



SAFETY DATA SHEET

1. Identification

Product identifier	Polyoxyl 20 Stearyl Ether
Other means of identification	
Catalog number	1547368
CAS number	9005-00-9
Synonyms	Polyethylene glycol octadecyl ether
Chemical name	Polyethylene glycol monostearyl ether
Recommended use	For analytical laboratory use only.
Recommended restrictions	Not for use as a drug. Not for administration to humans or animals.

Manufacturer/Importer/Supplier/Distributor information

Manufacturer

Company name	U. S. Pharmacopeia	
Address	12601 Twinbrook Parkway	
	Rockville	
	MD	
	20852-1790	
	United States	
Telephone	Customer Service	301-881-0666
Website	www.usp.org	
E-mail	RSTECH@usp.org	
Emergency phone number	CHEMTREC within US & Canada	1-800-424-9300
	CHEMTREC outside US & Canada	+1 703-527-3887

2. Hazard(s) identification

Physical hazards	Not classified.	
Health hazards	Acute toxicity, oral	Category 4
	Serious eye damage/eye irritation	Category 2B
Environmental hazards	Not classified.	
OSHA defined hazards	Not classified.	

Label elements



Signal word	Warning
Hazard statement	Harmful if swallowed. Causes eye irritation.
Precautionary statement	
Prevention	Wash thoroughly after handling.
Response	If swallowed: Call a poison center/doctor if you feel unwell. Rinse mouth. If in eyes: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. If eye irritation persists: Get medical advice/attention.
Storage	Not available.
Disposal	Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local/regional/national/international regulations.

Hazard(s) not otherwise classified (HNOC) None known.

Supplemental information None.

3. Composition/information on ingredients

Substance

Chemical name	Common name and synonyms	CAS number	%
Polyoxyl 20 Stearyl Ether	Polyethylene glycol octadecyl ether	9005-00-9	100

Information provided in the SDS is not specific to the lot provided. Refer to the label and USP Certificate/Product Information Sheet for the assigned value of a particular lot.

4. First-aid measures

Inhalation	If breathing is difficult, remove to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing. Call a physician if symptoms develop or persist.
Skin contact	Wash off with soap and water. Get medical attention if irritation develops and persists.
Eye contact	Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. Get medical attention if irritation develops and persists.
Ingestion	Rinse mouth. If ingestion of a large amount does occur, call a poison control center immediately. Get medical advice/attention if you feel unwell.
Most important symptoms/effects, acute and delayed	None known.
Indication of immediate medical attention and special treatment needed	Provide general supportive measures and treat symptomatically.
General information	Remove from exposure. Remove contaminated clothing. For treatment advice, seek guidance from an occupational health physician or other licensed health-care provider familiar with workplace chemical exposures. In the United States, the national poison control center phone number is 1-800-222-1222. If person is not breathing, give artificial respiration. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen if available. Persons developing serious hypersensitivity (anaphylactic) reactions must receive immediate medical attention.

5. Fire-fighting measures

Suitable extinguishing media	Water. Foam. Dry chemical or CO2. Use fire-extinguishing media appropriate for surrounding materials.
Unsuitable extinguishing media	None known.
Specific hazards arising from the chemical	No unusual fire or explosion hazards noted.
Special protective equipment and precautions for firefighters	Wear suitable protective equipment.
Fire fighting equipment/instructions	Use water spray to cool unopened containers. As with all fires, evacuate personnel to a safe area. Firefighters should use self-contained breathing equipment and protective clothing.
Specific methods	Use standard firefighting procedures and consider the hazards of other involved materials.
General fire hazards	No unusual fire or explosion hazards noted.

6. Accidental release measures

Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures	Keep unnecessary personnel away. Wear appropriate protective equipment and clothing during clean-up. Avoid inhalation of dust from the spilled material. Do not touch damaged containers or spilled material unless wearing appropriate protective clothing. Ensure adequate ventilation. Local authorities should be advised if significant spillages cannot be contained. For personal protection, see section 8 of the SDS.
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Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up	Avoid the generation of dusts during clean-up. Large Spills: Stop the flow of material, if this is without risk. Following product recovery, flush area with water. Small Spills: Sweep up or vacuum up spillage and collect in suitable container for disposal. Clean surface thoroughly to remove residual contamination. Never return spills to original containers for re-use. For waste disposal, see section 13 of the SDS.
Environmental precautions	Avoid discharge into drains, water courses or onto the ground.

7. Handling and storage

Precautions for safe handling	As a general rule, when handling USP materials, avoid all contact and inhalation of dust, mists, and/or vapors associated with the material. Clean equipment and work surfaces with suitable detergent or solvent after use. After removing gloves, wash hands and other exposed skin thoroughly. Select and use containment devices and personal protective equipment based on a risk assessment of material potency and exposure potential.
Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities	Store in tight container. This material should be handled and stored per label instructions to ensure product integrity.

8. Exposure controls/personal protection

Occupational exposure limits	No exposure limits noted for ingredient(s).
Biological limit values	No biological exposure limits noted for the ingredient(s).
Appropriate engineering controls	For laboratory operations, use good technique and limit open handling. Control exposures to below the occupational exposure level (if available). Select and use containment devices and personal protective equipment based on a risk assessment of exposure potential. Cover all containers for solutions and slurries while being transferred.
Individual protection measures, such as personal protective equipment	
Eye/face protection	Wear safety glasses with side shields, chemical splash goggles, or full face shield, if necessary. Base the choice of protection on the job activity and potential for contact with eyes or face. An emergency eye wash station should be available.
Skin protection	
Hand protection	Wear nitrile or other impervious gloves if skin contact is possible. When the material is dissolved or suspended in an organic solvent, wear gloves that provide protection against the solvent.
Other	Wear lab coat. Base the choice of skin protection on the job activity, potential for skin contact and solvents and reagents in use. Do not wear protective garments in common areas (e.g., cafeterias) or out-of-doors.
Respiratory protection	Respirators are generally not required for laboratory operations. Choose respiratory protection appropriate to the task and the level of existing engineering controls.
Thermal hazards	Wear appropriate thermal protective clothing, when necessary.
General hygiene considerations	Handling practices in this SDS are recommendations for laboratory use of USP materials.

9. Physical and chemical properties

Appearance	Appearance descriptions are general information and not specific to any USP lot.
Physical state	Solid.
Form	Waxy solid.
Color	White.
Odor	Not available.
Melting point/freezing point	> 107.6 - < 118.4 °F (> 42 - < 48 °C)
Boiling point or initial boiling point and boiling range	Not available.
Flammability	Not available.
Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits	
Explosive limit - lower (%)	Not available.
Explosive limit - upper (%)	Not available.

Flash point	Not available.
Auto-ignition temperature	Not available.
Decomposition temperature	Not available.
pH	> 6 - < 7.5 (3% concentration)
Kinematic viscosity	Not available.
Solubility	
Solubility (water)	Soluble.
Solubility (other)	Ethanol: Soluble. Methylene chloride: Soluble.
Partition coefficient (n-octanol/water)	Not available.
Vapor pressure	Not available.
Density and/or relative density	Not available.
Vapor density	Not available.
Particle characteristics	Not available.
Other information	
Molecular formula	CH ₃ (CH ₂) ₁₇ (OCH ₂ H ₂) _n OH
Specific gravity	0.96

10. Stability and reactivity

Reactivity	The product is stable and non-reactive under normal conditions of use, storage and transport.
Chemical stability	Material is stable under normal conditions.
Possibility of hazardous reactions	No dangerous reaction known under conditions of normal use.
Conditions to avoid	Contact with incompatible materials.
Incompatible materials	Strong oxidizing agents.
Hazardous decomposition products	Irritating and/or toxic fumes or gases. Emits toxic fumes under fire conditions.

11. Toxicological information

Information on likely routes of exposure

Inhalation	Knowledge about health hazard is incomplete.
Skin contact	Health injuries are not known or expected under normal use.
Eye contact	Causes eye irritation.
Ingestion	Harmful if swallowed.

Symptoms related to the physical, chemical and toxicological characteristics	Irritation of eyes. Exposed individuals may experience eye tearing, redness, and discomfort.
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Information on toxicological effects

Acute toxicity	Harmful if swallowed.
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Product	Species	Test Results
Polyoxyl 20 Stearyl Ether (CAS 9005-00-9)		
<u>Acute</u>		
Oral		
LD50	Rat	1900 mg/kg

Skin corrosion/irritation	Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.
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Serious eye damage/eye irritation	Causes eye irritation.
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Local effects

Eye irritancy test (60% aqueous solution)
Result: Minimally irritating.
Species: Rabbit
Eye irritancy test
Result: Irritant.
Species: Rabbit
Eye irritancy test
Result: Slight irritation.
Species: Rabbit
Skin irritancy test (60% aqueous solution)
Result: Non-irritant.
Species: Rabbit

Respiratory or skin sensitization

Respiratory sensitization Knowledge about health hazard is incomplete.

Skin sensitization Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.

Patch test
Result: Non-sensitizing.
Species: Human
Organ: Skin.

Germ cell mutagenicity Knowledge about mutagenicity is incomplete.

Carcinogenicity Knowledge about carcinogenicity is incomplete.

IARC Monographs. Overall Evaluation of Carcinogenicity

Not listed.

OSHA Specifically Regulated Substances (29 CFR 1910.1001-1053)

Not listed.

US. National Toxicology Program (NTP) Report on Carcinogens

Not listed.

Reproductive toxicity Knowledge about health hazard is incomplete.

Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure Knowledge about health hazard is incomplete.

Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure Knowledge about health hazard is incomplete.

Aspiration hazard Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.

12. Ecological information

Ecotoxicity The product is not classified as environmentally hazardous. However, this does not exclude the possibility that large or frequent spills can have a harmful or damaging effect on the environment.

Persistence and degradability No data is available on the degradability of this product.

Bioaccumulative potential No data available.

Mobility in soil No data available.

Other adverse effects No other adverse environmental effects (e.g. ozone depletion, photochemical ozone creation potential, endocrine disruption, global warming potential) are expected from this component.

13. Disposal considerations

Disposal instructions Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local/regional/national/international regulations. Under RCRA, it is the responsibility of the user of the product to determine, at the time of disposal, whether the product meets RCRA criteria for hazardous waste.

Local disposal regulations Dispose in accordance with all applicable regulations.

Hazardous waste code The waste code should be assigned in discussion between the user, the producer and the waste disposal company.

Waste from residues / unused products Empty containers or liners may retain some product residues. This material and its container must be disposed of in a safe manner (see: Disposal instructions).

Contaminated packaging Since emptied containers may retain product residue, follow label warnings even after container is emptied.

14. Transport information

DOT

Not regulated as dangerous goods.

IATA

Not regulated as dangerous goods.

Transport in bulk according to IMO instruments Not applicable.

General information It is the shipper's responsibility to determine the correct transport classification at the time of shipment.

15. Regulatory information

US federal regulations This product is a "Hazardous Chemical" as defined by the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard, 29 CFR 1910.1200.

Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA)

TSCA Section 12(b) Export Notification (40 CFR 707, Subpt. D)

Not regulated.

CERCLA Hazardous Substance List (40 CFR 302.4)

Not listed.

SARA 304 Emergency release notification

Not regulated.

OSHA Specifically Regulated Substances (29 CFR 1910.1001-1053)

Not listed.

Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA)

SARA 302 Extremely hazardous substance

Not listed.

SARA 311/312 Hazardous chemical Yes

Classified hazard categories Acute toxicity (any route of exposure)
Serious eye damage or eye irritation

SARA 313 (TRI reporting)

Not regulated.

Other federal regulations

Clean Air Act (CAA) Section 112 Hazardous Air Pollutants (HAPs) List

Not regulated.

Clean Air Act (CAA) Section 112(r) Accidental Release Prevention (40 CFR 68.130)

Not regulated.

Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) Not regulated.

US state regulations

California Proposition 65

California Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (Proposition 65): This material is not known to contain any chemicals currently listed as carcinogens or reproductive toxins. For more information go to www.P65Warnings.ca.gov.

International Inventories

Country(s) or region	Inventory name	On inventory (yes/no)*
Australia	Australian Inventory of Industrial Chemicals (AICIS)	Yes
Canada	Domestic Substances List (DSL)	Yes
Canada	Non-Domestic Substances List (NDSL)	No
China	Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances in China (IECSC)	Yes
Europe	European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances (EINECS)	No
Europe	European List of Notified Chemical Substances (ELINCS)	No

Country(s) or region	Inventory name	On inventory (yes/no)*
Japan	Inventory of Existing and New Chemical Substances (ENCS)	Yes
Korea	Existing Chemicals List (ECL)	Yes
New Zealand	New Zealand Inventory	Yes
Philippines	Philippine Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances (PICCS)	Yes
Taiwan	Taiwan Chemical Substance Inventory (TCSI)	Yes
United States & Puerto Rico	Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) Inventory	Yes

*A "Yes" indicates that all components of this product comply with the inventory requirements administered by the governing country(s)
A "No" indicates that one or more components of the product are not listed or exempt from listing on the inventory administered by the governing country(s).

16. Other information, including date of preparation or last revision

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