

## SECTION 1: IDENTIFICATION OF THE SUBSTANCE/MIXTURE AND OF THE COMPANY/UNDERTAKING

### 1.1. Product identifier

Product Description:	<u>Stearic acid</u>
Cat No. :	<b>A12244</b>
Synonyms	Octadecanoic acid
CAS No	57-11-4
EC No	200-313-4
Molecular Formula	C18 H36 O2
REACH registration number	-

### 1.2. Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against

Recommended Use	Laboratory chemicals.
Sector of use	SU3 - Industrial uses: Uses of substances as such or in preparations at industrial sites
Product category	PC21 - Laboratory chemicals
Process categories	PROC15 - Use as a laboratory reagent
Environmental release category	ERC6a - Industrial use resulting in manufacture of another substance (use of intermediates)
Uses advised against	No Information available

### 1.3. Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

Company	Avocado Research Chemicals Ltd. (Part of Thermo Fisher Scientific) Shore Road, Heysham Lancashire, LA3 2XY, United Kingdom Office Tel: +44 (0) 1524 850506 Office Fax: +44 (0) 1524 850608
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### 1.4. Emergency telephone number

For information **US** call: 001-800-227-6701 / **Europe** call: +32 14 57 52 11  
Emergency Number **US**:001-201-796-7100 / **Europe**: +32 14 57 52 99  
**CHEMTREC** Tel. No. **US**:001-800-424-9300 / **Europe**:001-703-527-3887

## SECTION 2: HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

### 2.1. Classification of the substance or mixture

CLP Classification - According to GB-CLP Regulations UK SI 2019/720 and UK SI 2020/1567

Physical hazards

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Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

## **Health hazards**

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

## **Environmental hazards**

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

Full text of Hazard Statements: see section 16

## **2.2. Label elements**

None required

May form combustible dust concentrations in air

## **2.3. Other hazards**

Substance is not considered persistent, bioaccumulative and toxic (PBT) / very persistent and very bioaccumulative (vPvB)

May form explosible dust-air mixture if dispersed

This product does not contain any known or suspected endocrine disruptors

## **SECTION 3: COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS**

### **3.1. Substances**

Component	CAS No	EC No	Weight %	CLP Classification - According to GB-CLP Regulations UK SI 2019/720 and UK SI 2020/1567
Stearic acid	57-11-4	EEC No. 200-313-4	>95	-

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Full text of Hazard Statements: see section 16

## **SECTION 4: FIRST AID MEASURES**

### **4.1. Description of first aid measures**

#### **Eye Contact**

Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids, for at least 15 minutes. Get medical attention.

#### **Skin Contact**

Wash off immediately with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Get medical attention immediately if symptoms occur.

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**Ingestion** Clean mouth with water and drink afterwards plenty of water. Get medical attention if symptoms occur.

**Inhalation** Remove to fresh air. Get medical attention immediately if symptoms occur.

**Self-Protection of the First Aider** No special precautions required.

## 4.2. Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed

None reasonably foreseeable.

## 4.3. Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

**Notes to Physician** Treat symptomatically.

## SECTION 5: FIREFIGHTING MEASURES

### 5.1. Extinguishing media

#### **Suitable Extinguishing Media**

Water spray, carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>), dry chemical, alcohol-resistant foam.

#### **Extinguishing media which must not be used for safety reasons**

No information available.

### 5.2. Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture

Fine dust dispersed in air may ignite. Dust can form an explosive mixture with air. Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating gases and vapors. Keep product and empty container away from heat and sources of ignition.

#### **Hazardous Combustion Products**

Carbon monoxide (CO), Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>).

### 5.3. Advice for firefighters

As in any fire, wear self-contained breathing apparatus pressure-demand, MSHA/NIOSH (approved or equivalent) and full protective gear.

## SECTION 6: ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

### 6.1. Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

Use personal protective equipment as required. Ensure adequate ventilation. Avoid dust formation.

### 6.2. Environmental precautions

Should not be released into the environment.

### 6.3. Methods and material for containment and cleaning up

Sweep up and shovel into suitable containers for disposal. Avoid dust formation.

### 6.4. Reference to other sections

Refer to protective measures listed in Sections 8 and 13.

## SECTION 7: HANDLING AND STORAGE

### 7.1. Precautions for safe handling

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Wear personal protective equipment/face protection. Ensure adequate ventilation. Avoid contact with skin, eyes or clothing. Avoid ingestion and inhalation. Avoid dust formation.

## Hygiene Measures

Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice. Keep away from food, drink and animal feeding stuffs. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. Remove and wash contaminated clothing and gloves, including the inside, before re-use. Wash hands before breaks and after work.

## 7.2. Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Keep containers tightly closed in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place.

Technical Rules for Hazardous Substances (TRGS) 510 Class 11  
Storage Class (LGK) (Germany)

## 7.3. Specific end use(s)

Use in laboratories

## SECTION 8: EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

### 8.1. Control parameters

#### Exposure limits

List source(s):

#### Biological limit values

This product, as supplied, does not contain any hazardous materials with biological limits established by the region specific regulatory bodies

#### Derived No Effect Level (DNEL) / Derived Minimum Effect Level (DMEL)

See table for values

Component	Acute effects local (Dermal)	Acute effects systemic (Dermal)	Chronic effects local (Dermal)	Chronic effects systemic (Dermal)
Stearic acid 57-11-4 (>95)				DNEL = 10mg/kg bw/day

Component	Acute effects local (Inhalation)	Acute effects systemic (Inhalation)	Chronic effects local (Inhalation)	Chronic effects systemic (Inhalation)
Stearic acid 57-11-4 (>95)				DNEL = 17.632mg/m <sup>3</sup>

#### Predicted No Effect Concentration (PNEC)

No information available.

### 8.2. Exposure controls

#### Engineering Measures

Ensure adequate ventilation, especially in confined areas. Ensure that eyewash stations and safety showers are close to the workstation location.

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## Personal protective equipment

**Eye Protection** Goggles (European standard - EN 166)

**Hand Protection** Protective gloves

Glove material	Breakthrough time	Glove thickness	EU standard	Glove comments
Natural rubber	See manufacturers recommendations	-	EN 374	(minimum requirement)
Nitrile rubber				
Neoprene				
PVC				

**Skin and body protection** Wear appropriate protective gloves and clothing to prevent skin exposure.

Inspect gloves before use.

Please observe the instructions regarding permeability and breakthrough time which are provided by the supplier of the gloves. (Refer to manufacturer/supplier for information)

Ensure gloves are suitable for the task: Chemical compatibility, Dexterity, Operational conditions, User susceptibility, e.g. sensitisation effects, also take into consideration the specific local conditions under which the product is used, such as the danger of cuts, abrasion.

Remove gloves with care avoiding skin contamination.

**Respiratory Protection** When workers are facing concentrations above the exposure limit they must use appropriate certified respirators.

**Large scale/emergency use** Use a NIOSH/MSHA or European Standard EN 136 approved respirator if exposure limits are exceeded or if irritation or other symptoms are experienced  
**Recommended Filter type:** Particle filter

**Small scale/Laboratory use** Maintain adequate ventilation  
**Recommended half mask:-** Particle filtering: EN149:2001

**Environmental exposure controls** No information available.

## SECTION 9: PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

### 9.1. Information on basic physical and chemical properties

<b>Physical State</b>	Solid	
<b>Appearance</b>	White	
<b>Odor</b>	No information available	
<b>Odor Threshold</b>	No data available	
<b>Melting Point/Range</b>	67 - 69 °C / 152.6 - 156.2 °F	
<b>Softening Point</b>	No data available	
<b>Boiling Point/Range</b>	361 °C / 681.8 °F	@ 760 mmHg
<b>Flammability (liquid)</b>	Not applicable	Solid
<b>Flammability (solid,gas)</b>	No information available	
<b>Explosion Limits</b>	No data available	
<b>Flash Point</b>	196 °C / 384.8 °F	<b>Method -</b> No information available
<b>Autoignition Temperature</b>	395 - °C / 743 - °F	
<b>Decomposition Temperature</b>	No data available	
<b>pH</b>	No information available	
<b>Viscosity</b>	Not applicable	Solid
<b>Water Solubility</b>	Slightly soluble	
<b>Solubility in other solvents</b>	No information available	
<b>Partition Coefficient (n-octanol/water)</b>		
<b>Vapor Pressure</b>	1 mmHg @ 174 °C	
<b>Density / Specific Gravity</b>	0.840	
<b>Bulk Density</b>	No data available	
<b>Vapor Density</b>	Not applicable	Solid
<b>Particle characteristics</b>	No data available	

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## 9.2. Other information

**Molecular Formula** C18 H36 O2  
**Molecular Weight** 284.47  
**Evaporation Rate** Not applicable - Solid

## SECTION 10: STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

**10.1. Reactivity** None known, based on information available

**10.2. Chemical stability** Stable under normal conditions.

### 10.3. Possibility of hazardous reactions

**Hazardous Polymerization** Hazardous polymerization does not occur.  
**Hazardous Reactions** None under normal processing.

**10.4. Conditions to avoid** Avoid dust formation. Incompatible products. Excess heat.

**10.5. Incompatible materials** Combustible material. Bases. Strong oxidizing agents. Reducing Agent.

**10.6. Hazardous decomposition products** Carbon monoxide (CO). Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>).

## SECTION 11: TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### 11.1. Information on hazard classes as defined in Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008

#### Product Information

**(a) acute toxicity;**  
**Oral** Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met  
**Dermal** Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met  
**Inhalation** Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

Component	LD50 Oral	LD50 Dermal	LC50 Inhalation
Stearic acid	LD50 = 4600 mg/kg ( Rat )	LD50 > 2000 mg/kg ( Rabbit )	-

**(b) skin corrosion/irritation;** Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

**(c) serious eye damage/irritation;** Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

**(d) respiratory or skin sensitization;**  
**Respiratory** Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met  
**Skin** Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

**(e) germ cell mutagenicity;** Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

**(f) carcinogenicity;** Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met  
There are no known carcinogenic chemicals in this product

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<b>(g) reproductive toxicity;</b>	Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met
<b>(h) STOT-single exposure;</b>	Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met
<b>(i) STOT-repeated exposure;</b>	Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met
<b>Target Organs</b>	None known.
<b>(j) aspiration hazard;</b>	Not applicable Solid
<b>Other Adverse Effects</b>	The toxicological properties have not been fully investigated. See actual entry in RTECS for complete information
<b>Symptoms / effects,both acute and delayed</b>	No information available.

## 11.2. Information on other hazards

**Endocrine Disrupting Properties** Assess endocrine disrupting properties for human health. This product does not contain any known or suspected endocrine disruptors.

## SECTION 12: ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### 12.1. Toxicity

**Ecotoxicity effects** Contains no substances known to be hazardous to the environment or that are not degradable in waste water treatment plants.

**12.2. Persistence and degradability** Readily biodegradable  
**Persistence** Soluble in water, Persistence is unlikely, based on information available.

**12.3. Bioaccumulative potential** Bioaccumulation is unlikely

**12.4. Mobility in soil** The product is water soluble, and may spread in water systems Will likely be mobile in the environment due to its water solubility. Highly mobile in soils

**12.5. Results of PBT and vPvB assessment** Substance is not considered persistent, bioaccumulative and toxic (PBT) / very persistent and very bioaccumulative (vPvB).

### 12.6. Endocrine disrupting properties

**Endocrine Disruptor Information** This product does not contain any known or suspected endocrine disruptors

**12.7. Other adverse effects**  
**Persistent Organic Pollutant**  
**Ozone Depletion Potential**

This product does not contain any known or suspected substance  
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## SECTION 13: DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

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## 13.1. Waste treatment methods

### **Waste from Residues/Unused Products**

Chemical waste generators must determine whether a discarded chemical is classified as a hazardous waste. Consult local, regional, and national hazardous waste regulations to ensure complete and accurate classification.

### **Contaminated Packaging**

Empty remaining contents. Dispose of in accordance with local regulations. Do not re-use empty containers.

### **European Waste Catalogue (EWC)**

According to the European Waste Catalog, Waste Codes are not product specific, but application specific.

### **Other Information**

Waste codes should be assigned by the user based on the application for which the product was used.

## SECTION 14: TRANSPORT INFORMATION

### IMDG/IMO

Not regulated

#### 14.1. UN number

#### 14.2. UN proper shipping name

#### 14.3. Transport hazard class(es)

#### 14.4. Packing group

### ADR

Not regulated

#### 14.1. UN number

#### 14.2. UN proper shipping name

#### 14.3. Transport hazard class(es)

#### 14.4. Packing group

### IATA

Not regulated

#### 14.1. UN number

#### 14.2. UN proper shipping name

#### 14.3. Transport hazard class(es)

#### 14.4. Packing group

### 14.5. Environmental hazards

No hazards identified

### 14.6. Special precautions for user

No special precautions required.

### 14.7. Maritime transport in bulk according to IMO instruments

Not applicable, packaged goods

## SECTION 15: REGULATORY INFORMATION

### 15.1. Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture

#### **International Inventories**

Europe (EINECS/ELINCS/NLP), China (IECSC), Taiwan (TCSI), Korea (KECL), Japan (ENCS), Japan (ISHL), Canada (DSL/NDSL), Australia (AICS), New Zealand (NZIoC), Philippines (PICCS). US EPA (TSCA) - Toxic Substances Control Act, (40 CFR Part 710)

Component	CAS No	EINECS	ELINCS	NLP	IECSC	TCSI	KECL	ENCS	ISHL
Stearic acid	57-11-4	200-313-4	-	-	X	X	KE-26333	X	X



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Component	CAS No	TSCA	TSCA Inventory notification - Active-Inactive	DSL	NDSL	AICS	NZIoC	PICCS
Stearic acid	57-11-4	X	ACTIVE	X	-	X	X	X

**Legend:** X - Listed '-' - Not Listed

**KECL** - NIER number or KE number (<http://ncis.nier.go.kr/en/main.do>)

**Authorisation/Restrictions according to EU REACH**

Not applicable

Component	CAS No	REACH (1907/2006) - Annex XIV - Substances Subject to Authorization	REACH (1907/2006) - Annex XVII - Restrictions on Certain Dangerous Substances	REACH Regulation (EC 1907/2006) article 59 - Candidate List of Substances of Very High Concern (SVHC)
Stearic acid	57-11-4	-	-	-

**Seveso III Directive (2012/18/EC)**

Component	CAS No	Seveso III Directive (2012/18/EC) - Qualifying Quantities for Major Accident Notification	Seveso III Directive (2012/18/EC) - Qualifying Quantities for Safety Report Requirements
Stearic acid	57-11-4	Not applicable	Not applicable

**Regulation (EC) No 649/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 4 July 2012 concerning the export and import of dangerous chemicals**

Not applicable

**Contains component(s) that meet a 'definition' of per & poly fluoroalkyl substance (PFAS)?**

Not applicable

Take note of Directive 98/24/EC on the protection of the health and safety of workers from the risks related to chemical agents at work .

**National Regulations**

**UK** - Take note of Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations (COSHH) 2002 and 2005 Amendment

**WGK Classification**

See table for values

Component	Germany - Water Classification (AwSV)	Germany - TA-Luft Class
Stearic acid	nwg	

Component	Switzerland - Ordinance on the Reduction of Risk from handling of hazardous substances preparation (SR 814.81)	Switzerland - Ordinance on Incentive Taxes on Volatile Organic Compounds (OVOC)	Switzerland - Ordinance of the Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure
Stearic acid 57-11-4 (>95)	Prohibited and Restricted Substances		

## 15.2. Chemical safety assessment

A Chemical Safety Assessment/Report (CSA/CSR) has not been conducted

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## SECTION 16: OTHER INFORMATION

### Full text of H-Statements referred to under sections 2 and 3

#### Legend

**CAS** - Chemical Abstracts Service

**EINECS/ELINCS** - European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances/EU List of Notified Chemical Substances

**PICCS** - Philippines Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances

**IECS** - Chinese Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances

**KECL** - Korean Existing and Evaluated Chemical Substances

**TSCA** - United States Toxic Substances Control Act Section 8(b) Inventory

**DSL/NDSL** - Canadian Domestic Substances List/Non-Domestic Substances List

**ENCS** - Japanese Existing and New Chemical Substances

**AICS** - Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances

**NZIoC** - New Zealand Inventory of Chemicals

**WEL** - Workplace Exposure Limit

**ACGIH** - American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists

**DNEL** - Derived No Effect Level

**RPE** - Respiratory Protective Equipment

**LC50** - Lethal Concentration 50%

**NOEC** - No Observed Effect Concentration

**PBT** - Persistent, Bioaccumulative, Toxic

**TWA** - Time Weighted Average

**IARC** - International Agency for Research on Cancer Predicted No Effect Concentration (PNEC)

**LD50** - Lethal Dose 50%

**EC50** - Effective Concentration 50%

**POW** - Partition coefficient Octanol:Water

**vPvB** - very Persistent, very Bioaccumulative

**ADR** - European Agreement Concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road

**IMO/MDG** - International Maritime Organization/International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code

**OECD** - Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development

**BCF** - Bioconcentration factor

#### Key literature references and sources for data

<https://echa.europa.eu/information-on-chemicals>

Suppliers safety data sheet, Chemadvisor - LOLI, Merck index, RTECS

**ICAO/IATA** - International Civil Aviation Organization/International Air Transport Association

**MARPOL** - International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships

**ATE** - Acute Toxicity Estimate

**VOC** - (Volatile Organic Compound)

#### Training Advice

Chemical hazard awareness training, incorporating labelling, Safety Data Sheets (SDS), Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and hygiene.

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Health, Safety and Environmental Department

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#### Revision Summary

New emergency telephone response service provider.

**This safety data sheet complies with Regulation UK SI 2019/758 and UK SI 2020/1577 as amended.**

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