

**1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION**

Product name :  $\gamma$ -Linolenic acid  
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**2. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS**

Synonyms : cis,cis,cis-6,9,12-Octadecatrienoic acid  
 Formula :  $C_{18}H_{30}O_2$   
 Molecular Weight : 278.43 g/mol

CAS-No.	EC-No.	Index-No.	Concentration
<b>Gamma-linolenic acid</b>			
506-26-3	-	-	-

**3. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION**

**WHMIS Classification**  
 D2B Toxic Material Causing Other Toxic Effects Moderate skin irritant  
 Moderate respiratory irritant  
 Moderate eye irritant

**HMIS Classification**  
 Health Hazard: 2  
 Flammability: 1  
 Physical hazards: 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.

**4. FIRST AID MEASURES**

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**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.

**5. FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES****Flammable properties**

Flash point 110 °C (230 °F) - closed cup  
 Ignition temperature no data available

**Suitable extinguishing media**

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

**Special protective equipment for fire-fighters**

Wear self contained breathing apparatus for fire fighting if necessary.

**6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES****Personal precautions**

Use personal protective equipment. Avoid breathing vapors, mist or gas. Ensure adequate ventilation.

**Environmental precautions**

Do not let product enter drains.

**Methods for cleaning up**

Soak up with inert absorbent material and dispose of as hazardous waste. Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal.

**7. HANDLING AND STORAGE****Handling**

Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Avoid inhalation of vapour or mist.  
 Normal measures for preventive fire protection.

**Storage**

Keep container tightly closed in a dry and well-ventilated place. Containers which are opened must be carefully resealed and kept upright to prevent leakage.

Recommended storage temperature: -20 °C

Light sensitive. Store under inert gas. Air sensitive.

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**8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION**

Contains no substances with occupational exposure limit values.

**Personal protective equipment****Respiratory protection**

Where risk assessment shows air-purifying respirators are appropriate use a full-face respirator with multi-purpose combination (US) or type ABEK (EN 14387) respirator cartridges as a backup to engineering controls. If the respirator is the sole means of protection, use a full-face supplied air respirator. Use respirators and components tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or CEN (EU).

**Hand protection**

Handle with gloves.

**Eye protection**

Safety glasses

**Skin and body protection**

Choose body protection according to the amount and concentration of the dangerous substance at the work place.

**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 clear, liquid  
 Colour light yellow

**Safety data**

pH no data available  
 Melting point no data available  
 Boiling point no data available  
 Flash point 110 °C (230 °F) - closed cup  
 Ignition temperature no data available  
 Lower explosion limit no data available  
 Upper explosion limit no data available  
 Water solubility no data available

**10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY****Storage stability**

Stable under recommended storage conditions.

**Materials to avoid**

Strong oxidizing agents

**Hazardous decomposition products**

Hazardous decomposition products formed under fire conditions. - Carbon oxides

**11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

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**Acute toxicity**

no data available

**Irritation and corrosion**

no data available

**Sensitisation**

no data available

**Chronic exposure**

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.

**Signs and Symptoms of Exposure**

To the best of our knowledge, the chemical, physical, and toxicological properties have not been thoroughly investigated.

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**12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION****Elimination information (persistence and degradability)**

no data available

**Ecotoxicity effects**

no data available

**Further information on ecology**

no data available

**13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS****Product**

Observe all federal, state, and local environmental regulations. Contact a licensed professional waste disposal service to dispose of this material.

**Contaminated packaging**

Dispose of as unused product.

**14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION****DOT (US)**

Not dangerous goods

**IMDG**

Not dangerous goods

**IATA**

Not dangerous goods

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**15. REGULATORY INFORMATION****DSL Status**

All components of this product are on the Canadian DSL list.

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**16. OTHER INFORMATION****Further information**

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