



# MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

Prepared to U.S. OSHA, CMA, ANSI and Canadian WHMIS Standards

APAC CHEMICAL CORPORATION

## PART I *What is the material and what do I need to know in an emergency?*

### 1. PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION

TRADE NAME (AS LABELED): **APAC SORBIC ACID**  
CHEMICAL NAME/CLASS: Sorbic Acid  
PRODUCT USE: Food additive  
SUPPLIER/MANUFACTURER'S NAME: **APAC CHEMICAL CORPORATION**  
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(If you do not understand the Material Safety Data Sheet, find someone to explain it to you in detail.)

### 2. COMPOSITION and INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

CHEMICAL NAME	CAS #	%w/w	EXPOSURE LIMITS IN AIR					OTHER
			ACGIH		OSHA			
			TLV ppm	STEL ppm	PEL ppm	STEL ppm	IDLH ppm	
Sorbic Acid	110-44-1	100	NE	NE	NE	NE	NE	NE

NE = Not Established. C = Ceiling Limit. See Section 16 for Definitions of Terms Used. NOTE: All WHMIS required information is included. It is located in appropriate sections based on the ANSI Z400.1-1993 format.

### 3. HAZARD IDENTIFICATION

**EMERGENCY OVERVIEW:** This product is a white crystal with mild odor. Low inhalation hazard for normal industrial handling or commercial handling by trained personnel. Exposure to eyes may cause transient irritation. Prolonged or repeated skin contact may cause drying, cracking, or irritation. This product is not considered combustible but carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) and carbon monoxide (CO) can be produced during combustion. Emergency responders must wear the proper personal protective equipment suitable for the situation to which they are responding.

#### 3. HAZARD IDENTIFICATION (Continued)

**SYMPTOMS OF OVEREXPOSURE BY ROUTE OF EXPOSURE:** The most significant routes of occupational overexposure are inhalation and contact with skin and eyes. The symptoms of overexposure to this product are as follows:

**INHALATION:** Low inhalation hazard for normal industrial handling or commercial handling by trained personnel.

**CONTACT WITH SKIN or EYES:** Exposure to eyes may cause transient irritation. Prolonged or repeated skin contact may cause drying, cracking, or irritation.

**SKIN ABSORPTION:** Skin absorption is not anticipated to be a significant route of over-exposure for any component of this product.




**INGESTION:** Ingestion is not anticipated to be a significant route of over-exposure to this product. Expected to be a low ingestion hazard, when small amounts are ingested. When relatively large quantities are ingested seek emergency medical attention immediately.

**INJECTION:** Though injection is not anticipated to be a significant route of over-exposure to this product, if it occurs, it may cause local reddening, tissue swelling, and discomfort.

**HEALTH EFFECTS OR RISKS FROM EXPOSURE: An Explanation in Lay Terms.**

**ACUTE:** Exposure to eyes may cause transient irritation.

**CHRONIC:** Prolonged or repeated skin contact may cause drying, cracking, or irritation.

HAZARDOUS MATERIAL INFORMATION SYSTEM			
HEALTH		(BLUE)	2
FLAMMABILITY		(RED)	1
REACTIVITY		(YELLOW)	0
PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT			D
EYES	RESPIRATORY	HANDS	BODY
	SEE SECTION 8		
For routine industrial applications			

**See Section 16 for Definition of Ratings**

## PART II *What should I do if a hazardous situation occurs?*

### 4. FIRST-AID MEASURES

**SKIN EXPOSURE:** If the product contaminates the skin, immediately begin decontamination with running water. Minimum flushing is for 15 minutes. Remove contaminated clothing, taking care not to contaminate eyes. Victim must seek medical attention if irritation develops.

**EYE EXPOSURE:** If this product enters the eyes, open victim's eyes while under gentle running water. Use sufficient force to open eyelids. Have victim "roll" eyes. Minimum flushing is for 15 minutes. Victim must seek medical attention if irritation develops.

**INHALATION:** If dust of this product is inhaled, remove victim to fresh air. If necessary, use artificial respiration to support vital functions.

**INGESTION:** If this product is swallowed, CALL PHYSICIAN OR POISON CONTROL CENTER FOR MOST CURRENT INFORMATION. If professional advice is not available, victim should drink water and seek medical attention. Never induce vomiting or give water to someone who is unconscious, having convulsions, or unable to swallow.

Victims of chemical exposure must be taken for medical attention. Rescuers should be taken for medical attention, if necessary. Take a copy of the label and MSDS to health professional with victim.

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## 5. FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES

FLASH POINT: Not flammable.

AUTOIGNITION TEMPERATURE: NE.

FLAMMABLE LIMITS (in air by volume, %): Lower (LEL): NE.  
Upper (UEL): NE.

FIRE EXTINGUISHING MATERIALS:

Water Spray: YES                      Carbon Dioxide: YES

Foam: YES                              Dry Chemical: YES

Halon: YES                             Other: Any "ABC" Class.

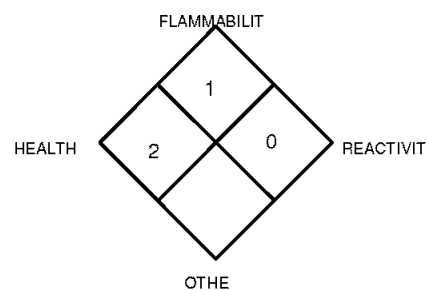
UNUSUAL FIRE AND EXPLOSION HAZARDS: Not considered to be a fire or an explosion hazard. Use standard fire fighting techniques to extinguish surrounding materials. Sorbic acid does not pose a fire or explosion hazard. Combustion of dry sorbic acid produces carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) and carbon monoxide (CO).

Explosion Sensitivity to Mechanical Impact: Not sensitive.

Explosion Sensitivity to Static Discharge: Not sensitive.

SPECIAL FIRE-FIGHTING PROCEDURES: Incipient fire responders should wear eye protection. Structural fire fighters must wear Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus and full protective equipment appropriate for the surrounding fire. Move fire-exposed containers, if it can be done without risk to firefighters. If possible, prevent run-off water from entering storm drains, bodies of water, or other environmentally sensitive areas. If necessary, discard or decontaminate fire response equipment using water before returning such equipment to service.

### NFPA RATING



See Section 16 for Definition of Ratings

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## 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

SPILL AND LEAK RESPONSE: Avoid breathing dust. When respirators are required, select NIOSH/MSHA approved based on actual or potential airborne concentrations in accordance with latest OSHA and/or ANSI recommendations. Absorb spilled liquid with polypads or other suitable absorbent materials. Sweep up, scoop up and decontaminate the area thoroughly by rinsing with water. Place all spill residues in a suitable container. Dispose of in accordance with Federal, State, and local hazardous waste disposal regulations (see Section 13, Disposal Considerations).

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## PART III *How can I prevent hazardous situations from occurring*

### 7. HANDLING and STORAGE

WORK PRACTICES AND HYGIENE PRACTICES: As with all chemicals, avoid getting this product ON YOU or IN YOU. Avoid breathing dust generated by this product. Use in a well-ventilated location. Wash thoroughly after using this material. Do not eat, drink, or smoke while handling this material. Remove contaminated clothing immediately. Use ventilation and other engineering controls to minimize potential exposure to this product.

STORAGE AND HANDLING PRACTICES: All employees who handle this material should be trained to handle it safely. Avoid breathing dust generated by this product. Use in a well-ventilated location.

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### 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS - PERSONAL PROTECTION

VENTILATION AND ENGINEERING CONTROLS: If required use local ventilation systems to ensure that there is no potential for overexposure to dust of this product and that exposures are below those in section 2 (Composition and Information on Ingredients). Ensure eyewash/safety shower stations are available near areas where this product is used.

RESPIRATORY PROTECTION: Maintain airborne contaminant concentrations below exposure limits listed in Section 2 (Composition and Information on Ingredients). If respiratory protection is needed, use only protection authorized in 29 CFR 1910.134, or applicable State regulations. If adequate ventilation is not available or if there is potential for airborne exposure above the exposure limits (listed in Section 2) a respirator may be worn up to respirator exposure limitations, check with respirator equipment manufactures recommendations/limitations. For a higher level of protection use positive pressure supplied air respiration protection or Self Contained Breathing Apparatus or if oxygen levels are below 19.5% or are unknown.

EMERGENCY OR PLANNED ENTRY INTO UNKNOWN CONCENTRATIONS OR IDLH CONDITIONS:

Positive pressure, full-facepiece Self Contained Breathing Apparatus; or positive pressure, full-facepiece Self Contained Breathing Apparatus with an auxiliary positive pressure Self Contained Breathing Apparatus.

## 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS - PERSONAL PROTECTION (Continued)

EYE PROTECTION: Wear goggles or safety glasses.

HAND PROTECTION: Wear appropriate gloves for routine industrial use.

BODY PROTECTION: Use body protection appropriate for task. Cover-all, rubber aprons, or chemical protective clothing made from natural rubber are generally acceptable, depending upon the task.

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## 9. PHYSICAL and CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

RELATIVE VAPOR DENSITY (air = 1): NE

SPECIFIC GRAVITY (water = 1): 1.20

SOLUBILITY IN WATER: Slightly soluble.

VAPOR PRESSURE, mm Hg @ 25°C: NE

ODOR: Mild

APPEARANCE AND COLOR: White crystal with mild odor.

HOW TO DETECT THIS SUBSTANCE (warning properties): The appearance and lack of odor may be a distinguishing characteristic of this product.

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BOILING POINT: NE

MELTING/FREEZING POINT: NE

PHYSICAL STATE: Solid

pH: 3.3 @ 2 g/l water

## 10. STABILITY and REACTIVITY

STABILITY: Stable.

DECOMPOSITION PRODUCTS: Thermal decomposition products of this mixture can include carbon monoxide and carbon dioxide.

MATERIALS WITH WHICH SUBSTANCE IS INCOMPATIBLE: Oxidizing agents

HAZARDOUS POLYMERIZATION: Will not occur.

CONDITIONS TO AVOID: This product can react with strong oxidizers.

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## PART IV *Is there any other useful information about this material?*

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## 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

TOXICITY DATA: The following toxicology Information is for this product:

Not Available

SUSPECTED CANCER AGENT: The product's components are not found on the following lists: FEDERAL OSHA Z LIST, NTP, IARC, CAL/OSHA and are, therefore, not considered to be, nor suspected to be, cancer-causing agents by these agencies.

IRRITANCY OF PRODUCT: Exposure to eyes may cause transient irritation. Prolonged or repeated skin contact may cause drying, cracking, or irritation.

SENSITIZATION TO THE PRODUCT: This product is not known to cause skin or respiratory sensitization reactions in humans after prolonged or repeated exposures.

REPRODUCTIVE TOXICITY INFORMATION: Listed below is information concerning the effects of this product and its components on the human reproductive system.

Mutagenicity: This product is not reported to produce mutagenic effects in humans.

Embryotoxicity: This product is not reported to produce embryotoxic effects in humans.

Teratogenicity: This product is not reported to cause teratogenic effects in humans.

Reproductive Toxicity: This product is not reported to cause reproductive effects in humans.

*A mutagen is a chemical which causes permanent changes to genetic material (DNA) such that the changes will propagate through generational lines. An embryotoxin is a chemical which causes damage to a developing embryo (i.e. within the first eight weeks of pregnancy in humans), but the damage does not propagate across generational lines. A teratogen is a chemical which causes damage to a developing fetus, but the damage does not propagate across generational lines. A reproductive toxin is any substance which interferes in any way with the reproductive process.*

MEDICAL CONDITIONS AGGRAVATED BY EXPOSURE: Skin disorders can be aggravated by over-exposure to this mixture. Inhalation of this product may aggravate respiratory conditions.

BIOLOGICAL EXPOSURE INDICES: Currently, Biological Exposure Indices (BEIs) are not applicable to components of this product.

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## 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

ENVIRONMENTAL STABILITY: The components of this product are relatively stable in the environment. The following environmental data are available for the components of this product over 1 percent by weight:

No information found.

EFFECT OF MATERIAL ON PLANTS or ANIMALS: No information found.

EFFECT OF CHEMICAL ON AQUATIC LIFE: No information found. Do not discharge effluent containing this product into lakes, streams, ponds, estuaries, oceans, or other waters unless in accordance with the requirements of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit and the permitting authority has been notified in writing prior to discharge. Do not discharge effluent containing this product to sewer systems without notifying the local sewage treatment plant authority. For guidance, contact your State Water Board or Regional Office of the EPA. The following aquatic toxicity data are available for the product and its components of this product over 1 percent by weight: Not available.

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## 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

PREPARING WASTES FOR DISPOSAL: Waste disposal must be in accordance with appropriate Federal, State, and local regulations. This product, if unaltered by use, may be disposed of by treatment at a permitted facility or as advised by your local hazardous waste regulatory authority.

EPA WASTE NUMBER: Not applicable.

BAG DISPOSAL: Insure all product remove from bag, do not reuse empty bag, place in a bag or other container and dispose of in accordance with Federal, State, and local hazardous waste disposal regulations (see Section 13, Disposal Considerations).

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## 14. TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

THIS MATERIAL IS NOT HAZARDOUS AS DEFINED BY 49 CFR 172.101 BY THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION.

PROPER SHIPPING NAME: Not regulated.

HAZARD CLASS NUMBER and DESCRIPTION: Not regulated.

UN IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: Not regulated.

PACKING GROUP: Not regulated.

DOT LABEL(S) REQUIRED: Not regulated.

NORTH AMERICAN EMERGENCY RESPONSE GUIDEBOOK NUMBER (1996): Not regulated.

MARINE POLLUTANT: This product does not contain any components which are designated by the Department of Transportation to be Marine Pollutants. (49 CFR 172.101, Appendix B).

TRANSPORT CANADA TRANSPORTATION OF DANGEROUS GOODS REGULATIONS: THIS MATERIAL IS NOT CONSIDERED AS DANGEROUS GOODS. Use the above information for the preparation of Canadian Shipments.

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## 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

SARA REPORTING REQUIREMENTS: The components of this product are not subject to the reporting requirements of Sections 302, 304 and 313 of Title III of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act.

U.S. SARA THRESHOLD PLANNING QUANTITY: Not applicable.

U.S. CERCLA REPORTABLE QUANTITY (RQ): Not applicable.

CANADIAN DSL INVENTORY: The components of this product are listed on the DSL Inventory.

U.S. TSCA INVENTORY STATUS: The components of this product are listed on the TSCA Inventory.

OTHER U.S. FEDERAL REGULATIONS: Not applicable.

STATE REGULATORY INFORMATION: Components of this product are covered under specific State regulations, as denoted below:  
None determined.

CALIFORNIA SAFE DRINKING WATER AND TOXIC ENFORCEMENT ACT (PROPOSITION 65): No component of this product is on the California Proposition 65 lists.

LABELING (Precautionary Statements): Do not get into eyes, on skin or clothing. Avoid breathing dust. Do not take internally. Use with adequate ventilation and employ respiratory protection when exposed to dust. When handling, wear chemical splash goggles, face shield, rubber gloves and protective clothing. Do not transfer to unlabeled containers. Wash thoroughly after handling. Keep container closed when not in use. FIRST-AID: In case of contact, immediately flush skin or eyes for at least 15 minutes. If inhaled, move to fresh

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## 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION (Continued)

air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. If ingested, get medical attention. IN CASE OF

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FIRE: Use water, dry chemical, CO<sub>2</sub> or alcohol foam. IN CASE OF SPILL: Sweep up, scoop up and decontaminate the area thoroughly by rinsing with water. Place all spill residues in a suitable container.

CANADIAN WHMIS SYMBOLS: Not Regulated.

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## 16. OTHER INFORMATION

**INFORMATION SOURCE:**

CHEMICAL SAFETY ASSOCIATES, Inc.

**PREPARED BY:**

APAC CHEMICAL CORPORATION

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## DEFINITIONS OF TERMS

A large number of abbreviations and acronyms appear on a MSDS. Some of these which are commonly used include the following:

**CAS #:** This is the Chemical Abstract Service Number which uniquely identifies each constituent. It is used for computer-related searching.

### EXPOSURE LIMITS IN AIR:

**ACGIH** - American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists, a professional association which establishes exposure limits.

**TLV - Threshold Limit Value** - an airborne concentration of a substance which represents conditions under which it is generally believed that nearly all workers may be repeatedly exposed without adverse effect. The duration must be considered, including the 8-hour **Time Weighted Average (TWA)**, the 15-minute **Short Term Exposure Limit**, and the instantaneous **Ceiling Level**. Skin adsorption effects must also be considered.

**OSHA** - U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

**PEL - Permissible Exposure Limit** - This exposure value means exactly the same as a TLV, except that it is enforceable by OSHA. The OSHA Permissible Exposure Limits are based in the 1989 PELs and the June, 1993 Air Contaminants Rule (Federal Register, 58: 35338-35351 and 58: 40191). Both the current PELs and the vacated PELs are indicated. The phrase, "Vacated 1989 PEL," is placed next to the PEL which was vacated by Court Order.

**IDLH - Immediately Dangerous to Life and Health** - This level represents a concentration from which one can escape within 30-minutes without suffering escape-preventing or permanent injury. **The DFG - MAK** is the Republic of Germany's Maximum Exposure Level, similar to the U.S. PEL. **NIOSH** is the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health, which is the research arm of the U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (**OSHA**). NIOSH issues exposure guidelines called **Recommended Exposure Levels (RELs)**. When no exposure guidelines are established, an entry of **NE** is made for reference.

### FLAMMABILITY LIMITS IN AIR:

Much of the information related to fire and explosion is derived from the National Fire Protection Association (**NFPA**). **LEL** - the lowest percent of vapor in air, by volume, that will explode or ignite in the presence of an ignition source. **UEL** - the highest percent of vapor in air, by volume, that will explode or ignite in the presence of an ignition source.

### TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION:

Possible health hazards as derived from human data, animal studies, or from the results of studies with similar compounds are presented. Definitions of some terms used in this section are: **LD<sub>50</sub>** - Lethal Dose (solids & liquids) which kills 50% of the exposed animals; **LC<sub>50</sub>** - Lethal Concentration (gases) which kills 50% of the exposed animals; **ppm** concentration expressed in parts of material per million parts of air or water; **mg/m<sup>3</sup>** concentration expressed in weight of substance per volume of air; **mg/kg** quantity of material, by weight, administered to a test subject, based on their body weight in kg. Data from several sources are used to evaluate the cancer-causing potential of the material. The sources are: **IARC** - the International Agency for Research on Cancer; **NTP** - the National Toxicology Program. **RTECS** - the Registry of Toxic Effects of Chemical Substances, **OSHA** and **CAL/OSHA**. IARC and NTP rate chemicals on a scale of decreasing potential to cause human cancer with rankings from 1 to 4. Subrankings (2A, 2B, etc.) are also used. Other measures of toxicity include **TDLo**, the lowest dose to cause a symptom and **TCLo** the lowest concentration to cause a symptom; **TDo**, **LDLo**, and **LDo**, or **TC**, **TCo**, **LCLo**, and **LCo**, the lowest dose (or concentration) to cause death. **BEI** - Biological Exposure Indices, 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 TLV.

### REGULATORY INFORMATION:

This section explains the impact of various laws and regulations on the material. **EPA** is the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. **WHMIS** is the Canadian Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System. **DOT** and **TC** are the U.S. Department of Transportation and the Transport Canada, respectively. Other acronyms used are: **Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA)**; the **Toxic Substance Control Act (TSCA)**; Marine Pollutant status according to the **DOT**; California's Safe Drinking Water Act (**Proposition 65**); the **Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA or Superfund)**; and various state regulations. This section also includes information on the precautionary warnings which appear on the materials package label.