

MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

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Dulcolax® Softgel

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1. SUBSTANCE IDENTIFICATION

CHEMICAL NAME: 1, 4-bis(2-ethylhexyl) ester, sodium salt

GENERIC NAME: Docusate Sodium

MOLECULAR FORMULA: $C_{20}H_{37}O_7$ S.Na

TRADEMARK: Dulcolax®

MOLECULAR WEIGHT: 444.62

CHEMICAL FAMILY: Stool softener

CAS NUMBER: 577-11-7

PRODUCT USE: Relieves occasional constipation and irregularity

SYNONYMS: Docusate Sodium, dioctyl sodium sulfosuccinate

2. HAZARD IDENTIFICATION

EMERGENCY OVERVIEW

Physical State: 100 mg - Orange red translucent softgel

Low hazard if taken as directed.
Keep out of reach of children.

Potential Health Effects Product:

CONTRAINDICATIONS: Hypersensitivity to Docusate Sodium or to any other component of the therapeutic system. This product should not be used by patients with acute surgical abdomen, appendicitis, rectal bleeding, gastroenteritis, colostomy or intestinal obstruction. Dulcolax® Softgel is not recommended when abdominal pain, nausea or vomiting are present. Do not take if unable to swallow without chewing.

ADVERSE REACTIONS TO PRODUCT: Abdominal discomfort, nausea, diarrhea, in rare circumstances, skin rash.

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WARNING

Do not chew or crush softgel.

Do not use if unable to swallow without chewing.

Do not use if abdominal pain, nausea or vomiting are present.

Do not use if rectal bleeding occurs or if there has not been a bowel movement in 12 hours.

Do not use a laxative for more than a week.

If pregnant or breast-feeding, ask a doctor before use.

May interact with other drugs.

Overdosage: Symptoms of overexposure are watery stools (diarrhea), abdominal pain, hypokalemia, secondary hyperaldosteronism and renal calculi. Renal tubular damage, metabolic alkalosis and muscle weakness secondary to hypokalemia has been associated with laxative abuse. In case of overdose, get medical attention or contact a Poison Control Center immediately.

ROUTES OF ENTRY: Ingestion

ACUTE EXPOSURE:

INHALATION: Not expected to be an inhalation hazard.

EYE CONTACT: Not expected to be a hazard to the eye. Gel liquid may cause eye irritation.

SKIN CONTACT: Can cause hypersensitive reactions. Exposure may cause severe rash, redness, itching and inflammation, which in some cases have been life-threatening.

INGESTION: Low hazard if taken as directed. May cause stomach discomfort, faintness or abdominal cramps.

CHRONIC EXPOSURE: Possible hypersensitization (development of abnormal sensitivity).

TARGET ORGANS: Gastrointestinal tract

MEDICAL CONDITIONS POTENTIALLY AGGRAVATED BY EXPOSURE: Gastrointestinal disorders.

OSHA REGULATORY STATUS: OSHA Exempt for Product, FDA Regulated.

CARCINOGENICITY: Not listed as a carcinogen or potential carcinogen by NTP, IARC Monographs or OSHA.

3. COMPONENTS PER UNIT DOSE

MATERIAL	WT	EXPOSURE LIMITS
Active Ingredient: Docusate sodium USP	100 mg	100ug/m3 BIEL
Excipients:		
FD & C Red No. 40		No TLV established
FD & C Yellow No. 6		No TLV established
Gelatin		No TLV established
Glycerin		ACGIH 8-hr TLV-TWA 10mg/m ³ (Glycerin, mist: Irritation) OSHA Z-1 PEL 5 mg/m ³ (Glycerin mist, respirable fraction) OSHA Z-1 PEL 15 mg/m ³ (Glycerin mist, total dust)

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Polyethylene Glycol
Propylene Glycol
Sorbitol

No TLV established
No TLV established
No TLV established

*BIEL is the BI Exposure Control Level. Where lower governmentally imposed occupational exposure limits exist, such limits should take precedence.

4. EMERGENCY FIRST AID PROCEDURES

Persons developing anaphylactic (life-threatening) reactions, such as difficulty in breathing or unconsciousness, must receive immediate medical attention.

Product:

INHALATION: Should not pose a hazard in final form. Move to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. Get medical attention immediately.

EYE CONTACT: Should not pose a hazard in final form. Any material that contacts the eye should be washed out immediately with water. If easy to do, remove contact lenses if worn. Get medical attention if irritation persists.

SKIN CONTACT: Should not pose a hazard in final form. Immediately flush with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes while removing contaminated clothing and shoes. Get medical attention.

INGESTION: Call a physician or poison control center immediately. Only induce vomiting at the instruction of medical personnel. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person.

NOTE TO PHYSICIAN: There are no specific antidotes that are required to be administered in the event of overdosage; however, supportive care may be required to prevent dehydration and/or electrolyte imbalance.

5. FIRE AND EXPLOSION HAZARD DATA

Flash Point	Flammable Limits	
	Upper	Lower
N/A	N/A	N/A

FIRE EXTINGUISHING MEDIA: Water spray, dry chemical, carbon dioxide or material appropriate for surrounding fire.

SPECIAL FIRE FIGHTING PROCEDURES: Wear self-contained breathing apparatus and protective clothing. Cool fire exposed containers with water.

UNUSUAL FIRE AND EXPLOSION HAZARDS: None

HAZARDOUS COMBUSTION PRODUCTS: Carbon dioxide, carbon monoxide

6. SPILL AND ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

STEPS TO BE TAKEN IF SIGNIFICANT QUANTITIES OF SOFTGEL LIQUID IS SPILLED: Wear an approved respirator, eye protection, personal protective coverings and gloves. Use HEPA filtered vacuum or wet sweeping to clean up spillage. Place spillage in appropriate container for waste disposal. Wash contaminated clothing before use.

7. PRECAUTIONS FOR SAFE HANDLING AND USE

HANDLING AND STORAGE PRECAUTIONS: Store in a tight container. Store below 15-30°C (59-86°F). Avoid excessive humidity. Keep from freezing. Keep in a dry place. Store away from foodstuffs.

HANDLING SIGNIFICANT QUANTITIES OF BROKEN SOFTGELS: Avoid contact with eyes, skin and clothing. Absorb spilled liquid and collect for disposal. Wash thoroughly after handling.

8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

Engineering Controls: Not generally required when handling containers or softgels. (See Section 3 for exposure limits). Good ventilation (typically 10 air changes per hour) should be used. Ventilation rates should be matched to conditions.

Respiratory Protection: Not generally required when handling containers or softgels. The need for respiratory protection should be determined by an industrial hygiene survey. (See Section 3 for exposure limits). NIOSH/MSHA approved respirators for protection should be used if respirators are found to be necessary.

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT: Not generally required when handling containers. If containers are compromised or exposure to the active ingredient or mixture is likely wear:

Eye Protection: Safety goggles w/side shields (or goggles)	Hand Protection: Neoprene or nitrile gloves
Protective Clothing: Laboratory coats	Other: Eye wash

WORK/HYGIENIC PRACTICES: Keep away from foodstuffs, beverages and feed. Immediately remove all soiled and contaminated clothing. Wash hands before breaks and at the end of work.

9. PHYSICAL/CHEMICAL CHARACTERISTICS

For Product:

APPEARANCE AND ODOR: 100 mg – Orange red translucent, odorless softgel

Boiling Point: N/A	Specific Gravity: N/A
Vapor Pressure (mmHg): N/A	Melting Point: N/A
Vapor Density: N/A	Evaporation Rate: N/A
Water Solubility: Practically insoluble	Autoignition Temperature: N/A
Freezing Point: N/A	Decomposition Temperature: N/A
Flammable Limits: N/A	Partition Coefficient (n-Octanol/water): N/A
Flashpoint: N/A	Volatiles, %: N/A

10. REACTIVITY DATA

STABILITY: Stable

CONDITIONS TO AVOID: Excessive heat

INCOMPATIBLE MATERIALS: None known

HAZARDOUS DECOMPOSITION OR BY-PRODUCTS: Oxides of carbon and nitrogen

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HAZARDOUS POLYMERIZATION: Will not occur.

11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

ACUTE TOXICITY:

Active Ingredient:

LD₅₀ Oral (rat) – 1.9 g/kg

LD₅₀ Oral (mouse) – 2.6 g/kg

Eye irritation (rabbit) 1% - Severe irritation

Eye irritation (rabbit) 250µg – Mild irritation

TERATOGENICITY: - PREGNANCY CATEGORY **C**: **No evidence of risk in humans.** Either animal studies have shown an adverse effect and there are no adequate and well-controlled studies in pregnant women or no animal studies have been conducted and there are no adequate and well-controlled studies in pregnant women. Consult physician before using if you suspect you are pregnant, pregnant or nursing.

CARCINOGENESIS/MUTAGENESIS: Not listed as a carcinogen or potential carcinogen by NTP, IARC Monographs or OSHA.

12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

No information is available.

13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

WASTE DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS: Dispose of in accordance with local, state and federal regulations. Recommended method is incineration.

For Product: (At Home):

Discard away from children's reach.

14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

Product:

This product is not subject to the regulations for the safe transport of hazardous materials.

DOT: Not regulated

TDG: Not regulated

IATA: Not regulated

IMDG: Not regulated

15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

CANADIAN CONTROLLED PRODUCTS REGULATIONS: This product has been classified in according to the hazard criteria of the Canadian Controlled Products Regulations, Section 33, and the MSDS contains all required information.

WHMIS CLASSIFICATION FOR ACTIVE INGREDIENT: Controlled, D2B

WHMIS CLASSIFICATION FOR PRODUCT: Noncontrolled, exempt.

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INVENTORY STATUS:

This material is **not** listed on the US TSCA Inventory. Therefore, it can only be used for TSCA exempt purposes such as R&D or drug use.

This material is **not** listed on the DSL Inventory.

16. OTHER INFORMATION

ABBREVIATIONS:

BIPI - Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

mppcf – million particles/cubic foot

N/A - Not applicable.

N/E - Not established.

PREPARATION INFORMATION

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SEE CURRENT PACKAGE INSERT FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

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