

**Sulphur dioxide****AL013**

Label 2.3 : Toxic gas.



Label 8 : Corrosive substance.

**1 IDENTIFICATION OF THE SUBSTANCE/PREPARATION AND OF THE COMPANY/UNDERTAKING**

**Trade name** : Sulphur dioxide  
**MSDS Nr** : AL013  
**Use** : Chemical reagent. Food preservative. Paper industry. Water treatment.  
**Chemical formula** : SO<sub>2</sub>  
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**2 HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION**

**Hazard classification** : Classified as hazardous according to NOHSC criteria.  
Classified as a dangerous good by the criteria of the ADG code.  
**Hazards identification** : Liquefied gas.  
Toxic by inhalation.  
Corrosive to eyes, respiratory system and skin.  
**R Phrase(s)** : R23 : Toxic by inhalation. - R34 : Causes burns.  
**S Phrase(s)** : S9 : Keep container in a well-ventilated place. - S26 : In case of contact with eyes, rinse immediately with plenty of water and seek medical advice. - S36/37/39 : Wear suitable protective clothing, gloves and eye/face protection. - S45 : In case of accident or if you feel unwell, seek medical advice immediately (show the label when possible).

**3 COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS**

**Substance / Preparation** : Substance.

Substance name	Contents	CAS No	EC No	Annex No	Classification
Sulphur dioxide	100 %	7446-09-5	231-195-2	016-011-00-9	T; R23 C; R34

Contains no other components or impurities which will influence the classification of the product.

**4 FIRST AID MEASURES****First aid measures**

**- Inhalation** : Toxic by inhalation.  
Remove victim to uncontaminated area wearing self contained breathing apparatus. Keep victim warm and rested. Call a doctor. Apply artificial respiration if breathing stopped.

**- Skin/eye contact** : May cause chemical burns to skin and cornea (with temporary disturbance to vision).  
Immediately flush eyes thoroughly with water for at least 15 minutes.  
Remove contaminated clothing. Drench affected area with water for at least 15 minutes.  
Obtain medical assistance.



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### 4 FIRST AID MEASURES (continued)

- Ingestion : Ingestion is not considered a potential route of exposure.

### 5 FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES

**Specific hazards** : Exposure to fire may cause containers to rupture/explode.  
**Hazardous combustion products** : None.  
**Extinguishing media**  
- Suitable extinguishing media : All known extinguishants can be used.  
**Specific methods** : If possible, stop flow of product.  
Move away from the container and cool with water from a protected position.  
**Special protective equipment for fire fighters** : Use self-contained breathing apparatus and chemically protective clothing.

### 6 ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

**Personal precautions** : Evacuate area.  
Use self-contained breathing apparatus and chemically protective clothing.  
Ensure adequate air ventilation.  
**Environmental precautions** : Try to stop release.  
Reduce vapour with fog or fine water spray.  
Prevent from entering sewers, basements and workpits, or any place where its accumulation can be dangerous.  
**Clean up methods** : Ventilate area.  
Hose down area with water.  
Wash contaminated equipment or sites of leaks with copious quantities of water.

### 7 HANDLING AND STORAGE

**Storage** : Keep container below 50°C in a well ventilated place.  
**Handling** : Refer to supplier's container handling instructions.  
Use only properly specified equipment which is suitable for this product, its supply pressure and temperature. Contact your gas supplier if in doubt.  
Do not allow backfeed into the container.  
Suck back of water into the container must be prevented.

### 8 EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

**Personal protection** : Keep suitable chemically resistant protective clothing readily available for emergency use.  
Keep self contained breathing apparatus readily available for emergency use.  
Do not smoke while handling product.  
Ensure adequate ventilation.  
Protect eyes, face and skin from liquid splashes.  
**Occupational Exposure Limits** : Sulphur dioxide : TLV© -TWA [ppm] : 2  
Sulphur dioxide : TLV© -STEL [ppm] : 5

### 9 PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

**Physical state at 20 °C** : Gas.  
**Colour** : Colourless gas.  
**Odour** : Pungent.

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## 9 PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES (continued)

Molecular weight	: 64
Melting point [°C]	: -75.5
Boiling point [°C]	: -10
Critical temperature [°C]	: 158
Vapour pressure [20°C]	: 3.3 bar
Relative density, gas (air=1)	: 2.3
Relative density, liquid (water=1)	: 1.5
Solubility in water [mg/l]	: Hydrolyses.
Flammability range [vol% in air]	: Non flammable.
Auto-ignition temperature [°C]	: Not applicable.
Other data	: Gas/vapour heavier than air. May accumulate in confined spaces, particularly at or below ground level.

## 10 STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Stability and reactivity	: Reacts with water to form corrosive acids. May react violently with alkalis. Reacts with most metals in the presence of moisture, liberating hydrogen, an extremely flammable gas. With water causes rapid corrosion of some metals.
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## 11 TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Toxicity information	: Severe corrosion to skin, eyes and respiratory tract at high concentrations. Delayed fatal pulmonary oedema possible.
LC50 [ppm/1h]	: 2520

## 12 ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Ecological effects information	: May cause pH changes in aqueous ecological systems.
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## 13 DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

General	: Avoid discharge to atmosphere. Do not discharge into any place where its accumulation could be dangerous. Gas may be scrubbed in alkaline solution under controlled conditions to avoid violent reaction. Contact supplier if guidance is required.
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## 14 TRANSPORT INFORMATION

UN No.	: 1079
Labelling ADG	: Label 2.3 : Toxic gas. Label 8 : Corrosive substance.
H.I. nr	: 268
Proper shipping name	: SULPHUR DIOXIDE
HAZCHEM - Emergency Action Code	: 2RE : 2 = Fine water spray. R = Recommended personal protective equipment : Liquid-tight chemical protective clothing and breathing apparatus. Appropriate measures : dilute. E = There may be a public safety hazard outside the immediate area of the incident, and that the following actions should be considered : 1. People should be warned to stay indoors with all doors and windows closed, preferably in

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rooms upstairs and facing away from the incident. Ignition sources should be eliminated and any ventilation stopped.

2. Effects may spread beyond the immediate vicinity. all non-essential personnel should be instructed to move at least 250 metres away from the incident.

3. Police and fire brigade incident commanders should consult each other and with a product expert, or with a source of product expertise.

4. The possible need for subsequent evacuation should be considered, but it should be remembered that in most cases it will be safer to remain in a building than to evacuate.

- ADG Class** : 2
- ADG Classification code** : 2 TC
- Other transport information** : Avoid transport on vehicles where the load space is not separated from the driver's compartment.  
Ensure vehicle driver is aware of the potential hazards of the load and knows what to do in the event of an accident or an emergency.  
Before transporting product containers :  
- Ensure that containers are firmly secured.  
- Ensure cylinder valve is closed and not leaking.  
- Ensure valve outlet cap nut or plug (where provided) is correctly fitted.  
- Ensure valve protection device (where provided) is correctly fitted.  
- Ensure there is adequate ventilation.  
- Compliance with applicable regulations.

**15 REGULATORY INFORMATION**

- EC Classification** : Annex No : 016-011-00-9  
T; R23  
C; R34
- EC Labelling**
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**16 OTHER INFORMATION**

Ensure operators understand the toxicity hazard.

Users of breathing apparatus must be trained.

This Safety Data Sheet has been established in accordance with the applicable European Directives and applies to all countries that have translated the Directives in their national laws.

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