Section 1 - Chemical Product and Company Identification

Material Name: Hydrochloric Acid

Company: Engro Polymer & Chemicals Limited, Port Qasim Karachi, Pakistan

Telephone No.: 92-021-4730157-67

Emergency Telephone No.: 92-0333-3451465

Chemical Formula: HCl

Structural Chemical Formula: HCl

Synonyms: 4-D BOWL SANITIZER; ACIDE CHLORHYDRIQUE; ACIDO CLORHIDRICO; ACIDO CLORIDRICO; ANHYDROUS HYDROCHLORIC ACID; ANHYDROUS HYDROGEN CHLORIDE; AQUEOUS HYDROGEN CHLORIDE; BOWL CLEANER; CHLOORWATERSTOF; CHLOROHYDRIC ACID; CHLOROWODOR; CHLORURE D'HYDROGENE; CHLORURE D'HYDROGENE ANHYDRE; CHLORUR DE HIDROGENO; CHLORWASSERSTOFF; CLORURO DE HIDROGENO ANHIDRO; EMULSION BOWL CLEANER; EPA PESTICIDE CHEMICAL CODE 045901; HYDROCHLORIC ACID; HYDROCHLORIC ACID GAS; HYDROCHLORIDE; HYDROGEN CHLORIDE; HYDROGEN CHLORIDE (HCL); HYGEIA CRÈME MAGIC BOW CL CLEANER; MURIATIC ACID; MURIATIC ACID); NOW SOUTH SAFTI-SOL BRAND CONCENTRATED BOWL CLEANSE WITH MAGIC ACTIO; PERCLEEN BOWL AND URINAL CLEANER; SPIRITS OF SALT; VARLEY'S OCEAN BLUE SCENTED TOILET BOWL CLEANER; VARLEY POLY-PAK BOWL CREME; WHITE EMULSION BOWL CLEANER; WUEST BOWL CLEANER SUPER CONCENTRATED

General Use: Hydrogen chloride is used to produce pharmaceutical hydrochlorides; vinyl chloride from acetylene; alkyl chlorides from olefins and arsenious chloride from arsenious oxide; electronic grade for etching semiconductor crystals. Used in the chlorination of rubber; in organic reactions involving isomerization, polymerization and alkylation; as a catalyst and condensing agent; for making chlorine where economical; in the separation of cotton from wool and cotton de-linting; as flux in the babbitt type of metal alloy; etching semi-conductor crystals. Hydrochloric acid is used for pickling and heavy duty cleaning of metal parts; rust and scale removal. The production of chlorides; neutralizing bases; a laboratory reagent. For hydrolyzing starch and proteins in preparations for food. As a catalyst and solvent in organic synthesis. As "spirits of salts" for cleaning of lime and masonry from new brickwork. As flux or flux component for soldering; manufacture of "killed spirits".

Section 2 - Composition / Information on Ingredients

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OSHA PEL, ACGIH TLV, NIOSH REL, EU OEL and MAK levels are provided for reference.
Emergency Overview
Colorless gas; characteristic suffocating, pungent odor. Corrosive. Stored as compressed gas which may cause frostbite. Chronic Effects: erosion of teeth.

Potential Health Effects
Target Organs: eyes, skin, respiratory system, liver (in animals)
Primary Entry Routes: inhalation, skin contact, eye contact

Acute Effects
Inhalation: The vapor is extremely discomforting to the upper respiratory tract, may cause severe mucous membrane damage and may be harmful if inhaled.
   Inhalation of quantities of liquid mist may be extremely hazardous, even lethal due to spasm, extreme irritation of larynx and bronchi, chemical pneumonitis and pulmonary edema.
   A single severe exposure may cause coughing and choking; bleeding of nose, inflammation and occasionally ulceration of the nose, throat and larynx. Fluid on the lungs followed by generalized lung damage may follow.
   Breathing of vapor may aggravate asthma and inflammatory or fibrotic pulmonary disease.
   High concentrations cause necrosis of the tracheal and bronchial epithelium, pulmonary edema, atelectasis and emphysema and damage to the pulmonary blood vessels and liver.
   Inhalation hazard is increased at higher temperatures.
   The vapor from heated material is extremely discomforting to the upper respiratory tract and lungs if inhaled.

   Continued severe exposure can result in pulmonary edema and corrosion of tissues in the nose and throat.

   Eye: Hydrogen Chloride: The vapor is extremely discomforting to the eyes and is capable of causing pain and severe conjunctivitis. Corneal injury may develop, with possible permanent impairment of vision, if not promptly and adequately treated.
   The material may be irritating to the eye, with prolonged contact causing inflammation. Repeated or prolonged exposure to irritants may produce conjunctivitis.
   Hydrochloric Acid: Eye contact is extremely painful and may cause rapid corneal damage. The liquid is extremely corrosive to the eyes and is capable of causing severe damage with loss of sight.
   The vapor is highly discomforting and may be corrosive to the eyes. The vapor from heated material is extremely discomforting to the eyes.

   Skin: The material is corrosive to the skin and may cause chemical burns.
   Toxic effects may result from skin absorption. Bare unprotected skin should not be exposed to this material. The material may accentuate any pre-existing skin condition.
   The vapor is discomforting to the skin.

   Ingestion: Considered an unlikely route of entry in commercial/industrial environments.
   The liquid is extremely corrosive if swallowed and is capable of causing burns to mouth, throat, esophagus, with extreme discomfort, pain and may be fatal if swallowed in quantity. Ingestion may result in nausea, abdominal irritation, pain and vomiting.

Carcinogenicity: NTP - Not listed; IARC - Group 3, Not classifiable as to carcinogenicity to humans; OSHA - Not listed; NIOSH - Not listed; ACGIH - Not listed; EPA - Not listed; MAK - Not listed.
Chronic Effects: Chronic exposure may cause discoloration or erosion of the teeth, bleeding of the nose and gums; and ulceration of the nasal mucous membranes. Repeated exposures of animals to concentrations of about 34 ppm produced no immediate toxic effects. Workers exposed to hydrochloric acid suffered from gastritis and a number of cases of chronic bronchitis have also been reported. Repeated or prolonged exposure to dilute solutions may cause dermatitis. Repeated exposure to low vapor concentrations can cause skin tenderness, bleeding of the nose and gums, chronic bronchitis, gastritis.

**Section 4 - First Aid Measures**

**Inhalation:** Remove to fresh air. Lay patient down. Keep warm and rested. If breathing is shallow or has stopped, ensure clear airway and apply resuscitation. Transport to hospital or doctor.

**Eye Contact:** Immediately hold the eyes open and flush continuously for at least 15 minutes with fresh running water. Ensure irrigation under eyelids by occasionally lifting the upper and lower lids. Transport to hospital or doctor without delay. Removal of contact lenses after an eye injury should only be undertaken by skilled personnel.

**Skin Contact:** Immediately flush body and clothes with large amounts of water, using safety shower if available. Quickly remove all contaminated clothing, including footwear. Wash affected areas with water (and soap if available) for at least 15 minutes. Transport to hospital or doctor.

**Ingestion:** Contact a Poison Control Center. Rinse mouth out with plenty of water. Do NOT induce vomiting. Give a glass of water. After first aid, get appropriate in-plant, paramedic, or community medical support.

**Note to Physicians:** For acute or short-term repeated exposures to strong acids:

1. Airway problems may arise from laryngeal edema and inhalation exposure. Treat with 100% oxygen initially.
2. Respiratory distress may require cricothyroidotomy if endotracheal intubations is contraindicated by excessive.
3. Intravenous lines should be established immediately in all cases where there is evidence of circulatory compromise.
4. Strong acids produce a coagulation necrosis characterized by formation of a coagulum (Escher) as a result of the desiccating action of the acid on proteins in specific tissues.

**INGESTION:**

1. Immediate dilution (milk or water) within 30 minutes post-ingestion is recommended.
2. Do not attempt to neutralize the acid since exothermic reaction may extend the corrosive injury.
3. Be careful to avoid further vomiting since re-exposure of the mucosa to the acid is harmful. Limit fluids to one or two glasses in an adult.
4. Charcoal has no place in acid management.
5. Some authors suggest the use of lavage within 1 hour of ingestion.

**SKIN:**

1. Skin lesions require copious saline irrigation. Treat chemical burns as thermal burns with non-adherent gauze and wrapping.
2. Deep second-degree burns may benefit from topical silver sulfadiazine.

**EYE:**

1. Eye injuries require retraction of the eyelids to ensure thorough irrigation of the conjunctival cul-de-sacs. Irrigation should last at least 20-30 minutes. Do not use neutralizing agents or any other additives. Several liters of saline are required.
2. Cycloplegic drops (1% cyclopentolate for short-term use or 5% homatropine for longer term use), antibiotic drops, vasoconstrictive agents, or artificial tears may be indicated dependent on the severity of the injury.

3. Steroid eye drops should only be administered with the approval of a consulting ophthalmologist.

Section 5 - Fire-Fighting Measures

Flash Point: Nonflammable
Autoignition Temperature: Not applicable
LEL: Not applicable
UEL: Not applicable
Extinguishing Media: Water spray or fog; foam; Bromochlorodifluoromethane (BCF) (where regulations permit); Dry agent; Carbon dioxide.
General Fire Hazards/Hazardous Combustion Products: Noncombustible liquid. Will not burn, but heat produces highly toxic fumes/vapors. Heating may cause expansion or decomposition leading to violent rupture of containers. Decomposes on heating and produces toxic fumes of hydrogen chloride. Decomposition may produce toxic fumes of chlorine. Reacts with metals producing flammable/explosive hydrogen gas. Contact with moisture or water may generate heat causing ignition. Reacts vigorously with alkalis. Moderate fire hazard when in contact with reducing agents.
Fire Incompatibility: Reacts with metals producing flammable/explosive hydrogen gas. Avoid reactions with metals, metal oxides, hydroxides, amines, carbonates, alkaline materials, acetic anhydride, cyanides, sulphides, sulphites, phosphides, acetylides, borides, carbides, silicides, vinyl acetate, formaldehyde and potassium permanganate, unsaturated organics, metal acetylides, sulphuric acid.
Note: Compatibility with plastics should be confirmed prior to use.

Fire-Fighting Instructions: Contact fire department and tell them location and nature of hazard. Wear full body protective clothing with breathing apparatus. Prevent, by any means available, spillage from entering drains or waterways. Consider evacuation. Cool fire-exposed containers with water spray from a protected location. If safe to do so, remove containers from path of fire. Equipment should be thoroughly decontaminated after use.
Water spray or fog may be used to disperse vapor. Do not approach cylinders suspected to be hot. If safe to do so, stop flow of gas.

Section 6 - Accidental Release Measures

Small Spills: DO NOT touch the spill material. Clean up all spills immediately. Wear fully protective PVC clothing and breathing apparatus. Contain and absorb spill with sand, earth, inert material or vermiculite. Use soda ash or slaked lime to neutralize. Collect residues and place in labeled plastic containers with vented lids. Clear area of personnel and move upwind. Avoid breathing vapors and contact with skin and eyes. Do not exert excessive pressure on valve; do not attempt to operate damaged valve. Water spray or fog may be used to disperse vapor.

Large Spills: Contact fire department and tell them location and nature of hazard. Clear area of personnel and move upwind. Wear full body protective clothing with breathing apparatus. Prevent, by any means available, spillage from entering drains or waterways. Consider evacuation. Stop leak if safe to do so. Remove leaking cylinders to a safe place if possible. Release pressure under safe, controlled conditions by opening the valve. Do not exert excessive pressure on valve; do not attempt to operate damaged valve. Shut off all possible sources of ignition and increase ventilation. Water spray or fog may be used to disperse vapor. Use soda ash or slaked lime to neutralize. Collect and seal in labeled drums for disposal. Wash spill area with large quantities of water. If contamination of drains or waterways occurs, advise emergency services. After clean-up operations, decontaminate and launder all protective clothing and equipment before storing and reusing. DO NOT touch the spill material. Contain and absorb spill with sand, earth, inert material or vermiculite.
DO NOT USE WATER OR NEUTRALIZING AGENTS INDISCRIMINATELY ON LARGE SPILLS.

Regulatory Requirements: Follow applicable OSHA regulations (29 CFR 1910.120).
Section 7 - Handling and Storage

Handling Precautions: Avoid generating and breathing mist and vapor, breathing vapors and contact with skin and eyes. Avoid physical damage to containers. Use in a well-ventilated area. Wear protective clothing and gloves when handling containers. Handle and open container with care.

WARNING: To avoid violent reaction, ALWAYS add material to water and NEVER water to material. When handling, DO NOT eat, drink or smoke. Always wash hands with soap and water after handling. Work clothes should be laundered separately. Use good occupational work practices. Observe manufacturer's storing and handling recommendations. Atmosphere should be regularly checked against established exposure standards to ensure safe working conditions are maintained.

Local exhaust ventilation may be required for safe working, i.e. to keep exposures below required standards; otherwise, PPE is required. Keep dry. Reacts violently with water. Transport containers on a trolley. Avoid sources of heat. DO NOT transfer gas from one cylinder to another. Recommended Storage Methods: Packaging as recommended by manufacturer. Check that containers are clearly labeled. Cylinder. Ensure the use of equipment rated for cylinder pressure. Ensure the use of compatible materials of construction. Valve protection cap to be in place until cylinder is secured, connected. Cylinder must be properly secured either in use or in storage. Cylinder valve must be closed when not in use or when empty. Segregate full from empty cylinders.

WARNING: Suck back into cylinder may result in rupture. Use back-flow preventive device in piping. Hydrochloric acid: Packs of 2.5 liters or less require a child-resistant closure. Glass container or Plastic carboy or Polylined drum. Regulatory Requirements: Follow applicable OSHA regulations.

Section 8 - Exposure Controls / Personal Protection

Engineering Controls: If risk of overexposure exists, wear air supplied breathing apparatus. Provide adequate ventilation in warehouse or closed storage areas. Use in a well-ventilated area. Local exhaust ventilation may be required for safe working, i.e. to keep exposures below required standards; otherwise, PPE is required. If risk of inhalation or overexposure exists, wear NIOSH-approved respirator or work in fume hood. Hydrogen chloride vapors will not be adequately absorbed by organic vapor respirators.

Personal Protective Clothing/Equipment:

Eyes: Chemical goggles. Full face shield.

DO NOT wear contact lenses. Contact lenses pose a special hazard; soft contact lenses may absorb irritants and all lenses concentrate them.


Hydrochloric acid: Barrier cream and Neoprene gloves or Elbow length PVC gloves. Nitrile gloves. PVC boots or PVC safety gumboots.

Respiratory Protection:

Exposure Range >5 to <50 ppm: Air Purifying, Negative Pressure, Half Mask

Exposure Range 50 to unlimited ppm: Self-contained Breathing Apparatus, Pressure Demand, Full Face Cartridge Color: white

Other: Ensure there is ready access to a safety shower; Eyewash unit.

Acid-resistant overalls. Full protective suit. Operators should be trained in procedures for safe use of this material.

Glove Selection Index:

BUTYL ......................... Best selection
BUTYL/NEOPRENE ............ Best selection
HYPALON ........................ Best selection
NEOPRENE ..................... Best selection
NEOPRENE/NATURAL......... Best selection
NITRILE+PVC.................. Best selection
PE/EVAL/PE .................... Best selection
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**Section 9 - Physical and Chemical Properties**

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**Section 10 - Stability and Reactivity**

Stability/Polymerization/Conditions to Avoid: Decomposes in the presence of moisture to produce corrosive acid. May generate sufficient heat to ignite combustible materials. Presence of heat source and direct sunlight (ultra-violet radiation). Product is considered stable under normal handling conditions. Hazardous polymerization will not occur.

Storage Incompatibilities:
- Hydrogen chloride: Segregate from most common metals and their alloys, alkalis, unsaturated organics, fluorine, metal carbides, metal acetylides, potassium permanganate and sulfuric acid. Compatibility with plastics should be confirmed prior to use.
- Hydrochloric acid: Segregate from alkalies, oxidizing agents and chemicals readily decomposed by acids, i.e. cyanides, sulfides, carbonates. Avoid storage with metals, metal oxides, hydroxides, amines, carbonates, alkaline materials, acetic anhydride, cyanides, sulphides, phosphides, acetylides, borides, carbides, silicides, vinyl acetate, formaldehyde and potassium permanganate. Reacts with zinc, brass, galvanized iron, aluminum, copper and copper alloys.

**Section 11 - Toxicological Information**

Toxicity
- Inhalation (human) LCLo: 1300 ppm/30 m
- Inhalation (human) LCLo: 3000 ppm/5 m
- Inhalation (rat) LC50: 3124 ppm/60 m
- Inhalation (rat) LC50: 4701 ppm/30 m
- Oral (rat) LD50: 900 mg/kg

Irritation
- Eye (rabbit): 5 mg/30 s - mild

See RTECS MW 4025000, for additional data.

**Section 12 - Ecological Information**

Environmental Fate: No data found.

Ecotoxicity: TLm Gambusia affinis (mosquito fish) 282 ppm/96 hr (fresh water) /Conditions of bioassay not specified; Lethal Lepomis macrochirus (bluegill sunfish) 3.6 mg/l/48 hr /Conditions of bioassay not specified; LC50 Cockle 330 to 1,000 mg/l/48 hr /Conditions of bioassay not specified; LC50 Carassius auratus (goldfish) 178 mg/l (1 to 2 hr survival time) /Conditions of bioassay not specified; LC50 Shore crab
Section 13 - Disposal Considerations


Section 14 - Transport Information

DOT Hazardous Materials Table Data (49 CFR 172.101):
Note: This material has multiple possible HMT entries. Choose the appropriate one based on state and condition of specific material when shipped.

Shipping Name and Description: Hydrogen chloride, anhydrous
ID: UN1050
Hazard Class: 2.3 - Poisonous gas
Packing Group:
Symbols:
Label Codes: 2.3 - Poison Gas, 8 - Corrosive
Special Provisions: 3
Packaging: Exceptions: None Non-bulk: 304 Bulk: None
Quantity Limitations: Passenger aircraft/rail: Forbidden Cargo aircraft only: Forbidden
Vessel Stowage: Location: D Other: 4

Shipping Name and Description: Hydrochloric acid
ID: UN1789
Hazard Class: 8 - Corrosive material
Packing Group: II - Medium Danger
Symbols:
Label Codes: 8 - Corrosive
Special Provisions: A3, A6, B3, B15, IB2, N41, T8, TP2, TP12
Packaging: Exceptions: 154 Non-bulk: 202 Bulk: 242
Quantity Limitations: Passenger aircraft/rail: 1 L Cargo aircraft only: 30 L
Vessel Stowage: Location: C Other:

Shipping Name and Description: Hydrochloric acid
ID: UN1789
Hazard Class: 8 - Corrosive material
Packing Group: III - Minor Danger
Symbols:
Label Codes: 8 - Corrosive
Special Provisions: IB3, T4, TP1, TP12
Packaging: Exceptions: 154 Non-bulk: 203 Bulk: 241
Quantity Limitations: Passenger aircraft/rail: 5 L Cargo aircraft only: 60 L
Vessel Stowage: Location: C Other:

Section 15 - Regulatory Information

EPA Regulations:
RCRA 40 CFR: Not listed
CERCLA 40 CFR 302.4: Listed per CWA Section 311(b)(4) 5000 lb (2268 kg)
SARA 40 CFR 372.65: Listed
SARA EHS 40 CFR 355: Listed
RQ: 5000 lb
TPQ: 500 lb
### Section 16 - Other Information

**Label Precautions:**
- Do not get in eyes on skin or on clothing.
- Avoid breathing vapor or mist.
- Keep container closed.
- Use only with adequate ventilation.
- Wash thoroughly after handling.

**Label First Aid:**
If swallowed do not induce vomiting. Give large quantities of water. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. In case of contact immediately flush eyes or skin with plenty of water for at least 15 mins while removing contaminated clothing and shoes. Wash clothing before reuse. If inhaled remove to fresh air. If not breathing give artificial respiration. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. In all cases call a physician.

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