Product Safety Summary for 1,6-Hexanediol

SUBSTANCE NAME

Hexanediol

Hexane-1,6-diol

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1,6-Hexanediol

1,6-Hexanediol (8CI, 9CI)

1.6-Hexandiol

1,6- Dihydroxyhexane

Hexamethyleneglycol

Hexamethylenediol

omega.-Hexanediol

alpha.,.omega.-Hexanediol

GENERAL STATEMENT

1,6-Hexanediol is a white solid with characteristic odor. It is neither hazardous for human health nor for the environment. 1,6-Hexanediol has a wide range of applications. It has two functional groups which are useful in the production of various polymers and plastic products. But it also finds application in other chemical processes and is contained in different consumer products.

CHEMICAL IDENTITY

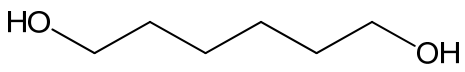
EC Name: hexane-1,6-diol

EC-No. : 211-074-0

CAS-No. : 629-11-8

Molecular formula: C6H14O2

Structural formula:



USES AND APPLICATIONS

1,6-Hexanediol is obtained after treatment of the mixture of products resulting from the oxidation of cyclohexane with air. 1,6-Hexanediol is used to produce materials made of polyester or polyurethane, as monomer for the manufacture of polyesterpolyols, polycarbonatedioles and acrylic monomers, for the production of molecules that act as reactive diluents, for the production of halogenated substances and for the production of adhesives, putties and sealing compounds, cleaners and auxiliary agents. 1,6-Hexanediol is also used in the processes to produce hydrogen, hydrogen peroxide, sodium perborate

and peroxyacetic acid and as an intermediate for pharmaceutical products. It is used as an ingredient for the production of polymeric thickeners, plasticizers for polyvinyl chloride, sizing agents, surfactants, for starches and chemically modified starch for application in the paper, textile and food industry and for personal hygiene products like shampoo, creams, as well as for paints.

PHYSICAL CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

1,6-Hexanediol is a white solid at room temperature. It has a characteristic odor.

Melting point/range: 39.5 – 42.1 °C
Boiling point/boiling range: 250 °C at 1013 hPa
Decomposition temperature: Not determined
Flashpoint: 136 °C
Flammability (solid, gaseous): Combustible, but not highly flammable solid
Selfignition temperature: 320 °C
Explosion limits:
Lower: 6.6 %
Upper: 16 %
Explosive properties: Non explosive.
Molecular weight: 118.1742 g/mol
pH value: 7.6 at 20 °C and 500 g/l
log Pow: 0 (at 25 °C)
Vapor pressure: 0.000666 hPa at 25 °C
Vapor density: Not determined
Relative density: 0.96 g/cm^3 at 20 °C
Solubility in/Miscibility with water: Miscible
Oxidizing properties: No oxidizing properties

HEALTH EFFECTS

1,6-Hexanediol has no marked health hazard properties. Its acute toxicity is very low via all tested routes of exposure (oral, skin and inhalation). It has no irritation or sensitization effects. Repeated dose and long term health or reproductive effects could not be established either. Its physical properties give no rise to concern. The flammability of hexanediol is low. Therefore, 1,6-Hexanediol has a very low overall human health hazard potential.

EFFECT ASSESSMENT	RESULT
Acute Toxicity (oral/dermal/inhalation)	1,6-Hexanediol is of low acute toxicity via all routes of exposure.
Irritation/Corrosivity	1,6-Hexanediol is not irritating to the skin or to the eyes.

(skin/eye/respiratory tract)	Corrosivity was not tested on the basis of the absence of irritation properties.
Sensitization (skin/respiratory tract)	Based on the available data 1,6-Hexanediol is not considered to have skin or respiratory sensitization properties.
Mutagenicity	All available in vitro test data indicates that 1,6-Hexanediol does not cause mutagenic effects.
Carcinogenicity	No carcinogenicity data has been generated due to the negative mutagenicity results.
Reproductive Toxicity	Screening test information indicates that 1,6-Hexanediol has no adverse reproductive effects.
Repeated Dose Exposure	Oral repeated dose test results with 1,6-Hexanediol suggest that no marked toxicity should be expected. Dermal and inhalation repeated dose exposure testing is considered unnecessary based on expected exposure routes and the result of the oral repeated dose test.

ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS

The results of all acute aquatic studies on fish, algae, plants and invertebrates indicate a low environmental acute hazard potential for 1,6-Hexanediol. 1,6-Hexanediol is readily biodegradable and it has a very low bioaccumulation potential. Considering all available data on biotic and abiotic degradation, bioaccumulation and toxicity, it can be stated that the substance is neither persistent nor toxic to the environment and that it will not bio-accumulate. Overall, 1,6-Hexanediol has a very low environmental hazard potential.

EFFECT ASSESSMENT	RESULT
Aquatic Toxicity	Fish, daphnia, algae and plant studies indicate that the aquatic toxicity of 1,6-Hexanediol is low.

FATE AND BEHAVIOR	RESULT
Biodegradation	1,6-Hexanediol is readily biodegradable.
Bioaccumulation potential	1,6-Hexanediol will preferentially distribute to water. Based on the low partition coefficient it is concluded that bioaccumulation is not expected.
PBT/vPvB conclusion	Based on its low toxicity, bioaccumulation potential and ready biodegradability, 1,6-Hexanediol does not meet the criteria for PBT or vPvB.

EXPOSURE

Human Health

1,6-Hexanediol is used in many different applications. In industrial sites, it is used for the production of hydrogen, hydrogen peroxide, sodium perborate and peroxyacetic acid. But its main industrial use is as monomer or reactant; therefore, 1,6-Hexanediol will no longer be present as such in downstream products, practically eliminating the exposure potential for professional users and consumers.

On the other hand, 1,6-Hexanediol is contained in formulated products of usual use, such as adhesives, putties, sealing compounds, cleaners, paints and inks, synthetic resins and personal hygiene products (shampoo, creams, etc.). In all previous cases, 1,6-Hexanediol occurs in diluted form, so professionals and consumers exposure level will be very low.

Environment

1,6-Hexanediol is solid at room temperature and it has low volatility in liquid form above its boiling point. Therefore, the probability of release in pure form to any of the environmental compartments is low, under normal industrial use conditions. There may be some release to waste water streams as a result of normal use or industrial cleaning operations. Due to its readily biodegradability, 1,6-Hexanediol should not cause further environmental exposure.

RISK MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

1,6-Hexanediol poses very low human health and environmental risks. However it is a good practice to train personnel handling the substance and to protect workers who may be exposed to 1,6-Hexanediol by taking the usual precautionary measures to protect against chemical exposure. Therefore, protective clothing, gloves and safety glasses with side shields should be worn when handling 1,6-Hexanediol. Good ventilation is required in areas where 1,6-Hexanediol is handled. Respiratory protection is not required unless 1,6-Hexanediol is released in the form of gas or in the form of aerosols. 1,6-Hexanediol is not flammable; however, it is good practice to prevent the build-up of electrostatic charge when storing it.

For environmental protection in case of accidental release: do not allow product to reach sewage system or any water course. Retain and dispose of contaminated wash water.

STATE AGENCY REVIEW

This substance has been registered under REACH (EC) No. 1907/2006.

1,6-Hexanediol is included in the OECD list of High Production Volume (HPV) chemicals.

1,6-Hexanediol is listed in the following Chemical Inventories:_ TSCA, EINECS, ENCS, AICS, Canadian DSL, KECI, PICCS, IECSC, and NZIoC.

REGULATORY INFORMATION/CLASSIFICATION AND LABELING

Classification of the substance according to REGULATION (EC) No 1272/2008:

Not classified.

Labeling according to REGULATION (EC) No 1272/2008:

Pictogram: none

Signal word: none

Hazard statements: none

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GLOSSARY

Acute toxicity	Harmful effect resulting from a single or short term exposure to a substance.
AICS	Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances.
Biodegradation	Decomposition or breakdown of a substance under natural conditions (actions of micro-organisms etc).
Bioaccumulation	Progressive accumulation in living organisms of a chemical substance present in the environment.
Canadian DSL	Domestic Substances List of Canada.
Carcinogenicity	Substance effects causing cancer.
CAS	Chemical Abstracts Service (division of the American Chemical Society).
Chronic toxicity	Harmful effect after repeated exposures or long term exposure to a substance.
EINECS	European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances
ENCS	Existing Notified Chemical Substances (Japan).
Flash point	The lowest temperature at which vapor of the substance may form an ignitable mixture with air.
Genotoxicity	Substance effect that causes damage to genes, including mutagenicity and clastogenicity.
GHS	Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labeling of

	Chemicals
HPV	High Production Volume Chemicals.
Hydrolyze	Undergo hydrolysis; decompose by reacting with water.
IECSC	Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances Produced or Imported in China.
Intermediate	Substance that is manufactured for and consumed in or used for chemical processing in order to be transformed into another substance.
KECI	Korean Existing Chemical Inventory.
Monomer	Means a substance which is capable of forming covalent bonds with a sequence of additional like or unlike molecules under the conditions of the relevant polymer-forming reaction used for the particular process.
Mutagenicity	Substance effect that cause mutation on genes.
NZIoC	New Zealand Inventory of Chemicals
PBT	Persistent, bioaccumulative, toxic chemical.
Persistence	Refers to the length of time a compound stays in the environment, once introduced.
PICCS	Philippine Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances.
Risk Management Measures	Engineering controls, conditions and protective equipment needed to be implemented to ensure that the risks to human health and the environment are adequately controlled.
REACH (EC) No. 1907/2006	European Commission Regulation concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorization and Restriction of Chemicals.
REGULATION (EC) No 1272/2008	European Commission Regulation on Classification, Labeling and Packaging of Substances and Mixtures.
Reproductive toxicity	Including teratogenicity, embryotoxicity and harmful effects on fertility.
Sensitizing	Allergenic.
Sediment	Topsoil, sand and minerals washed from land into water forming in the end a layer at the bottom of rivers and sea.
TSCA	Toxic Substance Control Act (USA).
Vapor pressure	A measure of a substance's property to evaporate.
vPvB	Very persistent, very bio-accumulative.

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