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MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET**SECTION 1: CHEMICAL SUBSTANCE**

PRODUCT NAME: Albuterol Sulfate Inhalation Solution, 0.083%*
*potency expressed as albuterol

COMMON NAME: albuterol sulfate

CHEMICAL NAME: α^1 -[tert-butylamino)-methyl]-4-hydroxy-m-xylene- α - α' -diol sulfate (2:1) (salt)

INN: Salbutamol

SUBSTANCE CLASS: Benzyl alcohol derivative: bronchodilator

SECTION 2: HAZARDOUS INGREDIENTS

NAME: Albuterol Sulfate

CAS#: 51022-70-9

% w/v 0.1% albuterol sulfate (which is equivalent to 0.083% albuterol)

GW Limits 10 mcg/m³

Other Limits: Not Established

SECTION 3: HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

The following adverse effects have been reported with medicinal use of Albuterol Sulfate Inhalation Solution, 0.083% and may accompany unintentional exposure in sufficient dose: fine muscle tremors, muscle cramps, nausea/vomiting, headache, dizziness, nervousness, heartburn, and rapid pulse, palpitations, and increased blood pressure. Extremely rapid heartbeat, seizures, low serum potassium levels, and worsening of the symptoms of pre-existent cardiovascular (heart and blood vessel) conditions and diabetes are possible. Hypersensitivity reactions such as hives, skin rash, constriction of the air passages in the lungs, and swelling involving the skin and mucous membranes have been reported.
(See Section 11, "Toxicological Information")

SECTION 4: FIRST AID MEASURES

If In Eyes: Flush with large amounts of cool water for at least 15 minutes. Obtain medical attention.

If On Skin: Wash affected areas with soap and water after removing contaminated clothing. Obtain medical attention if contamination is significant and/or a skin reaction is evident.

If Inhaled: If not breathing, give artificial respiration or CPR. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. Obtain medical attention and remove to fresh air.

If Ingested: If awake and able to swallow, rinse mouth with water. Never give anything by mouth if unconscious or having convulsions. Obtain medical attention.

SECTION 5: FIRE/EXPLOSION HAZARDS & FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES

FLASH POINT/TEST METHOD:	Unknown.
LEL/UEL:	Unknown.
SPECIAL PROPERTIES RELATED TO FIRE HAZARD:	None.
STORAGE OR HANDLING CONDITIONS TO BE AVOIDED:	Extreme Heat.
EXTINGUISHING MEDIA:	Water Spray, Multipurpose Dry Chemical.
FIRE-FIGHTING PROCEDURES:	Wear full protective clothing and use self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA).

SECTION 6: SPILL AND LEAK PROCEDURES**SPILL RESPONSE PROCEDURES (Liquid, Solid, Gas/Vapor):**

Protective equipment may be necessary for spills, (See Section 8, "Exposure Controls / Personal Protection" for guidance).

For small quantities associated with normal therapeutic use, collect spillage and transfer to a closed waste container for disposal. For large or bulk quantities, collect spillage by carefully sweeping or wiping and place in a labeled, sealed container for disposal. Wash spill area (floor or other contact surfaces) with a suitable cleaning solvent, like ethanol.

SECTION 7: HANDLING AND STORAGE

HANDLING:	Avoid contact with eyes, skin, and clothing.
STORAGE:	Store between 36° and 77° F. Discard if solution becomes discolored.

SECTION 8: EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

ENGINEERING CONTROLS: No special ventilation required.

PERSONAL PROTECTION:

Respiratory:	Not required under normal conditions of therapeutic use. See Section 5 "Fire/Explosion Hazards and Fire-Fighting Measures" for respiratory protection in the event of a fire.
Eye:	Not required for recommended dosage and administration. Workers should wear adequate eye protection if splash hazard exists.
Clothing:	Adequate protective clothing should be worn to prevent occupational skin contact.
Gloves:	When routine handling or spill cleanup may result in skin contact, impermeable (e.g., latex) gloves should be worn.
Work Practices:	Special care should be taken to ensure that contaminated clothing, equipment and work surfaces are properly cleaned after use. Wash hands and other areas of skin contact thoroughly after handling this material. Contaminated clothing should be cleaned or disposed of.

SECTION 9: PHYSICAL / CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

APPEARANCE AND ODOR: Clear, colorless to light yellow solution; odorless.

PHYSICAL STATE: Liquid.

MELTING POINT: Not determined.

BOILING POINT: Not determined.

SOLUBILITY/MISCIBILITY (%w/v): Not determined. The solubility of albuterol sulfate, the active ingredient, is 25% w/v in water. Albuterol sulfate is slightly soluble in ethanol, chloroform and ether.

SECTION 10 STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

CHEMICAL STABILITY: Stable.

CONDITIONS TO AVOID: Not determined.

INCOMPATIBILITY WITH OTHER MATERIALS: Not determined. No known incompatibilities have been identified for albuterol sulfate, the active ingredient in Albuterol Sulfate Inhalation Solution, 0.083%.

HAZARDOUS DECOMPOSITION PRODUCTS: Hazardous decomposition products have not been determined. Thermal decomposition products of albuterol sulfate, the active ingredient, include toxic and/or corrosive oxides of nitrogen.

SECTION 11 TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

THE RISK OF HEALTH HAZARDS MAY BE REDUCED WHEN ALBUTEROL SULFATE INHALATION SOLUTION, 0.083% IS HANDLED IN UNIT DOSAGE FORM.

PHARMACOLOGICAL ACTIVITY: The active component is albuterol sulfate. Albuterol sulfate is a β_2 -adrenergic bronchodilator used for the therapeutic effect of bronchial smooth muscle relaxation. This product is used for the prevention and relief of bronchospasm in patients with reversible obstructive airway disease (asthma) and for acute attacks of bronchospasm.

OCCUPATIONAL EXPOSURE LIMITS: For albuterol sulfate, the estimated safe working level is an eight-hour time-weighted average (TWA) of 10 mcg/m³.

ACUTE TOXICITY: Overexposure to albuterol sulfate in the occupational setting may result in the same adverse effects which have been observed when albuterol sulfate is used medically. (See "Repeat Dose Toxicity" and "Clinical Safety", below). Albuterol sulfate may be absorbed following ingestion, inhalation, and to a limited extent, through the skin.

REPEAT DOSE TOXICITY: When used medically the following adverse effects have been reported: fine muscle tremors (especially the hands), muscle cramps, nausea or vomiting, headache, vertigo (dizziness), nervousness, heartburn, and rapid pulse, palpitations, and increased blood pressure. Hypersensitivity reactions (ranging from mild to life-threatening), such as urticaria (hives), skin rash, bronchospasm

(constriction of the air passages in the lungs), and angioedema (swelling involving the skin and mucous membranes) have rarely occurred. In addition, albuterol sulfate may cause significant changes in blood pressure, extremely rapid heartbeat, seizures, low potassium levels, and may exacerbate the symptoms of pre-existent cardiovascular (heart and blood vessel) conditions and diabetes.

- IRRITATION:** Albuterol sulfate causes eye irritation; avoid contact with the eyes. Albuterol sulfate is irritating to the nose and throat.
- SENSITIZATION:** Rarely, exposure to albuterol sulfate can cause an allergic rash with redness and itching of the skin. Exposure by inhalation can cause an allergic rash, difficulty breathing and swelling of the face and airways.
- REPRODUCTIVE EFFECTS:** Albuterol sulfate causes birth defects in mice. Rare reports of cleft palate and limb defects have been received in offspring of patients being treated with albuterol sulfate. There are no adequate and well-controlled studies of the effects of albuterol sulfate in pregnant women. Albuterol sulfate should be used during pregnancy only if the potential benefit justifies the potential risk to the fetus. For recommended dosage and administration, Albuterol Sulfate Inhalation Solution, 0.083% is classified as "Pregnancy Category C". It is not known whether this drug is excreted in human milk. A decision should be made whether to discontinue nursing or to discontinue using the drug, taking into account the importance of the drug to the mother. Precautions should be taken to limit the exposure to Albuterol Sulfate Inhalation Solution, 0.083% while pregnant or nursing; medical evaluation of exposure and attention to compliance with standard operating procedures and/or other workplace health and safety directives is advised.
- GENOTOXICITY:** There is no evidence that albuterol sulfate is mutagenic (causing changes in genetic material) or impairs fertility in standard tests.
- CARCINOGENICITY:** Albuterol sulfate was not carcinogenic in standard tests with mice and hamsters. Albuterol sulfate causes benign tumors to rats treated daily for 2 years with doses which are much greater than the recommended maximum dose for human medical use. The relevance of this finding to humans is not known.
- CLINICAL SAFETY:** Individuals known to be hypersensitive to β -adrenergic agents like albuterol sulfate should not be exposed. Persons with cardiovascular disorders (including coronary artery disease, heart rhythm abnormalities and high blood pressure), seizure disorders (epilepsy) hyperthyroidism, or diabetes may experience worsening of symptoms from occupational exposure. Also, persons using Albuterol Sulfate Inhalation Solution, 0.083% or other medications in the same therapeutic class (β_2 -adrenergic receptor agonists), or taking monoamine oxidase inhibitors or tricyclic antidepressants, may have increased sensitivity to the effects of albuterol sulfate in the occupational setting.

SECTION 12 ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

- ENVIRONMENTAL FATE:** Albuterol compartmentalizes into the aquatic environment.
- ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS:** Albuterol is not readily biodegradable in water or soil and is unlikely to bioaccumulate. It has toxicity to receptors in the aqueous environment at levels greater than 83.2 mg/L.

SECTION 15 REGULATORY INFORMATION

EC PACKAGING AND LABELING FOR SUPPLY: Not applicable.

OTHER LEGISLATION: Not determined.

SECTION 16 OTHER INFORMATION

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