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**MSDS** Material Safety Data Sheet

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# CITRIC ACID

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## 1. Product Identification

**Synonyms:** 2-Hydroxy-1,2,3-propanetricarboxylic acid, monohydrate

**CAS No.:** 77-92-9 (Anhydrous) 5949-29-1 (Monohydrate)

**Molecular Weight:** 210.14

**Chemical Formula:** H<sub>3</sub>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>O<sub>7</sub>.H<sub>2</sub>O

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## 2. Composition/Information on Ingredients

Ingredient	CAS No	Percent	Hazardous
Citric Acid	77-92-9	99 - 100%	Yes

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### 3. Hazards Identification

#### Emergency Overview

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**WARNING! CAUSES SEVERE EYE IRRITATION. CAUSES IRRITATION TO SKIN AND RESPIRATORY TRACT.**

**SAF-T-DATA**<sup>(tm)</sup> Ratings (Provided here for your convenience)

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Health Rating: 1 - Slight

Flammability Rating: 1 - Slight

Reactivity Rating: 2 - Moderate

Contact Rating: 3 - Severe

Lab Protective Equip: GOGGLES & SHIELD; LAB COAT & APRON; VENT HOOD; PROPER GLOVES

Storage Color Code: Green (General Storage)

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#### Potential Health Effects

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**Inhalation:**

Causes irritation to the respiratory tract. Symptoms may include coughing, shortness of breath.

**Ingestion:**

Causes irritation to the gastrointestinal tract. Symptoms may include nausea, vomiting and diarrhea. Extremely large oral dosages may produce gastrointestinal disturbances. Calcium deficiency in blood may result in severe cases of ingestion.

**Skin Contact:**

Causes irritation to skin. Symptoms include redness, itching, and pain.

**Eye Contact:**

Highly irritating; may also be abrasive.

**Chronic Exposure:**

Chronic or heavy acute ingestion may cause tooth enamel erosion.

**Aggravation of Pre-existing Conditions:**

No adverse health effects expected.

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### 4. First Aid Measures

**Inhalation:**

Remove to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. Get medical attention.

**Ingestion:**

Induce vomiting immediately as directed by medical personnel. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person.

**Skin Contact:**

Immediately flush skin with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Remove contaminated clothing and shoes. Get medical attention. Wash clothing before reuse. Thoroughly clean shoes before reuse.

**Eye Contact:**

Immediately flush eyes with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes, lifting lower and upper eyelids occasionally. Get medical attention immediately.

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## 5. Fire Fighting Measures

**Fire:**

Autoignition temperature: 1011C (1852F)

As with most organic solids, fire is possible at elevated temperatures or by contact with an ignition source.

**Explosion:**

Fine dust dispersed in air in sufficient concentrations, and in the presence of an ignition source is a potential dust explosion hazard.

**Fire Extinguishing Media:**

Water spray, dry chemical, alcohol foam, or carbon dioxide.

**Special Information:**

In the event of a fire, wear full protective clothing and NIOSH-approved self-contained breathing apparatus with full facepiece operated in the pressure demand or other positive pressure mode.

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## 6. Accidental Release Measures

Ventilate area of leak or spill. Wear appropriate personal protective equipment as specified in Section 8.

Spills: Sweep up and containerize for reclamation or disposal. Vacuuming or wet sweeping may be used to avoid dust dispersal.

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## 7. Handling and Storage

Keep in a tightly closed container, stored in a cool, dry, ventilated area. Protect against physical damage. Containers of this material may be hazardous when empty since they retain product residues (dust, solids); observe all warnings and precautions listed for the product.

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## 8. Exposure Controls/Personal Protection

### **Airborne Exposure Limits:**

None established.

### **Ventilation System:**

A system of local and/or general exhaust is recommended to keep employee exposures as low as possible. Local exhaust ventilation is generally preferred because it can control the emissions of the contaminant at its source, preventing dispersion of it into the general work area. Please refer to the ACGIH document, *Industrial Ventilation, A Manual of Recommended Practices*, most recent edition, for details.

### **Personal Respirators (NIOSH Approved):**

For conditions of use where exposure to dust or mist is apparent and engineering controls are not feasible, a particulate respirator (NIOSH type N95 or better filters) may be worn. If oil particles (e.g. lubricants, cutting fluids, glycerine, etc.) are present, use a NIOSH type R or P filter. For emergencies or instances where the exposure levels are not known, use a full-face positive-pressure, air-supplied respirator. **WARNING:** Air-purifying respirators do not protect workers in oxygen-deficient atmospheres.

### **Skin Protection:**

Wear impervious protective clothing, including boots, gloves, lab coat, apron or coveralls, as appropriate, to prevent skin contact.

### **Eye Protection:**

Use chemical safety goggles and/or full face shield where dusting or splashing of solutions is possible. Maintain eye wash fountain and quick-drench facilities in work area.

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## 9. Physical and Chemical Properties

### **Appearance:**

White granules.

### **Odor:**

Odorless.

### **Solubility:**

ca. 60 g/100 ml @ 20C (Anhydrous)

### **Density:**

1.542

### **pH:**

2.2 (0.1 N sol)

### **% Volatiles by volume @ 21C (70F):**

0

### **Boiling Point:**

No information found.

### **Melting Point:**

ca. 100C (ca. 212F)

**Vapor Density (Air=1):**

No information found.

**Vapor Pressure (mm Hg):**

No information found.

**Evaporation Rate (BuAc=1):**

No information found.

## 10. Stability and Reactivity

**Stability:**

Stable under ordinary conditions of use and storage.

**Hazardous Decomposition Products:**

Carbon dioxide and carbon monoxide may form when heated to decomposition.

**Hazardous Polymerization:**

Will not occur.

**Incompatibilities:**

Metal nitrates (potentially explosive reaction), alkali carbonates and bicarbonates, potassium tartrate.

Will corrode copper, zinc, aluminum and their alloys.

**Conditions to Avoid:**

Heat, flames, ignition sources and incompatibles.

## 11. Toxicological Information

Oral rat LD50: 3 g/kg; irritation skin rabbit: 500 mg/24H mild; eye rabbit: 750 ug/24H severe.

Ingredient	---NTP Carcinogen---		IARC Category
	Known	Anticipated	
Citric Acid (77-92-9)	No	No	None

## 12. Ecological Information

**Environmental Fate:**

No information found.

**Environmental Toxicity:**

No information found.

## 13. Disposal Considerations

Whatever cannot be saved for recovery or recycling should be managed in an appropriate and approved waste disposal facility. Processing, use or contamination of this product may change the waste management options. State and local disposal regulations may differ from federal disposal regulations. Dispose of container and unused contents in accordance with federal, state and local requirements.

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## 14. Transport Information

Not regulated.

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## 15. Regulatory Information

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-----\Chemical Inventory Status - Part 1\-----
Ingredient                                     TSCA  EC   Japan  Australia
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Citric Acid (77-92-9)                         Yes   Yes   Yes    Yes
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-----\Chemical Inventory Status - Part 2\-----
Ingredient                                     Korea  DSL   NDSL   Phil.
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Citric Acid (77-92-9)                         Yes    Yes   No     Yes
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-----\Federal, State & International Regulations - Part 1\-----
Ingredient                                     -SARA 302-  -SARA 313-
RQ   TPQ   List  Chemical Catg.
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Citric Acid (77-92-9)                         No    No    No     No
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-----\Federal, State & International Regulations - Part 2\-----
Ingredient                                     -RCRA-    -TSCA-
CERCLA 261.33 8(d)
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Citric Acid (77-92-9)                         No        No      No
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Chemical Weapons Convention: No      TSCA 12(b): No      CDTA: No  
SARA 311/312: Acute: Yes      Chronic: No      Fire: No      Pressure: No  
Reactivity: No      (Pure / Solid)

**Australian Hazchem Code:** None allocated.

**Poison Schedule:** None allocated.

### WHMIS:

This MSDS has been prepared according to the hazard criteria of the Controlled Products Regulations (CPR) and the MSDS contains all of the information required by the CPR.

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## 16. Other Information

**NFPA Ratings:** Health: **2** Flammability: **1** Reactivity: **0**

**Label Hazard Warning:**

WARNING! CAUSES SEVERE EYE IRRITATION. CAUSES IRRITATION TO SKIN AND RESPIRATORY TRACT.

**Label Precautions:**

Avoid contact with eyes, skin and clothing.

Avoid breathing dust.

Keep container closed.

Use only with adequate ventilation.

Wash thoroughly after handling.

**Label First Aid:**

In case of contact, immediately flush eyes or skin with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Remove contaminated clothing and shoes. Wash clothing before reuse. If inhaled, remove to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. In all cases, get medical attention.

**Product Use:**

Laboratory Reagent.

**Revision Information:**

MSDS Section(s) changed since last revision of document include: 3.

**Disclaimer:**

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