



**ARSENAZO I**  
**CAS NO 520-10-5**

**MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET**  
**SDS/MSDS**

## SECTION 1: Identification of the substance/mixture and of the company/undertaking

### 1.1 Product identifiers

Product name : Arsenazo I

CAS-No. : 520-10-5

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

Identified uses : Laboratory chemicals, Industrial & for professional use only.

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

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### 1.4 Emergency telephone number

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## SECTION 2: Hazards identification

### GHS Classification

Acute Toxicity (Inhalation) Category 3

Acute Toxicity (Oral) Category 3

Carcinogen Category 1A

Chronic Aquatic Hazard Category 1

Respiratory Irritation Category 3

Skin Corrosion/Irritation Category 3

Skin Sensitizer Category 1



## EMERGENCY OVERVIEW

### HAZARD

#### DANGER

Determined by using GHS criteria:

H335 H331 H301 H316 H317 H350 H410

May cause respiratory irritation

Toxic if inhaled

Toxic if swallowed

Causes mild skin irritation

May cause allergic skin reaction

May cause CANCER

Very toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects

## PRECAUTIONARY STATEMENTS

### Prevention

Avoid breathing dust/fume/gas/mist/vapours/spray.

Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/vapours/spray.

Use only outdoors or in a well ventilated area.

Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood.

Use personal protective equipment as required.

Contaminated clothing should not be allowed out of the workplace.

Obtain special instructions before use.

Wash hands thoroughly after handling.

Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.

### Response

Wash contaminated clothing before reuse.

IF SWALLOWED: Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician.

If skin irritation occurs, seek medical advice/attention.

If skin irritation or rash occurs, seek medical advice/attention.

If exposed or concerned: Get medical attention advice.

Call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician if you feel unwell.

Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician.

IF ON SKIN: Gently wash with plenty of soap and water.

Keep container tightly closed.

Specific treatment: refer to Label or MSDS.

IF INHALED: Remove to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing.

### Storage

Store locked up.

### Disposal

Dispose of contents and container in accordance with relevant legislation.

## SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients

NAME	CAS RN	%
Arsenazo I	520-10-5	>98

## **SECTION 4: First aid measures**

### **SWALLOWED**

- IF SWALLOWED, REFER FOR MEDICAL ATTENTION, WHERE POSSIBLE, WITHOUT DELAY.
- For advice, contact a Poisons Information Centre or a doctor.
- Urgent hospital treatment is likely to be needed.
- In the mean time, qualified first-aid personnel should treat the patient following observation and employing supportive measures as indicated by the patient's condition.
- If the services of a medical officer or medical doctor are readily available, the patient should be placed in his/her care and a copy of the MSDS should be provided. Further action will be the responsibility of the medical specialist.
- If medical attention is not available on the worksite or surroundings send the patient to a hospital together with a copy of the MSDS.
- Where medical attention is not immediately available or where the patient is more than 15 minutes from a hospital or unless instructed otherwise:
- INDUCE vomiting with fingers down the back of the throat, ONLY IF CONSCIOUS. Lean patient forward or place on left side (head-down position, if possible) to maintain open airway and prevent aspiration.

NOTE: Wear a protective glove when inducing vomiting by mechanical means.

### **EYE**

If this product comes in contact with the eyes:

- Immediately hold eyelids apart and flush the eye continuously with running water.
- Ensure complete irrigation of the eye by keeping eyelids apart and away from eye and moving the eyelids by occasionally lifting the upper and lower lids.
- Continue flushing until advised to stop by the Poisons Information Centre or a doctor, or for at least 15 minutes.
- Transport to hospital or doctor without delay.
- Removal of contact lenses after an eye injury should only be undertaken by skilled personnel.

### **SKIN**

If skin contact occurs:

- Immediately remove all contaminated clothing, including footwear.
- Flush skin and hair with running water (and soap if available).
- Seek medical attention in event of irritation.

### **INHALED**

- If fumes or combustion products are inhaled remove from contaminated area.
- Lay patient down. Keep warm and rested.
- Prostheses such as false teeth, which may block airway, should be removed, where possible, prior to initiating first aid procedures.
- Apply artificial respiration if not breathing, preferably with a demand valve resuscitator, bag-valve mask device, or pocket mask as trained. Perform CPR if necessary.
- Transport to hospital, or doctor, without delay.

## NOTES TO PHYSICIAN

For acute or short term repeated exposures to arsenic, soluble compounds: Treat as per arsenic poisoning.

- Acute skin lesions such as contact dermatitis usually do not require other treatment than removal from exposure.
- If more severe symptoms of the respiratory system, the skin or the gastro-intestinal tract occur, British Anti-Lewisite (BAL, dimercaprol) may be given. Prompt administration in such cases is vital; to obtain maximum benefit such treatment should be administered within 4 hours of poisoning.
- In addition, general treatment such as prevention of further absorption from the gastro-intestinal tract are mandatory.
- General supportive therapy such as maintenance of respiration and circulation, maintenance of water and electrolyte balance and control of nervous system effects, as well as elimination of absorbed poison through dialysis and exchange transfusion, may be used if feasible.
- Dimercaprol is given by deep intramuscular injection as a 5% solution in peanut oil (or a 10% solution with benzyl-benzoate in vegetable oil). It is usually given in a dose of 3 mg/kg, 4-hourly, for the first two days, or twice daily for up to seven days. [ILO Encyclopedia]
- BAL Therapy is effective for haematological manifestations of chronic arsenic poisoning but not for neurological symptoms. Watch for side effects (e.g. urticaria, burning sensation in the lips, mouth and throat, fever, conjunctivitis etc).
- Some relief results from administration of diphenhydramine (Benadryl) (1.5 mg/kg intramuscularly or by mouth every 6 hour). [Ellenhorn and Barceloux: Medical Toxicology]

### BIOLOGICAL EXPOSURE INDEX - BEI (Notice of Intent to Establish)

BEIs represent the levels of determinants which are most likely to be observed in specimens collected from a healthy worker who has been exposed to chemicals to the same extent as a worker with inhalation exposure to the Exposure Standard (ES or TLV):

Determinant	Index	Sampling Time	Comments
Inorganic arsenic metabolites in urine	35 ug/gm creatinine	End of workweek	B

B: Background levels occur in specimens collected from subjects NOT exposed Consult specific documentation.

## Section 5 - Firefighting measures

### EXTINGUISHING MEDIA

- Water spray or fog.
- Foam.
- Dry chemical powder.
- BCF (where regulations permit).
- Carbon dioxide.

### FIRE FIGHTING

- Alert Fire Brigade and tell them location and nature of hazard.
- Wear full body protective clothing with breathing apparatus.
- Prevent, by any means available, spillage from entering drains or water course.
- Use fire fighting procedures suitable for surrounding area.
- Do not approach containers suspected to be hot.
- Cool fire exposed containers with water spray from a protected location.
- If safe to do so, remove containers from path of fire.
- Equipment should be thoroughly decontaminated after use.

### FIRE/EXPLOSION HAZARD

- Solid which exhibits difficult combustion or is difficult to ignite.
- Avoid generating dust, particularly clouds of dust in a confined or unventilated space as dusts may form an explosive mixture with air, and any source of ignition, i.e. flame or spark, will cause fire or explosion. Dust clouds generated by the fine grinding of the solid are a particular hazard; accumulations of fine dust may burn rapidly and fiercely if ignited.
- Dry dust can also be charged electrostatically by turbulence, pneumatic transport, pouring, in exhaust ducts and during transport.
- Build-up of electrostatic charge may be prevented by bonding and grounding.
- Powder handling equipment such as dust collectors, dryers and mills may require additional protection measures such as explosion venting.
- All movable parts coming in contact with this material should have a speed of less than 1-metre/sec.

Combustion products include: carbon monoxide (CO), carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>), nitrogen oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>), sulfur oxides (SO<sub>x</sub>), metal oxides, other pyrolysis products typical of burning organic material.

arsenic compounds.

May emit poisonous fumes.

### FIRE INCOMPATIBILITY

Avoid contamination with oxidising agents i.e. nitrates, oxidising acids, chlorine bleaches, pool chlorine etc. as ignition may result.

### Personal Protective Equipment

Breathing apparatus.

Gas tight chemical resistant suit.

Limit exposure duration to 1 BA set 30 mins.

## Section 6 - Accidental release measures

### EMERGENCY PROCEDURES MINOR

#### SPILLS

- Clean up waste regularly and abnormal spills immediately.
- Avoid breathing dust and contact with skin and eyes.
- Wear protective clothing, gloves, safety glasses and dust respirator.
- Use dry clean up procedures and avoid generating dust.
- Vacuum up or sweep up. NOTE: Vacuum cleaner must be fitted with an exhaust micro filter (HEPA type) (consider explosion-proof machines designed to be grounded during storage and use).
- Dampen with water to prevent dusting before sweeping.
- Place in suitable containers for disposal.

#### MAJOR SPILLS

- Clear area of personnel and move upwind.
- Alert Fire Brigade and tell them location and nature of hazard.
- Wear full body protective clothing with breathing apparatus.
- Prevent, by all means available, spillage from entering drains or water courses.
- Consider evacuation (or protect in place).
- No smoking, naked lights or ignition sources.
- Increase ventilation.
- Stop leak if safe to do so.
- Water spray or fog may be used to disperse / absorb vapour.
- Contain or absorb spill with sand, earth or vermiculite.
- Collect recoverable product into labelled containers for recycling.
- Collect solid residues and seal in labelled drums for disposal.
- Wash area and prevent runoff into drains.
- After clean up operations, decontaminate and launder all protective clothing and equipment before storing and re-using.
- If contamination of drains or waterways occurs, advise emergency services.

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### SAFE STORAGE WITH OTHER CLASSIFIED CHEMICALS



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+: *May be stored together*

O: *May be stored together with specific preventions*

X: *Must not be stored together*

**Personal Protective Equipment advice is contained in Section 8 of the MSDS.**

## Section 7 - Handling and storage

### PROCEDURE FOR HANDLING

- Avoid all personal contact, including inhalation.

- Wear protective clothing when risk of exposure occurs.
- Use in a well-ventilated area.
- Prevent concentration in hollows and sumps.
- DO NOT enter confined spaces until atmosphere has been checked.
- DO NOT allow material to contact humans, exposed food or food utensils.
- Avoid contact with incompatible materials.
- When handling, DO NOT eat, drink or smoke.
- Keep containers securely sealed when not in use.
- Avoid physical damage to containers.
- Always wash hands with soap and water after handling.
- Work clothes should be laundered separately. Launder contaminated clothing before re-use.
- Use good occupational work practice.
- Observe manufacturer's storing and handling recommendations.
- Atmosphere should be regularly checked against established exposure standards to ensure safe working conditions are maintained.

#### **SUITABLE CONTAINER**

- Lined metal can, lined metal pail/ can.
- Plastic pail.
- Polyliner drum.
- Packing as recommended by manufacturer.
- Check all containers are clearly labelled and free from leaks.

#### **STORAGE INCOMPATIBILITY**

Contact with acids produces toxic fumes.

Avoid reaction with oxidising agents.

Avoid strong acids, bases.

Arsine, an extremely poisonous (lethal) gas with a garlic odour can be generated when the material reacts with acids, alkalis or water in the presence of an active metal (zinc, aluminium, magnesium, manganese, sodium, iron, etc.)

#### **STORAGE REQUIREMENTS**

- Store in original containers.
- Keep containers securely sealed.
- Store in a cool, dry, well-ventilated area.
- Store away from incompatible materials and foodstuff containers.
- Protect containers against physical damage and check regularly for leaks.
- Observe manufacturer's storing and handling recommendations.

### **Section 8 - Exposure controls/personal protection**

#### **EXPOSURE CONTROLS**

The following materials had no OELs on our records

Arsenazo I:

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#### **MATERIAL DATA**

Use control measures / protective gear to avoid any personal contact. The ES-TWA is based solely on the prevention of systemic effects due to inhalation and is not protective against the substantial risk of cancer produced by exposure to inorganic arsenic. Some

jurisdictions require health surveillance be performed on occupationally exposed workers.

Such surveillance should emphasise

- demography, occupational and medical history and health advice
- physical examination with emphasis on the peripheral nervous system and skin
- urinary total arsenic
- records of personal exposure.

## **PERSONAL PROTECTION**

### **EYE**

- Safety glasses with side shields.
- Chemical goggles.
- Contact lenses may pose a special hazard; soft contact lenses may absorb and concentrate irritants. A written policy document, describing the wearing of lens or restrictions on use, should be created for each workplace or task. This should include a review of lens absorption and adsorption for the class of chemicals in use and an account of injury experience. Medical and first-aid personnel should be trained in their removal and suitable equipment should be readily available. In the event of chemical exposure, begin eye irrigation immediately and remove contact lens as soon as practicable. Lens should be removed at the first signs of eye redness or irritation - lens should be removed in a clean environment only after workers have washed hands thoroughly. [CDC NIOSH Current Intelligence Bulletin 59].

### **HANDS/FEET**

Suitability and durability of glove type is dependent on usage. Factors such as:

- frequency and duration of contact,
- chemical resistance of glove material,
- glove thickness and
- dexterity,

are important in the selection of gloves.

Wear chemical protective gloves, eg. PVC.

Wear safety footwear or safety gumboots, eg. Rubber.

NOTE: The material may produce skin sensitisation in predisposed individuals. Care must be taken, when removing gloves and other protective equipment, to avoid all possible skin contact.

### **OTHER**

- Overalls.
- Eyewash unit.
- Barrier cream.
- Skin cleansing cream.

### **RESPIRATOR**

Protection Factor	Half- Face Respirator	Full- Face Respirator	Powered Air Respirator
10 x ES	P1 Air- line*	- -	PAPR- P1 -
50 x ES	Air- line**	P2	PAPR- P2

100 x ES	-	P3	-
		Air- line*	-
100+ x ES	-	Air- line**	PAPR- P3

\* - Negative pressure demand \*\* - Continuous flow.

The local concentration of material, quantity and conditions of use determine the type of personal protective equipment required.

For further information consult your

Occupational Health and Safety Advisor.

### ENGINEERING CONTROLS

Local exhaust ventilation usually required. If risk of overexposure exists, wear approved respirator. Correct fit is essential to obtain adequate protection. Supplied-air type respirator may be required in special circumstances. Correct fit is essential to ensure adequate protection.

An approved self contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) may be required in some situations. Provide adequate ventilation in warehouse or closed storage area. Air contaminants generated in the workplace possess varying "escape" velocities which, in turn, determine the "capture velocities" of fresh circulating air required to effectively remove the contaminant.

Type of Contaminant:	Air Speed:
solvent, vapours, degreasing etc., evaporating from tank (in still air).	0.25- 0.5 m/s (50- 100 f/min.)
aerosols, fumes from pouring operations, intermittent container filling, low speed conveyer transfers, welding, spray drift, plating acid fumes, pickling (released at low velocity into zone of active generation)	0.5- 1 m/s (100- 200 f/min.)
direct spray, spray painting in shallow booths, drum filling, conveyer loading, crusher dusts, gas discharge (active generation into zone of rapid air motion)	1- 2.5 m/s (200- 500 f/min.)
grinding, abrasive blasting, tumbling, high speed wheel generated dusts (released at high initial velocity into zone of very high rapid air motion).	2.5- 10 m/s (500- 2000 f/min.)

Within each range the appropriate value depends on:

Lower end of the range	Upper end of the range
1: Room air currents minimal or favourable to capture	1: Disturbing room air currents
2: Contaminants of low toxicity or of nuisance value only.	2: Contaminants of high toxicity
3: Intermittent, low production.	3: High production, heavy use
4: Large hood or large air mass in motion	4: Small hood- local control only

Simple theory shows that air velocity falls rapidly with distance away from the opening of a simple extraction pipe. Velocity generally decreases with the square of distance from the extraction point (in simple cases). Therefore the air speed at the extraction point should be adjusted, accordingly, after reference to distance from the contaminating

source. The air velocity at the extraction fan, for example, should be a minimum of 1-2 m/s (200-400 f/min) for extraction of solvents generated in a tank 2 meters distant from the extraction point. Other mechanical considerations, producing performance deficits within the extraction apparatus, make it essential that theoretical air velocities are multiplied by factors of 10 or more when extraction systems are installed or used.

## Section 9 - Physical and chemical properties

### APPEARANCE

Maroon powder; mixes with water.

### PHYSICAL PROPERTIES

Solid.

Mixes with water.

Molecular Weight: 614.28

Melting Range (°C): Not available

Solubility in water (g/L): Miscible

pH (1% solution): Not available

Volatile Component (%vol): Negligible

Relative Vapour Density (air=1): Not applicable

Lower Explosive Limit (%): Not available

Autoignition Temp (°C): Not available

State: Divided solid

Boiling Range (°C): Not available

Specific Gravity (water=1): Not available

pH (as supplied): Not applicable

Vapour Pressure (kPa): Negligible

Evaporation Rate: Not applicable

Flash Point (°C): Not applicable

Upper Explosive Limit (%): Not available

Decomposition Temp (°C): Not Available

Viscosity: Not Applicable

## Section 10 - Stability and reactivity

### CONDITIONS CONTRIBUTING TO INSTABILITY

- Presence of incompatible materials.
- Product is considered stable.
- Hazardous polymerisation will not occur.

## Section 11 - Toxicological information

### POTENTIAL HEALTH EFFECTS

#### ACUTE HEALTH EFFECTS

#### SWALLOWED

Toxic effects may result from the accidental ingestion of the material; animal experiments indicate that ingestion of less than 40 gram may be fatal or may produce serious damage to the health of the individual.

Ingestion may produce nausea, vomiting and diarrhoea, bloody stools, shock, rapid pulse and coma. Severe gastritis or gastroenteritis may occur as a result of lesions produced by vascular damage from absorbed arsenic (and not local corrosion); symptoms may be delayed for several hours. Eventually a violent haemorrhagic gastroenteritis leads to profound loss of fluid and electrolyte resulting in shock and death. Occasionally alimentary symptoms are mild or absent in which case symptoms are usually referable to

the central nervous system, headache, vertigo, muscle spasm or convulsion, delirium and, sometimes, mania. In advanced poisonings by arsenic and its inorganic salts, nervous symptoms are prominent; disorders of the brain (encephalopathies) and peripheral neuritis (more commonly) have been described. A prickling sensation (paresthesia), decreased sensitivity to sensation and pain (hypoesthesia), eventually paralysis and muscular atrophy appear, usually in the legs. "Glove and stocking" distribution of sensory loss may be prominent. The toxic moiety is presumed to be trivalent arsenic in the form of inorganic arsenious acid (arsenite) or an organic arsenoxide. Arsenites are active enzyme inhibitors. Arsenic and its compounds may damage the stem cell which acts as the precursor to components of the blood. Loss of the stem cell may result in pancytopenia (a reduction in the number of red and white blood cells and platelets) with a latency period corresponding to the lifetime of the individual blood cells. Granulocytopenia (a reduction in granular leukocytes) develops within days and thrombocytopenia (a disorder involving platelets), within 1-2 weeks, whilst loss of erythrocytes (red blood cells) need months to become clinically manifest. Aplastic anaemia develops due to complete destruction of the stem cells.

## **EYE**

Although the material is not thought to be an irritant (as classified by EC Directives), direct contact with the eye may cause transient discomfort characterised by tearing or conjunctival redness (as with windburn). Slight abrasive damage may also result. The material may produce foreign body irritation in certain individuals.

## **SKIN**

Skin contact with the material may damage the health of the individual; systemic effects may result following absorption.

Limited evidence exists, or practical experience predicts, that the material either produces inflammation of the skin in a substantial number of individuals following direct contact, and/or produces significant inflammation when applied to the healthy intact skin of animals, for up to four hours, such inflammation being present twenty-four hours or more after the end of the exposure period. Skin irritation may also be present after prolonged or repeated exposure; this may result in a form of contact dermatitis (nonallergic). The dermatitis is often characterised by skin redness (erythema) and swelling (oedema) which may progress to blistering (vesiculation), scaling and thickening of the epidermis. At the microscopic level there may be intercellular oedema of the spongy layer of the skin (spongiosis) and intracellular oedema of the epidermis. Entry into the blood-stream, through, for example, cuts, abrasions or lesions, may produce systemic injury with harmful effects. Examine the skin prior to the use of the material and ensure that any external damage is suitably protected.

Arsenic and its compounds may irritate the skin. Certain individuals may develop sensitisation dermatitis characterised by eczema with scaling and hyperpigmentation of the skin and hyperkeratosis of the palms of the hands and soles of the feet.

Skin contact may cause erythema, with burning, itching, swelling and skin eruptions.

## **INHALED**

Inhalation of dusts, generated by the material, during the course of normal handling, may produce toxic effects.

Limited evidence or practical experience suggests that the material may produce irritation of the respiratory system, in a significant number of individuals, following inhalation. In contrast to most organs, the lung is able to respond to a chemical insult by first removing or neutralising the irritant and then repairing the damage. The repair process, which initially evolved to protect mammalian lungs from foreign matter and antigens, may however, produce further lung damage resulting in the impairment of gas exchange, the primary function of the lungs. Respiratory tract irritation often results in an inflammatory response involving the recruitment and activation of many cell types,

mainly derived from the vascular system.

Inhalation of arsenic containing materials may produce severe nose and respiratory tract irritation and pulmonary oedema. Prolonged or repeated exposures may produce necrosis and perforation of the nasal septum.

### **CHRONIC HEALTH EFFECTS**

Subacute and chronic exposure to arsenic and its organic salts may produce anorexia, mild gastrointestinal disturbances (nausea and vomiting), low grade fever, persistent headache, pallor, weakness and catarrhal inflammation. Stomatitis (oral lesions) and salivation are common. Skin afflictions are many and varied; erythema, eczema, pigmentation (arsenic melanosis), diffuse alopecia, keratosis (especially of the palms and soles), scaling and desquamation, brittle nails, white lines or bands on the nails (Mees lines), loss of hair and nails and localised subcutaneous oedema (especially of the eye-lids). Signs of renal damage may also develop. Liver enlargement (hepatomegaly) with jaundice (and sometimes pruritus) may develop into cirrhosis with accumulation of body fluids in the abdominal cavity (ascites). Nervous system effects involving the extremities (numbness, tingling, burning pain, weakness, incoordination) may also occur.

Arsenic exposure is linked with increase in diseases including ischaemia, cerebrovascular disease and carotid atherosclerosis. Several cytokines and growth factors involved in inflammation, have been identified in humans after prolonged exposure; these may heighten the risk of atherosclerosis (1). Individual variability in arsenic metabolism may determine susceptibility to arsenic disease. Genetic polymorphism (variability) for enzymes instrumental in arsenic metabolism (purine nucleoside phosphorylase and glutathione S-transferase omega 1-1) has been identified amongst individuals of European and Mexican Hispanic (indigenous) ancestry (2).

Prolonged inhalation of arsenical dusts are implicated in lung cancer. Taiwanese exposed to naturally occurring arsenic in well-water have experienced skin cancer. Inorganic and organic arsenics are established carcinogens in man. Chronic human exposure to non-overtly toxic doses of arsenic is associated with carcinogenicity, although the mechanism is not fully understood. Arsenic does not directly cause DNA damage or mutations. Data indicates that nontoxic doses of arsenite can interact with glucocorticoid receptor (GR) complexes and selectively inhibit GR-mediated transcription which is associated with altered nuclear function (3).

(1) Wu et al; Environmental Health Perspectives, 111, 1429-1438, 2003

(2) Yu et al; Environmental Health Perspectives, 111, 1421-1427, 2003

(3) Kaltreider et al; Environmental Health Perspectives, 109, pp 245-251, 2001.

On the basis of limited epidemiological data, the material is regarded as carcinogenic to humans. At least one classification body considers that there is sufficient data to establish a causal association between human exposure to the material and the development of cancer.

Limited evidence suggests that repeated or long-term occupational exposure may produce cumulative health effects involving organs or biochemical systems.

There exists limited evidence that shows that skin contact with the material is capable either of inducing a sensitisation reaction in a significant number of individuals, and/or of producing positive response in experimental animals.

### **TOXICITY AND IRRITATION**

No significant acute toxicological data identified in literature search.

## Section 12 - Ecological information

Marine Pollutant: Not Determined

Speciation of arsenic is an important consideration in the fate, movement, and action of this substance. Chemical and biochemical transformations of arsenic include oxidation, reduction and methylation which affects its volatilisation, adsorption, dissolution and biological disposition. The transport of arsenic in the environment is largely controlled by absorption/desorption processes in soils and sediments. Sediment movement is responsible for transport of arsenic soil residues to their ultimate sinks in deep ocean sediments. The clay fraction, plus ferrous and aluminium oxides which coat clay particles, adsorb arsenicals which then undergo transformation as discussed earlier. Conversion of arsenic to volatile alkylarsines leads to air transport losses from soil. Inorganic arsenic occurs in water in different oxidation states depending on the pH and Eh of the water. Arsenate is apparently reduced by bacteria to arsenite in marine environments because the ratio of total arsenate to total arsenic is much lower than that predicted thermodynamically. Methylation of arsenic occurs in both freshwater and marine systems where arsenate occurs as arsenate, arsenite, methanearsonic acid and dimethylarsinic acid. Arsenate predominates because this is the most stable form.

Bioaccumulation occurs in some aquatic species such as seaweeds, freshwater algae and crustaceans. Some arsenic in water flea (*Daphnia Magna*) and algae occurs as arseno-analogues of phospholipids leading to the mistaken impression that accumulation and utilisation of arsenic takes place at the expense of phosphate. Crabs, lobsters and other marine organisms accumulate organo-arsenicals in the food chain. Although human activity may alter the local picture of environmental arsenic there is little evidence that this affects the global scale arsenic cycle.

Airborne concentrations of arsenic in urban areas may range from a few nanograms to a few tenths of a microgram per cubic meter; airborne arsenic is generally inorganic. In oxygenated soils inorganic arsenic is present in pentavalent form; under reducing conditions it occurs as the trivalent form.

Drinking Water Standards:

arsenic: 50 µg/l (UK max.) 0.01mg/L (WHO provisional guideline)

chloride: 400 mg/l (UK max.)

250 mg/l (WHO guideline)

Soil Guideline:

Dutch Criteria: 29 mg/kg (target)

55 mg/kg (intervention)

Air Quality Standard:

No safe levels recommended due to carcinogenic properties (WHO guideline).

Do NOT allow product to come in contact with surface waters or to intertidal areas below the mean high water mark. Do not contaminate water when cleaning equipment or disposing of equipment wash-waters.

Wastes resulting from use of the product must be disposed of on site or at approved waste sites.

DO NOT discharge into sewer or waterways.

## Section 13 - Disposal considerations

- Recycle wherever possible.
- Consult manufacturer for recycling options or consult local or regional waste management authority for disposal if no suitable treatment or disposal facility

can be identified.

- Dispose of by: Burial in a licenced land-fill or Incineration in a licenced apparatus (after admixture with suitable combustible material)
- Decontaminate empty containers. Observe all label safeguards until containers are cleaned and destroyed.
- Containers may still present a chemical hazard/ danger when empty.
- Return to supplier for reuse/ recycling if possible.

Otherwise:

- If container can not be cleaned sufficiently well to ensure that residuals do not remain or if the container cannot be used to store the same product, then puncture containers, to prevent re-use, and bury at an authorised landfill.
- Where possible retain label warnings and MSDS and observe all notices pertaining to the product.

## Section 14 - Transport information



Labels Required: TOXIC  
HAZCHEM: 2X

### UNDG:

Dangerous Goods Class:	6.1	Subrisk:	None
UN Number:	3465	Packing Group:	III
Shipping Name:ORGANOARSENIC COMPOUND, SOLID, N.O.S. (contains arsenazo I)			

### Air Transport IATA:

ICAO/IATA Class:	6.1	ICAO/IATA Subrisk:	None
UN/ID Number:	3465	Packing Group:	III
ERG Code:	6L		
Shipping name:ORGANOARSENIC COMPOUND, SOLID, N.O.S. (contains arsenazo I)			

### Maritime Transport IMDG:

IMDG Class:	6.1	IMDG Subrisk:	None
UN Number:	3465	Packing Group:	III
EMS Number:	F- A, S- A	Marine Pollutant:	Not Determined
Shipping name:ORGANOARSENIC COMPOUND, SOLID, N.O.S. (contains arsenazo I)			

## **Section 15 - Regulatory information**

### **REGULATIONS**

arsenazo I (CAS: 520-10-5) is found on the following regulatory lists;  
International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) Carcinogens

## **Section 16 - Other information**

### **Further information**

The above information is believed to be correct but does not purport to be all inclusive and shall be used only as a guide. The information in this document is based on the present state of our knowledge and is applicable to the product with regard to appropriate safety precautions. It does not represent any guarantee of the properties of the product. Central Drug House (P) Ltd and its Affiliates shall not be held liable for any damage resulting from handling or from contact with the above product. See [www.cdhfinechemical.com](http://www.cdhfinechemical.com) for additional terms and conditions of sale.