

Infosafe No™ 1CHM1 Issue Date : March 2018 RE-ISSUED by ACR

Product Name : **SULFURIC ACID 5-14.9%**

Classified as hazardous

## 1. Identification

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| <b>GHS Product Identifier</b>                                  | SULFURIC ACID 5-14.9%  |                     |
| <b>Company Name</b>  | AUSTRALIAN CHEMICAL REAGENTS (ACR) (ABN 19 008 264 211)  |                     |
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| <b>Telephone/Fax Number</b>                                    | Tel: (08) 8440 2000<br>Fax: (08) 8440 2001   |                     |
| <b>Recommended use of the chemical and restrictions on use</b> | Fertilizers, chemicals, dyes and pigments, etchant, alkylation catalyst, electroplating baths, iron and steel, rayon and film, industrial explosives, non-ferrous metallurgy, analytical reagent and laboratory reagent. |                     |
| <b>Other Names</b>   | <b>Name</b>  | <b>Product Code</b> |
|  | Sulphuric Acid 10% v/v   | 0589                |
|  | Sulphuric Acid 10% w/v   | 5463                |
|  | Sulphuric Acid 10% w/v   | 5492                |
|  | Sulphuric Acid 10% w/w   | 0584                |
|  | Sulphuric Acid 1N  | 0083                |
|  | Sulphuric Acid 2.55  | 0859                |
|  | Sulphuric Acid 2N  | 0838                |
|  | Sulphuric Acid 5% v/v  | 2897                |
| <b>Other Information</b>                                       | EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBER: +61 08 8440 2000<br>Business hours: 8:30am to 5:00pm, Monday to Friday.  |                     |

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## 2. Hazard Identification

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| <b>GHS classification of the substance/mixture</b> | Corrosive to Metals: Category 1<br>Skin Corrosion/Irritation: Category 2<br>Eye Damage/Irritation: Category 2A |
| <b>Signal Word (s)</b>                             | WARNING  |
| <b>Hazard Statement (s)</b>                        | H290 May be corrosive to metals.<br>H315 Causes skin irritation.<br>H319 Causes serious eye irritation.        |
| <b>Pictogram (s)</b>                               | Corrosion, Exclamation mark  |



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| <b>Precautionary statement – Prevention</b> | P234 Keep only in original container.<br>P264 Wash thoroughly after handling.<br>P280 Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection.  |
| <b>Precautionary statement – Response</b>   | P302+P352 IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water.<br>P332+P313 If skin irritation occurs: Get medical advice/attention.<br>P362 Take off contaminated clothing and wash before reuse.<br>P305+P351+P338 IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.<br>P337+P313 If eye irritation persists: Get medical advice/attention.<br>P390 Absorb spillage to prevent material damage. |

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**Precautionary statement – Storage** P406 Store in corrosive resistant/... container with a resistant inner liner.

**Precautionary statement – Disposal** P501 Dispose of contents/container to an approved waste disposal plant.

### 3. Composition/information on ingredients

**Chemical** Liquid

**Characterization**

**Ingredients**

| <u>Name</u>   | <u>CAS</u> | <u>Proportion</u> | <u>Hazard Symbol</u> | <u>Risk Phrase</u> |
|---------------|------------|-------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| Water         | 7732-18-5  | 85-95 %           |                      |                    |
| Sulfuric acid | 7664-93-9  | 5-15 %            |                      |                    |

### 4. First-aid measures

**Inhalation** If inhaled, remove from contaminated area to fresh air immediately. Apply artificial respiration if not breathing. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. Get medical aid if cough or other symptoms appear.

**Ingestion** Rinse mouth thoroughly with water immediately, repeat until all traces of product have been removed. DO NOT INDUCE VOMITING. Seek immediate medical advice.

**Skin** If skin or hair contact occurs, remove contaminated clothing and flush skin and hair with running water. Contaminated clothing must be laundered before re-use. Skin may be treated with a 2% solution of bicarbonate of soda to neutralize acid residues. If possible, because of the high heat of dilution, quickly wipe residual acid off the skin before starting water wash. In severe cases or if irritation persists, seek medical attention.

**Eye contact** If in eyes, hold eyelids apart and flush the eye continuously with running water. Continue flushing until advised to stop by the Poisons Information Centre or a doctor, or for at least 15 minutes. Do not use an eye ointment. Seek medical attention.

**First Aid Facilities** Maintain eyewash fountain and drench facilities in work area.

**Advice to Doctor** Treat symptomatically based on judgement of doctor and individual reactions of the patient.

**Protection for First Aiders** WARNING: It may be hazardous to the person providing aid to give mouth-to-mouth resuscitation when the inhaled material is toxic, infectious or corrosive. Protect your own hands and body.

**Other Information** For advice, contact a Poisons Information Centre (Phone eg Australia 13 1126; New Zealand 0800 764 766) or a doctor.

### 5. Fire-fighting measures

**Hazards from Combustion Products** Irritating and highly toxic fumes and gases, including oxides of sulfur. Reaction with water or steam may generate much heat which will increase the concentration of fumes in the air, and may produce toxic and corrosive fumes. Concentrated solutions will react with carbonates to generate carbon dioxide gas, and with cyanides and sulfides to form poisonous hydrogen cyanide and hydrogen sulfide respectively. Contact with most metals causes formation of flammable and explosive hydrogen gas.

**Specific Methods** Small fire: Use dry chemical, CO<sub>2</sub> or water spray. If safe to do so, move undamaged containers from fire area.

Large fire: Use dry chemical, CO<sub>2</sub>, foam or water spray - Do not use water jets.

Cool containers with flooding quantities of water until well after fire is out. Avoid getting water inside containers.

**Specific hazards arising from the chemical** Material does not burn. Fire or heat will produce irritating, poisonous and/or corrosive gases. Containers may explode when heated. Some may ignite combustibles (wood, paper, clothing, etc.) Contact with metals may evolve flammable hydrogen gas.

**Hazchem Code** 2R

**Decomposition Temp.** 340 °C (sulfuric acid).

**Precautions in connection with Fire** Wear SCBA and chemical splash suit. Fully-encapsulating, gas-tight suits should be worn for maximum protection. Structural firefighter's uniform is NOT effective for these materials.

### 6. Accidental release measures

**Personal Protection** Wear protective clothing specified for normal operations (see Section 8)

**Clean-up Methods - Small Spillages** Dilute with water and mop up, or absorb with an inert dry material or neutralize with sodium carbonate and then place in an appropriate waste disposal container.

**Environmental Precautions** Prevent from entering into drains, ditches, rivers or the sea.

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## 7. Handling and storage

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| <b>Precautions for Safe Handling</b>                                | Avoid ingestion and inhalation of gas/fumes/vapour/spray mists. Avoid contact with skin, eyes, or clothing. Avoid prolonged or repeated exposure. Use with adequate ventilation. In case of insufficient ventilation, wear suitable respiratory equipment. If ingested, seek medical advice immediately and show the container or the label. Keep container dry. When diluting, always add the acid to water; never add water to the acid. May corrode metallic surfaces. Keep away from incompatibles such as metals, alkalis, moisture. Wash thoroughly after handling. Remove contaminated clothing and wash before reuse. It is essential that all who come into contact with this material maintain high standards of personal hygiene ie. washing hands prior to eating, drinking, smoking or using toilet facilities. |
| <b>Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities</b> | Corrosive materials should be stored in a separate safety storage cabinet or room. Store in tightly closed containers, in a cool, dry, well-ventilated area, with acid resistant floors and good drainage, away from incompatible substances. Protect from physical damage, freezing, heat, direct sunlight and moisture. May corrode metallic surfaces. Do not store together with alkalis (caustic solutions). Store away from oxidizing agents. Store away from reducing agents. Do not store near combustible materials. Do not wash out container and use it for other purposes. Inspect regularly for deficiencies such as damage or leaks. Containers of this material may be hazardous when empty since they retain product residues (vapors, liquid); observe all warnings and precautions listed for the product.  |
| <b>Corrosiveness</b>  | Extremely corrosive in presence of aluminium, of zinc. Highly corrosive in presence of steel, of copper. Slightly corrosive to corrosive in presence of stainless steel(304), of stainless steel(316).   |
| <b>Storage Regulations</b>  | Refer Australian Standard AS 3780-1994 'The storage and handling of corrosive substances'.   |
| <b>Storage Temperatures</b>   | Store at room temperature (15 to 25 °C recommended). Protect from freezing.  |
| <b>Unsuitable Materials</b>   | Metal containers.  |

## 8. Exposure controls/personal protection

| Occupational exposure limit values      | Name   | STEL  |     | TWA   |     | Footnote |
|---|--|-------|-----|-------|-----|----------|
|   |  | mg/m3 | ppm | mg/m3 | ppm |          |
|   | Sulfuric acid  | 3     |     | 1     |     |          |
| <b>Other Exposure Information</b>       | A time weighted average (TWA) has been established for Sulphuric acid (Worksafe Aust) of 1 mg/m <sup>3</sup> . The corresponding STEL level is 3 mg/m <sup>3</sup> . The STEL (Short Term Exposure Limit) is an exposure value that should not be exceeded for more than 15 minutes and should not be repeated for more than 4 times per day. There should be at least 60 minutes between successive exposures at the STEL. The exposure value at the TWA is the average airborne concentration of a particular substance when calculated over a normal 8 hour working day for a 5 day working week. |       |     |       |     |          |
| <b>Appropriate engineering controls</b> | Provide sufficient ventilation to ensure that the working environment is below the TWA (time weighted average). Where vapours or mists are generated, particularly in enclosed areas, and natural ventilation is inadequate, a flame proof exhaust ventilation system is required. Refer to AS 1940-The storage and handling of flammable and combustible liquids and AS 2430-Explosive gas atmospheres for further information concerning ventilation requirements.   |       |     |       |     |          |
| <b>Respiratory Protection</b>           | Where ventilation is not adequate, respiratory protection may be required. Avoid breathing vapours or mists. Select and use respirators in accordance with AS 1716 - Respiratory Protective Devices and be selected in accordance with AS 1715 - Selection, Use and Maintenance of Respiratory Protective Devices. When mists or vapours exceed the exposure standards then the use of the following is recommended: Approved respirator with organic vapour and dust/mist filters. Filter capacity and respirator type depends on exposure levels.  |       |     |       |     |          |
| <b>Eye Protection</b>                   | The use of a face shield, chemical goggles or safety glasses with side shield protection as appropriate. Must comply with Australian Standards AS 1337 and be selected and used in accordance with AS 1336.  |       |     |       |     |          |
| <b>Hand Protection</b>                  | Hand protection should comply with AS 2161, Occupational protective gloves - Selection, use and maintenance. Recommendation: Excellent: NR latex, vinyl and nitrile. Good: Neoprene gloves   |       |     |       |     |          |
| <b>Personal Protective Equipment</b>    | Final choice of personal protective equipment will depend on individual circumstances and/or according to risk assessments undertaken.   |       |     |       |     |          |
| <b>Footwear</b>                         | Safety boots in industrial situations is advisory, foot protection should comply with AS 2210, Occupational protective footwear - Guide to selection, care and use.  |       |     |       |     |          |
| <b>Body Protection</b>                  | Clean clothing or protective clothing should be worn. Clothing for protection against chemicals should comply with AS 3765 Clothing for Protection Against Hazardous Chemicals.  |       |     |       |     |          |
| <b>Hygiene Measures</b>                 | Always wash hands before smoking, eating or using the toilet. Wash contaminated clothing and other protective equipment before storing or re-using.  |       |     |       |     |          |

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## 9. Physical and chemical properties

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| <b>Form</b>                           | Liquid   |
| <b>Appearance</b>                     | Clear, colourless liquid.  |
| <b>Odour</b>                          | Odourless.   |
| <b>Decomposition Temperature</b>      | 340 °C (sulfuric acid).  |
| <b>Melting Point</b>                  | -2 °C (5%); -5.7 °C (10%).   |
| <b>Boiling Point</b>                  | 100.7 °C (5%); 101.6 °C (10%).   |
| <b>Solubility in Water</b>            | Fully miscible. Exothermic reaction with water.  |
| <b>Solubility in Organic Solvents</b> | Insoluble in methanol, diethyl ether, n-octanol (10%).   |
| <b>Specific Gravity</b>               | 1.03 (5%); 1.07 (10%).   |
| <b>pH</b>                             | Acidic.<br>pH of 1.0 N solution (~5.0%): 0.3;<br>pH of 0.1 N solution (~0.5%): 1.2;  |
| <b>Vapour Pressure</b>                | The highest known value is 0.1 kPa (1 mmHg) (@ 20 °C) (Sulfuric Acid). The highest known value is 17.535 mm of Hg (@ 20 °C) (Water). Weighted average: 15.82 mm of Hg (@ 20 °C) (10%). |
| <b>Vapour Density (Air=1)</b>         | The highest known value is 3.4 (Air = 1) (Sulfuric acid). Weighted average: 0.76 (Air = 1) (5%); 0.89 (Air = 1) (10%).   |
| <b>Evaporation Rate</b>               | 0.36 (Water) compared to (n-Butyl Acetate=1).  |
| <b>Odour Threshold</b>                | The lowest known value is >1 ppm (SULFURIC ACID).  |
| <b>Volatile Component</b>             | > 95 %vol @ 21 °C (0.1 - 10%).   |
| <b>Flammability</b>                   | Non combustible material. Contact with moisture or water may generate heat. Contact with strong alkalis may generate heat.   |
| <b>Explosion Properties</b>           | Contact with most metals causes formation of flammable and explosive hydrogen gas. Containers may explode when heated or if contaminated with water.                                   |
| <b>Molecular Weight</b>               | 98.08 (Sulfuric acid)  |

## 10. Stability and reactivity

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| <b>Chemical Stability</b>                 | Stable under normal temperatures, pressures and conditions of use and storage. Hygroscopic. Concentrated solutions react violently with water, splattering and liberating heat.  |
| <b>Conditions to Avoid</b>                | Excess heat, extremes of temperature and direct sunlight, metals, combustible materials, organic materials, oxidizers, amines, bases and incompatible materials.   |
| <b>Incompatible Materials</b>             | Alkali metals, alkaline earth metals, alkali compounds, ammonia, alkali hydroxide solutions, metals, metal alloys, organic solvents, permanganates.  |
| <b>Hazardous Decomposition Products</b>   | Irritating and highly toxic fumes and gases, including oxides of sulfur. Reaction with water or steam may generate much heat which will increase the concentration of fumes in the air, and may produce toxic and corrosive fumes. Concentrated solutions will react with carbonates to generate carbon dioxide gas, and with cyanides and sulfides to form poisonous hydrogen cyanide and hydrogen sulfide respectively. Contact with most metals causes formation of flammable and explosive hydrogen gas. |
| <b>Possibility of hazardous reactions</b> | Hygroscopic. Exothermic reaction with water. Reacts violently with water and alcohol especially when water is added to the product. Highly reactive with reducing agents, combustible materials, organic materials, metals, oxidizing agents, acids, alkalis. Flammable hydrogen gas is generated by the action of the acid on most metals (i.e. lead, copper, tin, zinc, aluminium, etc.).  |
| <b>Hazardous Polymerization</b>           | Will not occur.  |

## 11. Toxicological Information

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| <b>Ingestion</b> | May be harmful if swallowed. Corrosive. Ingestion of this product may cause irritations of mucous membranes in the mouth, pharynx, oesophagus, and gastrointestinal tract, possible gastrointestinal tract burns, severe and permanent corrosion and tissue damage to the mouth, throat, oesophagus, stomach and digestive tract. Swallowing may lead to the danger of perforation of the oesophagus and stomach. May cause general feeling of sickness, sore throat, nausea, vomiting and diarrhoea. Circulatory collapse with clammy skin, weak and rapid pulse, shallow respirations, and scanty urine may follow ingestion. Circulatory shock is often the immediate cause of death. Effects should be less severe than from exposure to higher concentrations of sulfuric acid. |
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| <b>Inhalation</b>            | May be harmful if inhaled. Inhalation of product vapours may cause severe irritation of the nose and throat, damage to the mucous membranes and upper respiratory tract, possible burns, burning sensation, coughing, wheezing, laryngitis, shortness of breath, labored breathing, headache, nausea, and vomiting. Inhalation may result in dental erosion, spasm, inflammation and oedema of the larynx and bronchi, chemical pneumonitis, and pulmonary oedema. Effects should be less severe than from exposure to higher concentrations of sulfuric acid. |
| <b>Skin</b>                  | Corrosive. Causes irritation to skin and mucous membranes, and possible skin burns and strong corrosive effect on skin and mucous membranes. Symptoms may include redness, itching, and pain. May be harmful if absorbed through the skin. Circulatory collapse with clammy skin, weak and rapid pulse, shallow respirations, and scanty urine may follow skin contact. Circulatory shock is often the immediate cause of death.   |
| <b>Eye</b>                   | Corrosive. Causes eye irritation and possible severe eye burns and strong corrosive effect. Symptoms may include tearing, blurred vision, redness, stinging, pain, and burns to eye tissue. Concentrated solutions can cause blindness. Effects should be less severe than from exposure to higher concentrations of sulfuric acid.  |
| <b>Carcinogenicity</b>       | Occupational exposure to strong-inorganic-acid mists containing sulfuric acid is evaluated in the IARC Monographs (Vol. 54; 1992) as Group 1: Carcinogenic to humans.  |
| <b>Reproductive Toxicity</b> | May cause adverse reproductive effects based on animal data.   |
| <b>Chronic Effects</b>       | Chronic exposure may cause lung damage. Prolonged exposure to the skin or eyes may cause burns. Repeated or long term exposure to mist or vapours may cause erosion of teeth. Chronic exposure to mists containing sulfuric acid is a cancer hazard.   |

## 12. Ecological information

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| <b>Ecotoxicity</b>   | Damage of aquatic organisms. Harmful effect due to pH shift. Toxic effect for fishes and algal. Caustic even in diluted form. Does not cause biological oxygen deficit. Endangers drinking-water supplies if allowed to enter soil and/or waters in large quantities. Neutralization possible in waste water treatment plants. |
| <b>Persistence and degradability</b>                       | Methods for the determination of biodegradability are not applicable to inorganic substances.  |
| <b>Short Summary of Assessment of Environmental Impact</b> | When released into the soil, this material may leach into groundwater. When released into the air, this material may be removed from the atmosphere to a moderate extent by wet deposition. When released into the air, this material may be removed from the atmosphere to a moderate extent by dry deposition.               |
| <b>Environmental Protection</b>                            | Do not allow to enter waters, waste water, or soil!  |
| <b>Acute Toxicity - Fish</b>                               | LC50 (flounder): 100 to 330 mg/l/48 hr aerated water.  |
| <b>Acute Toxicity - Daphnia</b>                            | Daphnia toxicity: Daphnia magna EC50: 29 mg/l /24h. (pure substance)   |
| <b>Acute Toxicity - Other Organisms</b>                    | LC50 (shrimp): 80 to 90 mg/l/48 hr aerated water;<br>LC50 (prawn): 42.5 ppm/48 hr salt water.  |

## 13. Disposal considerations

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| <b>Disposal Considerations</b> | Dispose of according to relevant local, state and federal government regulations. |
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## 14. Transport information

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| <b>Transport Information</b>      | Dangerous goods of Class 8 (Corrosive) are incompatible in a placard load with any of the following: Class 1, Class 4.3, Class 5, Class 6, if the Class 6 dangerous goods are cyanides and the Class 8 dangerous goods are acids, Class 7; and are incompatible with food and food packaging in any quantity. |
| <b>U.N. Number</b>                | 2796  |
| <b>UN proper shipping name</b>    | SULFURIC ACID   |
| <b>Transport hazard class(es)</b> | 8   |
| <b>Hazchem Code</b>               | 2R  |
| <b>Packaging Method</b>           | 3.8.8   |
| <b>Packing Group</b>              | II  |



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## 15. Regulatory information

**Poisons Schedule** S6

## 16. Other Information

**Literature** 'Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Medicines and Poisons .', Commonwealth of Australia.  
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**Empirical Formula & Structural Formula** H2SO4 (pure substance)  
**Manufacturers**  
**Advice** Dilution of acid should always be carried out by slowly adding acid to water with constant stirring. Concentrated acid reacts violently with water, generating heat and causing splattering.  
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