# Avocado Research Chemicals Ltd - Material Safety Data Sheet 10143

### 1. IDENTIFICATION OF SUBSTANCE AND SUPPLIER

Name On Label Sodium dithionite hydrate

**Product Number** 

Supplier Johnson Matthey Catalog Company Inc. 30 Bond Street, Ward Hill, Massachusetts, 01835-8099

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Emergency Telephone Number: (978) 521-6300; CHEMTREC: (800) 424-9300

**Alternative Names** Sodium hydrosulfite

### 2. COMPOSITION AND INFORMATION ON COMPONENTS

Sodium dithionite hydrate

**Minor Impurities** Not determined

CAS No. 7775-14-6 **EINECS No. 2318900** EEC No.

### 3. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

Designation FLAMMABLE SOLID ~ HARMFUL ~ IRRITANT

**Risk Phrases** May cause fire.

Highly flammable. R11

R20/21/22 Harmful by inhalation, in contact with skin and if swallowed.

Contact with acids liberates toxic gas. R31 R36/37/38 Irritating to eyes, respiratory system and skin.

#### 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

Inhalation Remove to fresh air. If breathing is difficult give oxygen and seek medical attention.

**Eye Contact** Flush with copious amounts of water for at least 15 minutes. If irritation persists, seek medical

**Skin Contact** Remove contaminated clothing. Wash affected area with soap and water. Rinse thoroughly. If

irritation persists or other symptoms are observed, seek medical advice.

Ingestion Rinse out mouth and drink lots of water. In case of irritation or other symptoms, seek medical

attention.

### 5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

**Extinguishing Medium** Use fire fighting measures which suit the environment and take into account other materials which

may be involved. In general, water-based extinguishers should not be used for fires involving

organic materials. Use carbon dioxide or dry powder.

**Protective Equipment** Wear self-contained breathing apparatus and protective clothing.

Hazardous Products of Combustion may include: None listed.

### 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

**Personal Protection** Avoid inhalation or contact of spilled material with skin or clothing. Wear protective equipment

including rubber gloves, and eye protection. Keep unprotected persons away.

Take precautions to ensure product does not contaminate the ground or enter the drainage system. **Environmental Protection** 

Mix with vermiculite or proprietary absorbent material and transfer to sealed containers for disposal. Collection

### 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

Handling Chemicals should be used only by those trained in handling potentially hazardous materials. Rubber

gloves, eye protection and protective clothing should be worn. Operations should be carried out in

an efficient fume hood or equivalent system.

Store in tightly sealed containers in a cool place. Storage

Protect from moisture.

### 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS AND PERSONAL PROTECTION

Respiratory Avoid inhalation of product. Handle in an efficient fume hood or equivalent system.

Avoid eye contact. Wear safety spectacles, goggles or, for larger quantities, a full face mask. Eve Hands and Body Irritant product. Avoid skin contact. Wear rubber gloves, protective clothing and, for larger

quantities, full arm, body and face protection. Wash hands thoroughly after handling.

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### 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Appearance Colorless crystals
Physical Constants Not available
Molecular formula Na<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>S<sub>2</sub>.xH<sub>2</sub>O

Molecular formula $Na_2O_4S_2.xH_2O$ Formula Wt.174.11 (anhydrous)Water solubilitySolDensityNot available

Flash Point Not available

### 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Specific Hazard Contact with acids liberates toxic gas.

**Incompatibilities** Strong oxidising agents. Strong acids.

**Decomposition** Hazardous products of decomposition may include: None listed.

### 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

**RTECS No.** JP2100000

Acute Toxicity LD<sub>50</sub>: No data reported

Harmful by inhalation, in contact with skin and if swallowed. Contact with acids liberates toxic gas.

Irritating to eyes, respiratory system and skin.

**Special Note** Symptoms of exposure may include headache, nausea and vomiting.

### 12. ECOLOGICAL EFFECTS

General Take care to prevent chemicals from entering the ground, water courses or drainage systems.

### 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

**Disposal** Disposal should be via an approved contractor and should take full account of local regulations.

### 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

UN Number 1384

Land TransportADR/RIC Code/Class4.1Packing Group IIMaritime TransportIMDG Code/Class4.1Packing Group IIAir TransportIATA Code/Class4.1Packing Group II

### 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

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Hazard Indication FLAMMABLE SOLID ~ HARMFUL ~ IRRITANT

Risk & Safety Phrases May cause fire.

Highly flammable.

Harmful by inhalation, in contact with skin and if swallowed.

Contact with acids liberates toxic gas. Irritating to eyes, respiratory system and skin. Keep container tightly closed and dry.

Keep away from sources of ignition - No Smoking.

In case of contact with eyes, rinse immediately with plenty of water and seek medical advice.

TSCA Listed substance.

### 16. OTHER INFORMATION

It must be recognised that the physical and chemical properties of any product may not be fully understood and that new, possibly hazardous products may arise from reactions between chemicals. The information given in this data sheet is based on our present knowledge and shall not constitute a guarantee for any specific product features and shall not establish a legally valid contractual relationship.

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