



IN CASE OF EMERGENCY Emergency Phone: (614) 276-4000

Material Safety Data Sheet

1. CHEMICAL PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION		
Common/Trade Name: Megestrol Acetate Oral Suspension USP		
Chemical Name: Pregna-4,6-diene-3,20-dione, 17-(acetyloxy)-6-methyl		
Synonyms: None		
Molecular Formula: C ₂₄ H ₃₂ O ₄		
Molecular Weight: 384.51		
CAS No: 595-33-5		
Chemical Family: Progestational Drug		
Product Use: Treatment anorexia, cachexia or unexplained, significant weight loss in AIDS patients		
Manufacturer's Name: Boehringer Ingelheim Roxane Inc.		
Address: 1809 Wilson Road Columbus, Ohio 43228		
2. COMPOSITION / INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS		
Composition	CAS#	Exposure Limit
Megestrol Acetate (active ingredient)	595-33-5	None established
<i>REFER to PHYSICIAN'S DESK REFERENCE for common components present as <1%</i>		
3. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION		
Emergency Overview	Physical State: Liquid solution administered orally. Smooth, viscous, white, lemon-lime flavored suspension with 40 mg/mL of active ingredient. Odor: Lemon-lime DANGER! May be harmful if swallowed. Accidental ingestion of large amounts may be harmful.	
Primary Route(s) of Entry	Ingestion	
Potential Health Effects:	Inhalation: Not expected to be an inhalation hazard in final pharmaceutical form. Eye Contact: Not expected to be a hazard to the eye. Contact with eye may cause irritation, burning and redness. Skin Contact: Not expected to be a hazard to the skin. Can cause hypersensitive reactions resulting in rash, redness, itching and inflammation. Ingestion: May be harmful if ingested. Ingestion may cause nausea, vomiting, weight gain, hypertension, thromboembolic phenomena, and edema.	
Toxicity Data:	See Section 11	
Effects of Overexposure:	The potential for exposure is reduced in finished pharmaceutical form. Chronic exposure to megestrol acetate may increase incidences of both benign and malignant tumors. Overdose symptoms may include nausea, vomiting, weight gain, hypertension, thromboembolic phenomena, and edema.	
Target Organs:	Lymph nodes, Blood	
4. FIRST AID MEASURES		

Eye Exposure	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 symptoms persist.				
Skin Exposure	Wash with soap and water. Get medical attention if symptoms occur.				
Ingestion	Call a physician or poison control center immediately.				
Inhalation	Should not pose a hazard in the final form. If breathing is difficult, move to fresh air. Get medical attention immediately.				
5. FIRE AND EXPLOSION HAZARDS					
Flammability	Lower: N/A		Upper: N/A		
Flash Point	Not Applicable				
Extinguishing Media	Use water spray, dry chemical, carbon dioxide, foam or material appropriate for fire in surrounding area				
Special Fire Fighting Procedures	Wear full protective clothing and self-contained breathing apparatus.				
Unusual Fire/Explosion Hazards	Not Applicable				
Hazardous Combustion Products	Carbon dioxide, carbon monoxide				
6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE INFORMATION					
STEPS TO BE TAKEN IF SIGNIFICANT QUANTITIES OF LIQUID IS SPILLED: Use appropriate personal protective equipment (see Section 8). Wipe up and containerize spill material in a compatible container. Dispose according to applicable regulations. Incineration of the waste at an approved facility is recommended.					
7. PRECAUTIONS FOR SAFE HANDLING AND USE					
Precautions Handling Significant Quantities of Liquid:	Observe good industrial hygiene practices.				
Storage	Store at 15° to 25°C (59° to 77°F). Keep container closed tightly. Protect from light and moisture. Store away from foodstuffs.				
8. CONTROL MEASURES AND PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT					
Exposure Limits	None				
Engineering Controls	Not required when handling containers. If containers are compromised or exposure is likely wear: Good ventilation should be used. Ventilation should be matched to conditions.				
Respiratory Protection	Not required when handling containers. If containers are compromised or exposure is likely wear: NIOSH/MSHA approved respirators for protection should be used if respirators are found to be necessary. Ventilation should be matched to conditions.				
Personal Protection	Not required when handling containers. If containers are compromised or exposure is likely wear: Goggles, Lab Coat, Gloves				
Recommended Facilities	Eye wash, washing facilities				
9. PHYSICAL / CHEMICAL CHARACTERISTICS					
Appearance	Smooth, viscous, white liquid suspension	Melting point	Not available	Solubility in water	Good (active)
Odor	Lemon-lime	Boiling point	Not available	Specific Gravity	Not available
Taste	Lemon-lime flavored	Vapor Pressure	Not available	Flashpoint	Not available
pH	Not available	Density	Not available	Flammability Limits	Not available
10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY DATA					

Stability	Stable
Incompatibility	None known
Hazardous Decomposition	Oxides of carbon
Conditions to Avoid	Excessive heat, light
Hazardous Polymerization	Will not occur.
11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION	
Acute Toxicity:	
Active Ingredient: No data available	
Carcinogenicity: Not listed as a carcinogen by NTP, IARC Monographs or OSHA.	
12. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT INFORMATION	
No information is currently available on the environmental impact of this product.	
13. DISPOSAL INFORMATION	
Waste Disposal Considerations: Dispose of material according to federal, state and local disposal regulations or company operating procedures. Disposal by incineration is recommended. At home: Discard away from children's reach.	
14. TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION	
This product is not subject to the regulations for the safe transport of hazardous chemicals. DOT: Not regulated TDG: Not regulated IATA: Not regulated IMDG: Not regulated	
15. REGULATORY INFORMATION	
DEA: Megestrol Acetate is not a controlled substance.	
FDA: Megestrol Acetate is an approved prescription medication.	
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 but is exempt.	
16. OTHER DATA	
ABBREVIATIONS: N/A – not applicable	
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References: 1. Megestrol Acetate Oral Suspension, Package Insert, Boehringer Ingelheim Roxane, Inc., Columbus, Ohio 2. RTECS No. TU4075000 – Pregna-4,6-diene-3,20-dione, 17-hydroxy-6-methyl-, acetate 3. Ariel Websight. Regulatory and ChemExpert Database. 4. PDR – Physicians Desk Reference	
Date: New MSDS: 07/17/2000	Revised: 10/21/2008
SEE CURRENT PACKAGE INSERT FOR FURTHER INFORMATION	

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