

### SECTION 1: IDENTIFICATION

#### Product Identifier

**Product Form:** Mixture

**Product Name:** Liquid Alum

**Formula:**  $Al_2(SO_4)_3 \bullet 14 H_2O$  (Dry Equivalent)

#### Intended Use of the Product

Alum is used as a coagulating agent in municipal and industrial water and wastewater treatment and as an additive in papermaking.

#### Name, Address, and Telephone of the Responsible Party

##### Manufacturer

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### SECTION 2: HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

#### Classification of the Substance or Mixture

##### Classification (GHS-US)

Met. Corr. 1 H290

Skin Corr. 1A H314

Eye Dam. 1 H318

Aquatic Acute 3 H402

Full text of H-phrases: see section 16

#### Label Elements

##### GHS-US Labeling

**Hazard Pictograms (GHS-US) :**



**Signal Word (GHS-US) :** Danger

**Hazard Statements (GHS-US) :**  
H290 - May be corrosive to metals  
H314 - Causes severe skin burns and eye damage  
H318 - Causes serious eye damage  
H402 - Harmful to aquatic life

**Precautionary Statements (GHS-US) :**  
P234 - Keep only in original container.  
P260 - Do not breathe vapors, mist, or spray.  
P264 - Wash hands, forearms, and other exposed areas thoroughly after handling.  
P273 - Avoid release to the environment.  
P280 - Wear eye protection, protective clothing, protective gloves.  
P301+P330+P331 - If swallowed: rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting.  
P303+P361+P353 - If on skin (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/shower.  
P304+P340 - IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing.  
P305+P351+P338 - IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.

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- P310 - Immediately call a doctor.
- P321 - Specific treatment (see section 4 on this SDS).
- P363 - Wash contaminated clothing before reuse.
- P390 - Absorb spillage to prevent material damage.
- P405 - Store locked up.
- P406 - Store in corrosive resistant container with a resistant inner liner.
- P501 - Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local, regional, national, and international regulations.

### Other Hazards

**Other Hazards Not Contributing to the Classification:** Exposure may aggravate those with pre-existing eye, skin, or respiratory conditions.

**Unknown Acute Toxicity (GHS-US)** Not available

## SECTION 3: COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Name	Product identifier	% (w/w)	Classification (GHS-US)
Water	(CAS No) 7732-18-5	30 - 60	Not classified
Sulfuric acid, aluminum salt (3:2)	(CAS No) 10043-01-3	30 - 60	Met. Corr. 1, H290 Eye Dam. 1, H318 Aquatic Acute 3, H402

\*As  $\text{Al}_2(\text{SO}_4)_3 \bullet 14 \text{H}_2\text{O}$  (Dry Aluminum Sulfate).

The specific chemical identity and/or exact percentage of composition have been withheld as a trade secret [29 CFR 1910.1200].

A range of concentration as prescribed by the Controlled Products Regulations has been used where necessary, due to varying composition.

Full text of H-phrases: see section 16

## SECTION 4: FIRST AID MEASURES

### Description of First Aid Measures

**General:** Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. If you feel unwell, seek medical advice (show the label if possible).

**Inhalation:** Remove to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing. Obtain medical attention if breathing difficulty persists.

**Skin Contact:** Rinse immediately with plenty of water. Obtain medical attention if irritation develops or persists.

**Eye Contact:** Rinse cautiously with water for at least 15 minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. Obtain medical attention.

**Ingestion:** Do NOT induce vomiting. Rinse mouth. Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician.

### Most Important Symptoms and Effects Both Acute and Delayed

**General:** Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.

**Inhalation:** May cause respiratory irritation.

**Skin Contact:** Redness. Pain. Serious skin burns. Blisters.

**Eye Contact:** Redness. Pain. Blurred vision. Severe burns. Causes permanent damage to the cornea, iris, or conjunctiva.

**Ingestion:** Ingestion is likely to be harmful or have adverse effects.

**Chronic Symptoms:** None expected under normal conditions of use.

### Indication of Any Immediate Medical Attention and Special Treatment Needed

If you feel unwell, seek medical advice (show the label where possible).

## SECTION 5: FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES

### Extinguishing Media

**Suitable Extinguishing Media:** Use extinguishing media appropriate for surrounding fire.

**Unsuitable Extinguishing Media:** Do not use a heavy water stream. Use of heavy stream of water may spread fire.

### Special Hazards Arising From the Substance or Mixture

**Fire Hazard:** Not considered flammable but may burn at high temperatures.

**Explosion Hazard:** Product is not explosive.

**Reactivity:** Hazardous reactions will not occur under normal conditions. Liquid alum may react with some metals, to give flammable, potentially explosive hydrogen gas. Hydrogen gas can accumulate to explosive concentrations inside confined spaces.

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### **Advice for Firefighters**

**Precautionary Measures Fire:** Not available

**Firefighting Instructions:** Use water spray or fog for cooling exposed containers. In case of major fire and large quantities: Evacuate area. Fight fire remotely due to the risk of explosion.

**Protection During Firefighting:** Do not enter fire area without proper protective equipment, including respiratory protection.

**Hazardous Combustion Products:** Forms aluminum oxide, sulfur dioxide and/or sulfur trioxide at temperatures above 760°C (1400°F) or when dry alum is encompassed in a fire involving other burning materials.

**Other Information:** Refer to Section 9 for flammability properties.

### **Reference to Other Sections**

Refer to section 9 for flammability properties.

## **SECTION 6: ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES**

### **Personal Precautions, Protective Equipment and Emergency Procedures**

**General Measures:** Avoid all contact with skin, eyes, or clothing. Avoid breathing (dust, vapor, mist, gas).

#### **For Non-Emergency Personnel**

**Protective Equipment:** Use appropriate personal protection equipment (PPE).

**Emergency Procedures:** Evacuate unnecessary personnel.

#### **For Emergency Personnel**

**Protective Equipment:** Equip cleanup crew with proper protection.

**Emergency Procedures:** Stop leak if safe to do so. Eliminate ignition sources. Ventilate area.

### **Environmental Precautions**

Prevent entry to sewers and public waters. Notify authorities if liquid enters sewers or public waters.

### **Methods and Material for Containment and Cleaning Up**

**For Containment:** Contain any spills with dikes or absorbents to prevent migration and entry into sewers or streams.

**Methods for Cleaning Up:** Collect spillage. Dispose in a safe manner in accordance with local/national regulations.

### **Reference to Other Sections**

See Heading 8. Exposure controls and personal protection.

## **SECTION 7: HANDLING AND STORAGE**

### **Precautions for Safe Handling**

**Hygiene Measures:** Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety procedures. Wash hands and other exposed areas with mild soap and water before eating, drinking or smoking and when leaving work. Use good housekeeping practices during storage, transfer, handling, to avoid excessive dust accumulation. Protect from moisture.

### **Conditions for Safe Storage, Including Any Incompatibilities**

**Technical Measures:** Comply with applicable regulations.

**Storage Conditions:** Store in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place. Keep container closed when not in use. Keep/Store away from direct sunlight, extremely high or low temperatures and incompatible materials.

**Incompatible Materials:** Strong bases.

**Special Rules on Packaging:** Store in original container or corrosive resistant and/or lined container.

### **Specific End Use(s)**

For professional use only.

## **SECTION 8: EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION**

### **Control Parameters**

For substances listed in section 3 that are not listed here, there are no established Exposure limits from the manufacturer, supplier, importer, or the appropriate advisory agency including: ACGIH (TLV), NIOSH (REL), OSHA (PEL), Canadian provincial governments, or the Mexican government.

### **Exposure Controls**

**Appropriate Engineering Controls:** Ensure adequate ventilation, especially in confined areas. Emergency eye wash fountains and safety showers should be available in the immediate vicinity of any potential exposure. Ensure all national/local regulations are observed.

**Personal Protective Equipment:** Protective goggles. Gloves. Protective clothing.

**Materials for Protective Clothing:** Chemically resistant materials and fabrics.

**Hand Protection:** Wear chemically resistant protective gloves.

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**Eye Protection:** Chemical goggles or safety glasses.

**Skin and Body Protection:** Wear suitable protective clothing.

**Respiratory Protection:** Use NIOSH-approved dust mask if dust has the potential to become airborne.

**Environmental Exposure Controls:** Do not allow the product to be released into the environment.

**Consumer Exposure Controls:** Do not eat, drink or smoke during use

## SECTION 9: PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

### Information on Basic Physical and Chemical Properties

Physical State	: Liquid
Appearance	: Clear
Odor	: Odorless
Odor Threshold	: Not available
pH	: 1.9 - 2.4
Melting Point	: Not applicable
Freezing Point	: -15.56 °C (4°F)
Boiling Point	: 101 °C (213.80 °F)
Flash Point	: Not flammable
Auto-ignition Temperature	: Not available
Decomposition Temperature	: Not available
Flammability (solid, gas)	: Not applicable
Lower Flammable Limit	: Not available
Upper Flammable Limit	: Not available
Vapor Pressure	: Not available
Relative Vapor Density at 20 °C	: Not available
Relative Density	: Not available
Specific Gravity	: 1.335
Solubility	: Water: Completely miscible in water.
Partition Coefficient: N-Octanol/Water	: Not available
Viscosity	: Not available
Explosion Data – Sensitivity to Mechanical Impact	: Not expected to present an explosion hazard due to mechanical impact.
Explosion Data – Sensitivity to Static Discharge	: Not expected to present an explosion hazard due to static discharge.

## SECTION 10: STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

**Reactivity:** Hazardous reactions will not occur under normal conditions. Liquid alum may react with some metals, to give flammable, potentially explosive hydrogen gas. Hydrogen gas can accumulate to explosive concentrations inside confined spaces.

**Chemical Stability:** Stable under recommended handling and storage conditions (see section 7).

**Possibility of Hazardous Reactions:** Hazardous polymerization will not occur.

**Conditions to Avoid:** Direct sunlight. Extremely high or low temperatures. Ignition sources. Incompatible materials. Moisture.

**Incompatible Materials:** Strong bases. Metals.

**Hazardous Decomposition Products:** Oxides of aluminum. The decomposition products are corrosive and hazardous to health.

## SECTION 11: TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### Information on Toxicological Effects - Product

**Acute Toxicity:** Not classified

**LD50 and LC50 Data:** Not available

**Skin Corrosion/Irritation:** Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.

**pH:** 1.9 - 2.4

**Serious Eye Damage/Irritation:** Causes serious eye damage.

**pH:** 1.9 - 2.4

**Respiratory or Skin Sensitization:** Not classified

**Germ Cell Mutagenicity:** Not classified

**Teratogenicity:** Not available

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**Carcinogenicity:** Not classified

**Specific Target Organ Toxicity (Repeated Exposure):** Not classified

**Reproductive Toxicity:** Not classified

**Specific Target Organ Toxicity (Single Exposure):** Not classified

**Aspiration Hazard:** Not classified

**Symptoms/Injuries After Inhalation:** May cause respiratory irritation.

**Symptoms/Injuries After Skin Contact:** Redness. Pain. Serious skin burns. Blisters.

**Symptoms/Injuries After Eye Contact:** Redness. Pain. Blurred vision. Severe burns. Causes permanent damage to the cornea, iris, or conjunctiva.

**Symptoms/Injuries After Ingestion:** Ingestion is likely to be harmful or have adverse effects.

**Chronic Symptoms:** None expected under normal conditions of use.

### Information on Toxicological Effects - Ingredient(s)

**LD50 and LC50 Data:**

<b>Water (7732-18-5)</b>	
LD50 Oral Rat	> 90000 mg/kg

## SECTION 12: ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

**Toxicity** Not classified

**Persistence and Degradability** Not available

**Bioaccumulative Potential** Not available

**Mobility in Soil** Not available

**Other Adverse Effects**

**Other Information:** Avoid release to the environment.

## SECTION 13: DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

**Waste Disposal Recommendations:** Dispose of waste material in accordance with all local, regional, national, and international regulations.

**Ecology – Waste Materials:** Avoid release to the environment.

## SECTION 14: TRANSPORT INFORMATION

### 14.1 In Accordance with DOT

**Proper Shipping Name** : CORROSIVE LIQUID, ACIDIC, INORGANIC, N.O.S. (CONTAINS ALUMINUM SULFATE)  
**Hazard Class** : 8  
**Identification Number** : UN3264  
**Label Codes** : 8  
**Packing Group** : III  
**ERG Number** : 154



### 14.2 In Accordance with IMDG

**Proper Shipping Name** : CORROSIVE LIQUID, ACIDIC, INORGANIC, N.O.S. (CONTAINS ALUMINUM SULFATE)  
**Hazard Class** : 8  
**Identification Number** : UN3264  
**Packing Group** : III  
**Label Codes** : 8  
**EmS-No. (Fire)** : F-A  
**EmS-No. (Spillage)** : S-B



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### 14.3 In Accordance with IATA

**Proper Shipping Name** : CORROSIVE LIQUID, ACIDIC, INORGANIC, N.O.S. (CONTAINS ALUMINUM SULFATE)  
**Packing Group** : III  
**Identification Number** : UN3264  
**Hazard Class** : 8  
**Label Codes** : 8  
**ERG Code (IATA)** : 8L



### 14.4 In Accordance with TDG

**Proper Shipping Name** : CORROSIVE LIQUID, ACIDIC, INORGANIC, N.O.S. (CONTAINS ALUMINUM SULFATE)  
**Packing Group** : III  
**Hazard Class** : 8  
**Identification Number** : UN3264  
**Label Codes** : 8



## SECTION 15: REGULATORY INFORMATION

### US Federal Regulations

<b>Liquid Alum</b>	
<b>SARA Section 311/312 Hazard Classes</b>	Immediate (acute) health hazard
<b>Water (7732-18-5)</b>	
Listed on the United States TSCA (Toxic Substances Control Act) inventory	
<b>Sulfuric acid, aluminum salt (3:2) (10043-01-3)</b>	
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### US State Regulations

<b>Liquid Alum()</b>
<b>Sulfuric acid, aluminum salt (3:2) (10043-01-3)</b>
U.S. - Massachusetts - Right To Know List
U.S. - New Jersey - Right to Know Hazardous Substance List
U.S. - Pennsylvania - RTK (Right to Know) - Environmental Hazard List
U.S. - Pennsylvania - RTK (Right to Know) List

### Canadian Regulations

<b>Liquid Alum</b>	
<b>WHMIS Classification</b>	Class D Division 2 Subdivision B - Toxic material causing other toxic effects Class E - Corrosive Material
<b>Water (7732-18-5)</b>	
Listed on the Canadian DSL (Domestic Substances List)	
<b>WHMIS Classification</b>	Uncontrolled product according to WHMIS classification criteria
<b>Sulfuric acid, aluminum salt (3:2) (10043-01-3)</b>	
Listed on the Canadian DSL (Domestic Substances List)	
<b>WHMIS Classification</b>	Class E - Corrosive Material

This product has been classified in accordance with the hazard criteria of the Controlled Products Regulations (CPR) and the SDS contains all of the information required by CPR.

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### SECTION 16: OTHER INFORMATION, INCLUDING DATE OF PREPARATION OR LAST REVISION

**Revision date** : 05/01/15  
**Other Information** : This document has been prepared in accordance with the SDS requirements of the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard 29 CFR 1910.1200.

#### GHS Full Text Phrases:

Aquatic Acute 3	Hazardous to the aquatic environment - Acute Hazard Category 3
Eye Dam. 1	Serious eye damage/eye irritation Category 1
Met. Corr. 1	Corrosive to metals Category 1
Skin Corr. 1A	Skin corrosion/irritation Category 1A
H290	May be corrosive to metals
H314	Causes severe skin burns and eye damage
H318	Causes serious eye damage
H402	Harmful to aquatic life

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