not contain any chemical components with known CAS numbers that exceed the threshold (De Minimis) reporting levels established by SARA Title III, Section 313.

**SARA 311/312 Hazards**

Acute Health Hazard, Chronic Health Hazard

**Massachusetts Right To Know Components**

No components are subject to the Massachusetts Right to Know Act.

**Pennsylvania Right To Know Components**

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**New Jersey Right To Know Components**

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Revision Date

**California Prop. 65 Components**

This product does not contain any chemicals known to State of California to cause cancer, birth defects, or any other reproductive harm.

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**16. OTHER INFORMATION**

**Further information**

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