

Section 1. Identification

1.1 Product Identifier 1283

Product Name STEARIC ACID

CAS Number 57-11-4

REACH Registration No A registration number is not available as the substance or its uses are exempt, the annual tonnage does not require a registration or the registration is envisaged for a later date.

Molecular Formula $\text{CH}_3(\text{CH}_2)_{16}\text{COOH} = 284.48$

1.2 Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture & uses advised against

Uses of Material Chemical for industrial and laboratory use. Not suitable for domestic use.

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Section 2. Hazards Identification

2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture

Classification according to regulation 1272/2008/EC

Not classified as hazardous.

2.2 Label elements

Labelling according to regulation 1272/2008/EC

Not classified as hazardous.

Section 3. Composition

3.1 Substances

Not classified as hazardous.

Section 4. First Aid

4.1 Description of first aid measures

Eyes	Irrigate thoroughly with plenty of water for at least 10 minutes, holding the eye open. If discomfort persists OBTAIN MEDICAL ATTENTION.
Skin	Wash off skin thoroughly with water.
Inhalation	Remove from exposure.
Ingestion	Wash out the patients mouth thoroughly with water. Do not induce vomiting.
Personal protection for first aiders	Wear protective gloves / eye protection.

4.2 Most important symptoms and effects, both acute & delayed.

No further relevant information available.

4.3 Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed.

No further relevant information available.

Section 5. Fire Fighting

5.1 Extinguishing media

Extinguishing Media	Alcohol resistant foam, dry powder, or carbon dioxide. Use water spray to keep fire exposed containers cool.
Unsuitable Media	Nothing specified.

5.2 Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture

Hazards	Not combustible but assists burning. Presents no specific health hazard if involved in a fire.
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5.3 Advice for firefighters

Advice for firefighters	Consider all other materials in the vicinity.
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Section 6. Accidental Release Measures

6.1 Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

Personal Protection	Presents no major hazards.
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6.2 Environmental precautions

Environmental	Keep material out of sewers, storm drains, surface waters and soil. Notify the Environmental Agency and local Environmental Health Officer if major spillage occurs.
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6.3 Methods and material for containment and cleaning up

Major Spillage	Contain and absorb on inert material. Transfer absorbent to salvage container for removal. Wash area down with copious amounts of water.
Minor Spillage	Wash area down with copious amounts of water.

6.4 Reference to other sections

See section 8.2 for information on protective equipment and section 13 for information on disposal.

Section 7. Storage & Handling

7.1 Precautions for safe handling

Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Do not breath vapours. Do not allow to contaminate clothing.
Ensure Local Exhaust Ventilation maintains vapour concentrations to a minimum.

7.2 Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Well ventilated, cool, dry storage . Protect from direct sun and store away from sources of ignition.

7.3 Specific end use(s)

See section 1.2.

Section 8. Workplace Exposure & Personal Protection

8.1 Control parameters

Component	CAS No	Concentration	Workplace Exposure Limits	
			Long Term (8hr TWA)	Short Term 15min period)
Stearic acid	57-11-4	~100%	-	-

Exposure data source(s) No occupational exposure data currently available.

8.2 Exposure controls

Respiratory Protection	Use L.E.V. or natural ventilation to maintain vapour concentrations below exposure limits. If not, use a well maintained chemical cartridge organic vapour respirator, or use self contained breathing apparatus.
Hand Protection	Use solvent resistant gloves.
Eye Protection	Use tightly fitting chemical splash proof glasses or goggles.
Skin Protection	Avoid contact with skin. If skin contact or contamination of clothing is likely, protective clothing must be worn.
Special Hazards	No special precautions required.

Section 9. Physical & Chemical Properties

9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties

Appearance	White to off-white wax-like solid.
Odour	Odourless.
pH	Not applicable
Boiling Point	200°C
Melting Point	55°C
Flash Point	180°C (Open cup)
Upper Flammable Limit	Not applicable
Lower Flammable Limit	Not applicable
Auto Ignition	350°C
Explosive Properties	No.
Oxidising Properties	No.
Vapour Pressure	Not applicable
Relative Density	Not available
Water Solubility	Insoluble in water.

9.2 Other information

No data available.

Section 10. Stability & Reactivity

10.1 Reactivity	No data available.
10.2 Chemical Stability	Stable under normal conditions
10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions	No data available.
10.4 Conditions to Avoid	Hot surfaces, naked flames or other sources of ignition.
10.5 Incompatible Materials	Strong oxidising agents.
10.6 Hazardous Decomposition Products	None unusual. Burning will produce smoke, carbon monoxide and/or carbon dioxide.

Section 11. Toxicological Information

11.1 Information on toxicological effects

Eyes	Presents no significant health hazard to the eyes.
Skin	Presents no significant hazard by skin contact.
LD50 Skin	Not available

Ingestion	Ingestion of large amounts may cause headache, dizziness, nausea, vomiting, thirst and convulsions.
LD50 Oral	>2000mg/kg Rat
Inhalation	High concentrations of vapour may produce irritation of the eyes, nose, throat and respiratory tract.
LD50 Inhalation	Not available
TCLo	Not available
Carcinogenicity	Not considered to be a carcinogen.
Mutagenicity	Not considered to be a mutagen.
Reproductive Effects	None identified.

Section 12. Ecological

12.1 Toxicity	Readily bio-degraded in the environment.
LC50 Algal	Not available
LC50 Crustacea	Not available
LC50 Fish	Not available
12.2 Persistence and degradability	No data available.
12.3 Bioaccumulative potential	No data available.
12.4 Mobility in soil	No data available.
12.5 Results of PBT & vPvB assessment	Assessment not required.
12.6 Other adverse effects	None known at present.

Section 13. Disposal Considerations

13.1 Waste treatment methods

Disposal Methods	Dispose of in a licensed incinerator for organic solvents. Do not dispose of as domestic waste.
Contaminated Packaging	Use a licensed waste disposer. Wash out containers with water.

Section 14. Transport Information

14.1 UN Number	Non-restricted
14.2 Proper Shipping Name	Non-restricted
14.3 Transport classes	
UN classification	None
Subsidiary hazard(s)	None
Transport category	None
ADR Hazard ID	Non-restricted
Tunnel Restriction Code	Non-restricted
14.4 Packing Group	None
14.5 Environment hazards	See section 12.
14.6 Special precautions for user	No special precautions required.
14.7 Transport in bulk	Not transported in bulk.

Section 15. Regulatory Information

15.1 Safety, health and environment regulations specific for substance/mixture.

Not classified as hazardous under Classification, Labelling & Packaging of Substances & Mixtures Regulations (1272/2008/CE).

15.2 Chemical safety assessment

Assessment not required.

Section 16. Other Information

The information contained in this document only covers the hazards presented by this material, it DOES NOT constitute a workplace risk assessment. See sections 11 for toxicological information and section 12 for ecological information.

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