

# Material Safety Data Sheet

Hazardous according to criteria of Worksafe Australia  
Hazardous according to Occupational Safety and Health Administration's (OSHA)  
Communication Standard, 29 CFR 1910.1200

## AST (GOT) Enzyme (R1)

### 1. CHEMICAL PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

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**Product Name:** AST (GOT) Enzyme (R1)

**Catalogue Number:** 7500-106

**Use:** For in vitro diagnostic use. For the quantitative determination of AST [GOT] in serum.

**UN Number:** 2811

**Proper Shipping Name:** TOXIC SOLID, ORGANIC, N.O.S.(Contains SODIUM AZIDE)

**Dangerous Goods Class:** 6.1

**Packing Group:** III

**Hazchem Code:** 2XE

**Poison Schedule:** None allocated

**IERG No:** 36

#### Contact Point

##### Australia

Quality Assurance Manager:

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Mon – Fri 9:00am to 5:00pm

##### U.S.A

Chemtel

24 Hour Emergency Assistance

1-800-255-3924

### 2. COMPOSITION / INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

SUBSTANCE NAME	Proportion	CAS Number
SODIUM AZIDE	1 - 2 %	26628-22-8
FILLERS, ADDITIVES - NON-HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES	Balance	Mixture

All other ingredients determined not to be hazardous according to the criteria of Worksafe Australia and OSHA Communication Standard 29 CFR 1910.1200.

### 3. HAZARD IDENTIFICATION

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**Hazard Category:** Toxic

#### ACUTE HEALTH EFFECTS

##### **Swallowed:**

Toxic if swallowed. Over exposure to sodium azide will include headache, nausea, blurred vision, dizziness, vomiting and low blood pressure. Sufficient quantities swallowed, will lead to severe injury and death.

##### **Eye:**

May cause irritation to the eyes, with effects including: tearing and blurred vision. These effects are anticipated to be of a short acting nature and no long term injury is anticipated, ***if the product is removed promptly.***

##### **Skin:**

May cause irritation to the skin, with effects including; Redness and itchiness.

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### 3. HAZARD IDENTIFICATION (cont)

**Inhaled:**

Dusts from the product may cause irritation to the nose, throat and respiratory system.

**Chronic:**

Prolonged or repeated skin contact may lead to dermatitis. Prolonged or repeated exposure may lead to irreversible damage to health.

### 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

**Swallowed:**

If swallowed, **DO NOT** induce vomiting. If conscious, give 1 to 2 glasses of water to drink. Seek urgent medical assistance.

**Eye:**

If material is splashed into eyes, flush with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes, ensuring eye lids are held open. Immediately transport to hospital or doctor.

**Skin:**

If material is splashed onto the skin, remove any contaminated clothing and wash skin thoroughly with soap and water. Urgently transport to hospital or doctor.

**Inhaled:**

Remove victim to fresh air. Apply resuscitation if victim is not breathing - **DO NOT USE DIRECT MOUTH - TO - MOUTH METHOD** if victim ingested or inhaled substance; use alternative respiratory method or proper respiratory device - Administer oxygen if breathing is difficult.

**First Aid Facilities:**

Eye wash fountain, safety shower and normal wash room facilities.

**Advice to Doctor:**

Treat symptomatically.

**In case of poisoning, contact Poisons Information Centre**

**In Australia call Tel: 131126**

**In New Zealand Tel: 034747000**

### 5. FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES

**Fire/Explosion Hazard**

**EXTINGUISHING MEDIA:** Use dry chemical, carbon dioxide, foam or water spray.

**SPECIAL FIRE FIGHTING PROCEDURES:** Self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) required for fire-fighting personnel. Use water spray to cool fire -exposed surfaces and to protect personnel.

**UNUSUAL FIRE AND EXPLOSION HAZARDS:** Fire or heat will produce irritating, toxic and/or corrosive gases.

**Flammability**

Material does not burn. Runoff may pollute waterways, drains or sewers.

### 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Remove all unnecessary personnel from spill site. Avoid generating dusts. Wear suitable protective equipment.

Ventilate area. If possible wet area down to prevent high dust levels. If available, use dustless methods, such as a HEPA vacuum and filter. **DO NOT DRY SWEEP.** Otherwise, bund area with suitable barrier (attapugite or vermiculite (kitty litter)), then collect using industrial dry/wet vacuum system fitted with a HEPA filter, place into a suitably labeled container for later disposal. Any liquid residues (left over from vacuuming) should be absorbed by use of kitty litter or similar and placed into a labeled container for disposal.

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### 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

Store in a cool place and out of direct sunlight. Store away from strong mineral acids, lead, copper, mercury, silver and oxidizing agents. Store in original packages as approved by manufacturer. The unopened reagents are stable until the expiration date stated on the label when stored at 2 - 8°C. For further information please refer to the Engineering Controls of this MSDS.

### 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

#### Exposure Standards

The following exposure standards have been assigned by the National Occupational Health & Safety Commission (NOHSC) to:

#### *SODIUM AZIDE*

(Worksafe Australia)  
[TWA]0.11 ppm 0.3 mg/m<sup>3</sup>  
[STEL]Peak limitation

#### References: H

**Peak Limitation:** For some rapidly acting substances and irritants, the averaging of the airborne concentration over an eight hour period is inappropriate. These substances may induce acute effects after relatively brief exposure to high concentrations and so the exposure standard for these substances represents a maximum or "peak concentration" to which workers may be exposed.

#### Engineering Controls

Toxic material. Single significant exposure may cause severe injury. Maintain adequate ventilation at all times.

#### Personal Protection Equipment

**GLOVES:** Nitrile or neoprene.

**EYES:** Chemical goggles or faceshield to protect eyes.

**RESPIRATORY PROTECTION:** Avoid breathing of dusts. Select and use respirators in accordance with AS/NZS 1715/1716. The use of a half-face organic vapour respirator is recommended. Filter capacity and respirator type depends on exposure levels and type of contaminant. If entering spaces where the airborne concentration of a contaminant is unknown then the use of a Self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) with positive pressure air supply complying with AS/NZS 1715 / 1716, or any other acceptable International Standard is recommended.

### 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

<b>Appearance:</b>	White to off-white powder
<b>Boiling Point:</b>	Not available.
<b>Freezing Point:</b>	Not available.
<b>Vapour Pressure:</b>	Not available.
<b>Specific Gravity:</b>	Not available.
<b>Flash Point:</b>	Not applicable.
<b>Flammability Limits:</b>	Not applicable.
<b>Solubility in Water:</b>	Completely miscible.

#### Other Properties

**pH:** 7.77 - 7.99 @ 19-22°C

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### 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

**STABILITY:**

Stable under normal conditions of use.

**HAZARDOUS DECOMPOSITION PRODUCTS:**

Emits toxic fumes when heated to decomposition.

**HAZARDOUS POLYMERIZATION:**

Will not occur.

**INCOMPATIBILITIES:**

Strong mineral acids (Sulfuric, Nitric and Hydrochloric) and oxidizing agents. Lead, copper, mercury, silver and other heavy metals salts, when mixed with sodium azide (in solution), will produce highly unstable and explosive compounds.

**CONDITIONS TO AVOID:**

Strong acids and incompatibles.

### 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

There is no toxicological information available for this product, however, for the ingredient:

**Sodium azide:**

Oral LD50(rat): 27 mg/kg

Dermal LD50(rabbit): 20 mg/kg

Oral LDLo(human): 143 mg/kg

**Systemic effects:** CNS disorders, cardiovascular failure, tachycardia, drop in blood pressure, coughing, dyspnoea, spasms, headache, dizziness, nausea, vomiting, collapse, unconsciousness and ultimately death.

A several gram dose ingested of sodium azide produced collapse and death within 40 minutes in an adult. Pathologic findings were limited to swelling of the brain, lungs and mild fatty degeneration of liver.

### 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

This substance is Very Toxic to aquatic organisms. This substance may cause long term adverse effects in the aquatic environment.

**Environmental Degradation:** Dissipation of azides in soil is not by microbial action but is strictly a chemical process, which is accelerated by increased acidity and elevated temperatures. This reaction appears to occur rapidly in soils by oxidation or by reaction of hydrazoic acid with soil organic acids to form azides of these acids which then decompose by a Curtius Rearrangement. Sodium azide appears to be stable in water in the absence of light, however, it appears to be susceptible to photo-decomposition by UV radiation. Photolysis of sodium azide may result in metal nitrides initially, with the eventual formation of the free metal and nitrogen gas.

### 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Refer to appropriate authority in your State. Normally suitable for disposal by approved waste disposal agent.

### 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

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### 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION (cont)

Classified as a CLASS 6 (TOXIC) Dangerous Good according to the Australian Code for the Transport of Dangerous Goods by Road and Rail, 6th Edition.

Dangerous goods of Class 6 (Toxic) are incompatible in a placard load with any of the following:

- Class 1
- Class 3, if the Class 3 dangerous goods are nitromethane
- Class 8, if the Class 6 dangerous goods are cyanides and the Class 8 dangerous goods are acids; and are incompatible with food and food packaging in any quantity.

#### Emergency information(Transport):

Dangerous Goods - Initial Emergency Response Guide (IERG) (SAA/SNZ HB76:1997)

For TOXIC AND/OR CORROSIVE SUBSTANCES - Guide No: 36

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### 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

**Poison Schedule:** None allocated

#### RISK PHRASES

R25 Toxic if swallowed.

R32 Contact with acids liberates very toxic gas.

#### SAFETY PHRASES

S28 After contact with skin, wash immediately with plenty of soap and water.

### 16. OTHER INFORMATION

#### Disclaimer

This MSDS summarises our best knowledge of the health and safety hazard information of the product and how to safely handle and use the product in the workplace. Each user should read this MSDS and consider the information in the context of how the product will be handled and used in the workplace including in conjunction with other products. If clarification or further information is needed to ensure that an appropriate risk assessment can be made, the user should contact this company.

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