

### 1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

#### 1.1 Product identifiers

Product name : Bismuth subnitrate  
  
Product Number : B0426  
Brand : Sigma-Aldrich  
  
CAS-No. : 1304-85-4

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

Identified uses : Laboratory chemicals, Synthesis of substances

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

Company : Sigma-Aldrich  
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SAINT LOUIS MO 63103  
USA  
  
Telephone : +1 800-325-5832  
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#### 1.4 Emergency telephone number

Emergency Phone # : +1-703-527-3887 (CHEMTREC)

### 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

#### 2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture

Not a hazardous substance or mixture.

#### 2.2 GHS Label elements, including precautionary statements

Not a hazardous substance or mixture.

#### 2.3 Hazards not otherwise classified (HNOC) or not covered by GHS - none

### 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

#### 3.1 Substances

Synonyms : Bismuth(III) nitrate basic  
Bismuthyl nitrate  
Bismuth(III) oxynitrate  
Bismuth(III) subnitrate

Formula :  $\text{HgBi}_5\text{N}_4\text{O}_{22}$   
Molecular weight : 1,461.99 g/mol  
CAS-No. : 1304-85-4  
EC-No. : 215-136-8

No components need to be disclosed according to the applicable regulations.

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## 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

### 4.1 Description of first aid measures

#### General advice

Move out of dangerous area.

#### If inhaled

If breathed in, move person into fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration.

#### In case of skin contact

Wash off with soap and plenty of water.

#### In case of eye contact

Flush eyes with water as a precaution.

#### If swallowed

Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Rinse mouth with water.

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

The most important known symptoms and effects are described in the labelling (see section 2.2) and/or in section 11

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

No data available

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## 5. FIREFIGHTING MEASURES

### 5.1 Extinguishing media

#### Suitable extinguishing media

Use water spray, alcohol-resistant foam, dry chemical or carbon dioxide.

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

No data available

### 5.3 Advice for firefighters

Wear self-contained breathing apparatus for firefighting if necessary.

### 5.4 Further information

No data available

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## 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

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

Avoid dust formation. Avoid breathing vapours, mist or gas.  
For personal protection see section 8.

### 6.2 Environmental precautions

No special environmental precautions required.

### 6.3 Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up

Sweep up and shovel. Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal.

### 6.4 Reference to other sections

For disposal see section 13.

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## 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

### 7.1 Precautions for safe handling

Further processing of solid materials may result in the formation of combustible dusts. The potential for combustible dust formation should be taken into consideration before additional processing occurs.  
Provide appropriate exhaust ventilation at places where dust is formed.  
For precautions see section 2.2.

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

Keep container tightly closed in a dry and well-ventilated place.

Keep in a dry place.

### 7.3 Specific end use(s)

Apart from the uses mentioned in section 1.2 no other specific uses are stipulated

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## 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

### 8.1 Control parameters

#### Components with workplace control parameters

Contains no substances with occupational exposure limit values.

### 8.2 Exposure controls

#### Appropriate engineering controls

General industrial hygiene practice.

#### Personal protective equipment

##### Eye/face protection

Use equipment for eye protection tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or EN 166(EU).

##### Skin protection

Handle with gloves. Gloves must be inspected prior to use. Use proper glove removal technique (without touching glove's outer surface) to avoid skin contact with this product. Dispose of contaminated gloves after use in accordance with applicable laws and good laboratory practices. Wash and dry hands.

##### Body Protection

Choose body protection in relation to its type, to the concentration and amount of dangerous substances, and to the specific work-place., The type of protective equipment must be selected according to the concentration and amount of the dangerous substance at the specific workplace.

##### Respiratory protection

Respiratory protection is not required. Where protection from nuisance levels of dusts are desired, use type N95 (US) or type P1 (EN 143) dust masks. Use respirators and components tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or CEN (EU).

##### Control of environmental exposure

No special environmental precautions required.

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## 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

### 9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties

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|---|--------------------------------------|
| a) Appearance                                   | Form: powder                         |
| b) Odour  | No data available                    |
| c) Odour Threshold                              | No data available                    |
| d) pH   | No data available                    |
| e) Melting point/freezing point                 | Melting point/range: 500 °C (932 °F) |
| f) Initial boiling point and boiling range      | No data available                    |
| g) Flash point                                  | No data available                    |
| h) Evaporation rate                             | No data available                    |
| i) Flammability (solid, gas)                    | No data available                    |
| j) Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits | No data available                    |
| k) Vapour pressure                              | No data available                    |
| l) Vapour density                               | No data available                    |
| m) Relative density                             | 4.93 g/cm <sup>3</sup>               |
| n) Water solubility                             | insoluble                            |

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| o) Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water | No data available  |
| p) Auto-ignition temperature              | > 401 °C (> 754 °F)                                      |
| q) Decomposition temperature              | No data available  |
| r) Viscosity                              | No data available  |
| s) Explosive properties                   | No data available  |
| t) Oxidizing properties                   | The substance or mixture is not classified as oxidizing. |

## 9.2 Other safety information

No data available

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## 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

### 10.1 Reactivity

No data available

### 10.2 Chemical stability

Stable under recommended storage conditions.

### 10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions

No data available

### 10.4 Conditions to avoid

No data available

### 10.5 Incompatible materials

Alkaline bicarbonates, soluble iodides, gallic acid, calomel, tannins, salicylic acid

### 10.6 Hazardous decomposition products

Hazardous decomposition products formed under fire conditions. - Nitrogen oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>), Bismuth oxides  
 Other decomposition products - No data available  
 In the event of fire: see section 5

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## 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### 11.1 Information on toxicological effects

#### Acute toxicity

LD50 Oral - Rat - female - > 2,000 mg/kg  
 (OECD Test Guideline 423)

Dermal: No data available

No data available

#### Skin corrosion/irritation

Skin - Rabbit

Result: No skin irritation  
 (OECD Test Guideline 439)

#### Serious eye damage/eye irritation

Eyes - Rabbit

Result: No eye irritation  
 (OECD Test Guideline 405)

#### Respiratory or skin sensitisation

- Mouse

Result: Not a skin sensitizer.  
 (OECD Test Guideline 429)

### Germ cell mutagenicity

In vitro mammalian cell gene mutation test  
mouse lymphoma cells  
Result: negative

Chromosome aberration test in vitro  
Chinese hamster lung cells  
Result: negative

### Carcinogenicity

No data available

- IARC: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as probable, possible or confirmed human carcinogen by IARC.
- NTP: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a known or anticipated carcinogen by NTP.
- OSHA: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a carcinogen or potential carcinogen by OSHA.

### Reproductive toxicity

No data available

### Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure

No data available

### Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure

No data available

### Aspiration hazard

No data available

### Additional Information

Repeated dose toxicity Rat - Oral - NOAEL : 1,000 mg/kg - OECD Test Guideline 408

RTECS: Not available

Gastrointestinal disturbance, Anorexia., Headache, Jaundice, Absorption into the body leads to the formation of methemoglobin which in sufficient concentration causes cyanosis. Onset may be delayed 2 to 4 hours or longer., A unique encephalopathy occurs in colostomy and ileostomy patients using bismuth subnitrate, bismuth subgallate, and tripotassium- dicitrate-bismuthate for control of fecal odor and consistency. Symptoms include progressive mental confusion, irregular myoclonic jerks, a distinctive pattern of disordered gait, and a variable degree of dysarthria. The severity of the disorder appeared to be independent of dose and duration of therapy and was fatal to patients who continued the use of the bismuth compounds. Full recovery was rapid in those patients in whom therapy was discontinued. Symptoms of chronic bismuth toxicity in humans consists of decreased appetite, weakness, rheumatic pain, diarrhea, fever, metal line on the gums, foul breath, gingivitis, and dermatitis. Jaundice and conjunctival hemorrhage are rare, but have been reported. Bismuth nephropathy with proteinuria may occur. The kidney is the site of highest concentration with the liver being considerably lower. Bismuth does pass into the amniotic fluid and into the fetus.

Blood -

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## 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### 12.1 Toxicity

Toxicity to fish	static test LC50 - Danio rerio (zebra fish) - > 137 mg/l - 96 h (OECD Test Guideline 203)
Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates	static test EC50 - Daphnia magna (Water flea) - > 137 mg/l - 48 h (OECD Test Guideline 202)
Toxicity to algae	static test EC50 - Pseudokirchneriella subcapitata - > 137 mg/l - 72 h (OECD Test Guideline 201)
Toxicity to bacteria	EC10 - activated sludge - 175.4 mg/l - 3 h

(OECD Test Guideline 209)

**12.2 Persistence and degradability**

No data available

**12.3 Bioaccumulative potential**

No data available

**12.4 Mobility in soil**

No data available

**12.5 Results of PBT and vPvB assessment**

PBT/vPvB assessment not available as chemical safety assessment not required/not conducted

**12.6 Other adverse effects**

No data available

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**13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS**

**13.1 Waste treatment methods**

**Product**

Offer surplus and non-recyclable solutions to a licensed disposal company. Contact a licensed professional waste disposal service to dispose of this material.

**Contaminated packaging**

Dispose of as unused product.

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**14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION**

**DOT (US)**

UN number: 1477      Class: 5.1      Packing group: II

Proper shipping name: Nitrates, inorganic, n.o.s.

Reportable Quantity (RQ):

Poison Inhalation Hazard: No

**IMDG**

UN number: 1477      Class: 5.1      Packing group: II      EMS-No: F-A, S-Q

Proper shipping name: NITRATES, INORGANIC, N.O.S.

**IATA**

UN number: 1477      Class: 5.1      Packing group: II

Proper shipping name: Nitrates, inorganic, n.o.s.

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**15. REGULATORY INFORMATION**

**SARA 302 Components**

No chemicals in this material are subject to the reporting requirements of SARA Title III, Section 302.

**SARA 313 Components**

This material does not contain any chemical components with known CAS numbers that exceed the threshold (De Minimis) reporting levels established by SARA Title III, Section 313.

**SARA 311/312 Hazards**

Reactivity Hazard

**Massachusetts Right To Know Components**

No components are subject to the Massachusetts Right to Know Act.

**Pennsylvania Right To Know Components**

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**New Jersey Right To Know Components**

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**California Prop. 65 Components**

This product does not contain any chemicals known to State of California to cause cancer, birth defects, or any other reproductive harm.

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**16. OTHER INFORMATION****HMIS Rating**

Health hazard:	0
Chronic Health Hazard:	
Flammability:	0
Physical Hazard	2

**NFPA Rating**

Health hazard:	0
Fire Hazard:	0
Reactivity Hazard:	2
Special hazard.I:	OX

**Further information**

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