



SAFETY DATA SHEET

1. Identification

Product identifier	Diethylstilbestrol
Other means of identification	
Catalog number	1195001
CAS number	56-53-1
Synonyms	DES * Stilboestrol
Chemical name	Phenol 4,4'-(1,2-diethyl-1,2-ethenediyl)bis-, (E)-
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	Technical Services 301-816-8129
Website	www.usp.org
E-mail	RSTECH@usp.org
Emergency phone number	CHEMTREC within US & 1-800-424-9300 Canada CHEMTREC outside US & +1 703-527-3887 Canada

2. Hazard(s) identification

Physical hazards	Not classified.	
Health hazards	Germ cell mutagenicity	Category 2
	Carcinogenicity	Category 1
	Reproductive toxicity	Category 1
Environmental hazards	Not classified.	
OSHA defined hazards	Not classified.	
Label elements		



Signal word	Danger
Hazard statement	Suspected of causing genetic defects. May cause cancer. May damage fertility or the unborn child.
Precautionary statement	
Prevention	Obtain special instructions before use. Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood. Wash thoroughly after handling. Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection.
Response	If exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/attention.
Storage	Store locked up.
Disposal	Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local/regional/national/international regulations.
Hazard(s) not otherwise classified (HNOC)	None known.
Supplemental information	Potent pharmacologically active material.

3. Composition/information on ingredients

Substance

Chemical name	Common name and synonyms	CAS number	%
Diethylstilbestrol	DES Stilboestrol	56-53-1	100

4. First-aid measures

Inhalation	Move to fresh air. 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 with water. Get medical attention if irritation develops and persists.
Ingestion	Rinse mouth. Get medical attention if symptoms occur.
Most important symptoms/effects, acute and delayed	Reproductive system effects. Potent pharmacologically active material. Occupational exposure to small amounts may cause physiological effects.
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 personal protective equipment. Avoid inhalation of dust from the spilled material. Do not touch damaged containers or spilled material unless wearing appropriate protective clothing. Ensure adequate ventilation. For personal protection, see section 8 of the SDS.
Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up	Avoid the generation of dusts during clean-up. Sweep up or vacuum up spillage and collect in suitable container for disposal. Clean surface thoroughly to remove residual contamination. 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).
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Biological limit values	No biological exposure limits noted for the ingredient(s).
Appropriate engineering controls	No open handling. For laboratory operations, use approved ventilation or containment system (biological safety cabinet, ventilated balance enclosure, glovebox). 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	Consider double gloves. 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	Train employees in proper gowning and degowning practices. Wear disposable lab coat, disposable sleeve covers and two pair of gloves as appropriate for the task. 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	Use a powered air-purifying respirator (PAPR) with HEPA filters, disposable outerware and head cover for spill cleanup. 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	Pharmacological effects may be seen with occupational exposure. 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	Powder.
Color	White.
Odor	Odorless.
Odor threshold	Not available.
pH	Not available.
Melting point/freezing point	336.2 - 347 °F (169 - 175 °C)
Initial boiling point and boiling range	Not available.
Flash point	Not available.
Evaporation rate	Not available.
Flammability (solid, gas)	Not available.
Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits	
Flammability limit - lower (%)	Not available.
Flammability limit - upper (%)	Not available.
Explosive limit - lower (%)	Not available.
Explosive limit - upper (%)	Not available.
Vapor pressure	< 0.0000001 kPa (77 °F (25 °C))
Vapor density	Not available.
Relative density	Not available.
Solubility(ies)	
Solubility (water)	Practically insoluble.
Solubility (other)	Ether: Soluble. Alcohol: Soluble. Chloroform: Soluble.
Partition coefficient (n-octanol/water)	5.07

Auto-ignition temperature	Not available.
Decomposition temperature	Not available.
Viscosity	Not available.
Other information	
Chemical family	Stilbene derivative.
Molecular formula	C18H20O2
Molecular weight	268.36 g/mol

10. Stability and reactivity

Reactivity	The product is stable and non-reactive under normal conditions of use, storage and transport.
Chemical stability	Stable at 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. Strong acids. Strong bases. Acid chlorides. Acid anhydrides.
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	Knowledge about health hazard is incomplete.
Eye contact	Knowledge about health hazard is incomplete.
Ingestion	Based on information from therapeutic use, this material may cause: Endocrine effects.

Symptoms related to the physical, chemical and toxicological characteristics	Estrogens: Menstrual irregularities. Fluid retention. Blood clots. Mood or mental changes. Full or tender breasts. Feminization effects in males. Gastrointestinal disturbances.
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Information on toxicological effects

Acute toxicity

Product	Species	Test Results
Diethylstilbestrol (CAS 56-53-1)		
Oral		
LD50	Rat	> 3 g/kg

Skin corrosion/irritation	Knowledge about health hazard is incomplete.
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Serious eye damage/eye irritation	Knowledge about health hazard is incomplete.
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Respiratory or skin sensitization

Respiratory sensitization	Knowledge about health hazard is incomplete.
Skin sensitization	Knowledge about health hazard is incomplete.

Germ cell mutagenicity	Suspected of causing genetic defects. DNA damage and other mutations observed in human fibroblast, leukocyte, liver, lymphocyte, and sperm cells. Also mutagenic in mammalian cells.
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Carcinogenicity	May cause cancer.
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IARC Monographs. Overall Evaluation of Carcinogenicity

Diethylstilbestrol (CAS 56-53-1)	1 Carcinogenic to humans.
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OSHA Specifically Regulated Substances (29 CFR 1910.1001-1053)

Not listed.

US. National Toxicology Program (NTP) Report on Carcinogens

Diethylstilbestrol (CAS 56-53-1)	Known To Be Human Carcinogen.
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Reproductive toxicity	May damage fertility or the unborn child. Daughters of women who took diethylstilbestrol (DES) during pregnancy have developed abnormalities of the reproductive tract and, in rare cases, cancer of the vagina and/or uterine cervix upon reaching childbearing age. In addition, sons of women who took DES during pregnancy have developed urogenital tract abnormalities. In newborns, developmental abnormalities of the fetal urogenital system, germ cell effects, and delayed effects have been observed. Studies suggest an association of estrogen usage with birth defects including heart defects, eye and ear abnormalities, and Down's syndrome.
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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.
Further information	Potent pharmacologically active material. Occupational exposure to small amounts may cause physiological effects.

12. Ecological information

Ecotoxicity	Toxic to aquatic life.
Persistence and degradability	No data is available on the degradability of this substance.
Bioaccumulative potential	
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 in accordance with all applicable 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 of in accordance with local 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.

US RCRA Hazardous Waste U List: Reference

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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

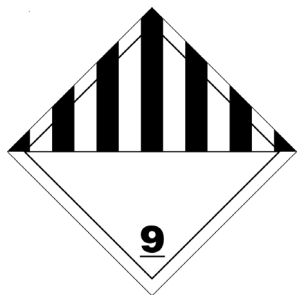
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UN number	UN3077
UN proper shipping name	Environmentally hazardous substances, solid, n.o.s. (Diethylstilbestrol)
Transport hazard class(es)	
Class	9
Subsidiary risk	-
Packing group	III
Packaging exceptions	155
Packaging non bulk	213
Packaging bulk	240

IATA

UN number	UN3077
UN proper shipping name	Environmentally hazardous substance, solid, n.o.s. (Diethylstilbestrol)
Transport hazard class(es)	
Class	9
Subsidiary risk	-
Packing group	III
Other information	
Passenger and cargo aircraft	Allowed with restrictions.
Cargo aircraft only	Allowed with restrictions.

Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL 73/78 and the IBC Code 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)**

Diethylstilbestrol (CAS 56-53-1)

0.1 % One-Time Export Notification only.

CERCLA Hazardous Substance List (40 CFR 302.4)

Diethylstilbestrol (CAS 56-53-1)

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

Germ cell mutagenicity
Carcinogenicity
Reproductive toxicity

SARA 313 (TRI reporting)

Not regulated.

Other federal regulations**Clean Air Act (CAA) Section 112 Hazardous Air Pollutants (HAPs) List**

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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**

WARNING: This product can expose you to Diethylstilbestrol, which is known to the State of California to cause cancer and birth defects or other reproductive harm. For more information go to www.P65Warnings.ca.gov.

California Proposition 65 - CRT: Listed date/Carcinogenic substance

Diethylstilbestrol (CAS 56-53-1)

Listed: February 27, 1987

California Proposition 65 - CRT: Listed date/Developmental toxin

Diethylstilbestrol (CAS 56-53-1)

Listed: July 1, 1987

California Proposition 65 - CRT: Listed date/Female reproductive toxin

Diethylstilbestrol (CAS 56-53-1)

Listed: April 1, 1990

California Proposition 65 - CRT: Listed date/Male reproductive toxin

Diethylstilbestrol (CAS 56-53-1)

Listed: April 1, 1990

US. California. Candidate Chemicals List. Safer Consumer Products Regulations (Cal. Code Regs, tit. 22, 69502.3, subd. (a))

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International Inventories

Country(s) or region	Inventory name	On inventory (yes/no)*
Australia	Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances (AICS)	Yes
Canada	Domestic Substances List (DSL)	No
Canada	Non-Domestic Substances List (NDSL)	No
China	Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances in China (IECSC)	No
Europe	European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances (EINECS)	Yes
Europe	European List of Notified Chemical Substances (ELINCS)	No
Japan	Inventory of Existing and New Chemical Substances (ENCS)	Yes
Korea	Existing Chemicals List (ECL)	No
New Zealand	New Zealand Inventory	Yes
Philippines	Philippine Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances (PICCS)	No
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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