

## SAFETY DATA SHEET

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**SECTION 1: Identification of the substance/mixture and of the company/undertaking****1.1 Product identifiers**

Product name : Retinoic acid

Product Number : R2625  
Brand : Sigma  
CAS-No. : 302-79-4

**1.2 Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against**

Identified uses : Laboratory chemicals, Synthesis of substances

**1.3 Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet**

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**SECTION 2: Hazards identification****2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture****GHS Classification in accordance with 29 CFR 1910 (OSHA HCS)**

Acute toxicity, Oral (Category 4), H302  
Skin irritation (Category 2), H315  
Reproductive toxicity (Category 1B), H360  
Short-term (acute) aquatic hazard (Category 1), H400  
Long-term (chronic) aquatic hazard (Category 1), H410

For the full text of the H-Statements mentioned in this Section, see Section 16.

**2.2 GHS Label elements, including precautionary statements**

Pictogram



Signal word

Danger

|                            |                                                                               |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Hazard statement(s)        |                                                                               |
| H302                       | Harmful if swallowed.                                                         |
| H315                       | Causes skin irritation.                                                       |
| H360                       | May damage fertility or the unborn child.                                     |
| H410                       | Very toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects.                         |
| Precautionary statement(s) |                                                                               |
| P201                       | Obtain special instructions before use.                                       |
| P202                       | Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood.     |
| P264                       | Wash skin thoroughly after handling.                                          |
| P270                       | Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.                           |
| P273                       | Avoid release to the environment.                                             |
| P280                       | Wear protective gloves/ protective clothing/ eye protection/ face protection. |
| P301 + P312 + P330         | IF SWALLOWED: Call a POISON CENTER/ doctor if you feel unwell. Rinse mouth.   |
| P302 + P352                | IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water.                               |
| P308 + P313                | IF exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/ attention.                       |
| P332 + P313                | If skin irritation occurs: Get medical advice/ attention.                     |
| P362                       | Take off contaminated clothing and wash before reuse.                         |
| P391                       | Collect spillage.                                                             |
| P405                       | Store locked up.                                                              |
| P501                       | Dispose of contents/ container to an approved waste disposal plant.           |

### 2.3 Hazards not otherwise classified (HNOC) or not covered by GHS - none

## SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients

### 3.1 Substances

|                  |                                                                  |
|------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Synonyms         | : ATRA<br>Vitamin A acid<br>all-trans-Retinoic acid<br>Tretinoin |
| Formula          | : C <sub>20</sub> H <sub>28</sub> O <sub>2</sub>                 |
| Molecular weight | : 300.44 g/mol                                                   |
| CAS-No.          | : 302-79-4                                                       |
| EC-No.           | : 206-129-0                                                      |

| Component             | Classification                                                                                                                                                              | Concentration |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| <b>Vitamin A acid</b> |                                                                                                                                                                             |               |
|                       | Acute Tox. 4; Skin Irrit. 2;<br>Repr. 1B; Aquatic Acute 1;<br>Aquatic Chronic 1; H302,<br>H315, H360, H400, H410<br>M-Factor - Aquatic Acute:<br>100 - Aquatic Chronic: 100 | <= 100 %      |

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## SECTION 4: First aid measures

### 4.1 Description of first-aid measures

#### General advice

Show this material safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance.

#### If inhaled

After inhalation: fresh air. Call in physician.

#### In case of skin contact

In case of skin contact: Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/ shower. Consult a physician.

#### In case of eye contact

After eye contact: rinse out with plenty of water. Call in ophthalmologist. Remove contact lenses.

#### If swallowed

After swallowing: immediately make victim drink water (two glasses at most). Consult a physician.

### 4.2 Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed

The most important known symptoms and effects are described in the labelling (see section 2.2) and/or in section 11

### 4.3 Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

No data available

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## SECTION 5: Firefighting measures

### 5.1 Extinguishing media

#### Suitable extinguishing media

Water Foam Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) Dry powder

#### Unsuitable extinguishing media

For this substance/mixture no limitations of extinguishing agents are given.

### 5.2 Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture

Carbon oxides

Combustible.

Risk of dust explosion.

Development of hazardous combustion gases or vapours possible in the event of fire.

### 5.3 Advice for firefighters

Stay in danger area only with self-contained breathing apparatus. Prevent skin contact by keeping a safe distance or by wearing suitable protective clothing.

### 5.4 Further information

Prevent fire extinguishing water from contaminating surface water or the ground water system.

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## **SECTION 6: Accidental release measures**

### **6.1 Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures**

Advice for non-emergency personnel: Avoid inhalation of dusts. Avoid substance contact. Ensure adequate ventilation. Evacuate the danger area, observe emergency procedures, consult an expert.

For personal protection see section 8.

### **6.2 Environmental precautions**

Do not let product enter drains.

### **6.3 Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up**

Cover drains. Collect, bind, and pump off spills. Observe possible material restrictions (see sections 7 and 10). Take up carefully. Dispose of properly. Clean up affected area. Avoid generation of dusts.

### **6.4 Reference to other sections**

For disposal see section 13.

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## **SECTION 7: Handling and storage**

### **7.1 Precautions for safe handling**

#### **Advice on safe handling**

Work under hood. Do not inhale substance/mixture.

#### **Hygiene measures**

Immediately change contaminated clothing. Apply preventive skin protection. Wash hands and face after working with substance.

For precautions see section 2.2.

### **7.2 Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities**

#### **Storage conditions**

Tightly closed. Dry. Keep in a well-ventilated place. Keep locked up or in an area accessible only to qualified or authorized persons.

#### **Storage stability**

Recommended storage temperature

-20 °C

Light sensitive.

Storage class (TRGS 510): 6.1C: Combustible, acute toxic Cat.3 / toxic compounds or compounds which causing chronic effects

### **7.3 Specific end use(s)**

Apart from the uses mentioned in section 1.2 no other specific uses are stipulated

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## **SECTION 8: Exposure controls/personal protection**

### **8.1 Control parameters**

#### **Ingredients with workplace control parameters**

Contains no substances with occupational exposure limit values.

## 8.2 Exposure controls

### Appropriate engineering controls

Immediately change contaminated clothing. Apply preventive skin protection. Wash hands and face after working with substance.

### Personal protective equipment

#### Eye/face protection

Use equipment for eye protection tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or EN 166(EU). Safety glasses

#### Skin protection

This recommendation applies only to the product stated in the safety data sheet, supplied by us and for the designated use. When dissolving in or mixing with other substances and under conditions deviating from those stated in EN374 please contact the supplier of CE-approved gloves (e.g. KCL GmbH, D-36124 Eichenzell, Internet: [www.kcl.de](http://www.kcl.de)).

Full contact

Material: Nitrile rubber

Minimum layer thickness: 0.11 mm

Break through time: 480 min

Material tested: KCL 741 Dermatril® L

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Splash contact

Material: Nitrile rubber

Minimum layer thickness: 0.11 mm

Break through time: 480 min

Material tested: KCL 741 Dermatril® L

#### Body Protection

protective clothing

#### Respiratory protection

required when dusts are generated.

Our recommendations on filtering respiratory protection are based on the following standards: DIN EN 143, DIN 14387 and other accompanying standards relating to the used respiratory protection system.

### Control of environmental exposure

Do not let product enter drains.

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## SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties

### 9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties

- |                   |                                                         |
|-------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| a) Appearance     | Form: powder                                            |
| b) Odor           | No data available                                       |
| c) Odor Threshold | No data available                                       |
| d) pH             | No data available                                       |
| e) Melting        | Melting point/range: 180 - 181 °C (356 - 358 °F) - lit. |

|    |                                              |                   |
|----|----------------------------------------------|-------------------|
|    | point/freezing point                         |                   |
| f) | Initial boiling point and boiling range      | No data available |
| g) | Flash point                                  | ( )Not applicable |
| h) | Evaporation rate                             | No data available |
| i) | Flammability (solid, gas)                    | No data available |
| j) | Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits | No data available |
| k) | Vapor pressure                               | No data available |
| l) | Vapor density                                | No data available |
| m) | Relative density                             | No data available |
| n) | Water solubility                             | No data available |
| o) | Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water       | No data available |
| p) | Autoignition temperature                     | No data available |
| q) | Decomposition temperature                    | No data available |
| r) | Viscosity                                    | No data available |
| s) | Explosive properties                         | No data available |
| t) | Oxidizing properties                         | No data available |

## 9.2 Other safety information

No data available

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## SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity

### 10.1 Reactivity

The following applies in general to flammable organic substances and mixtures: in correspondingly fine distribution, when whirled up a dust explosion potential may generally be assumed.

### 10.2 Chemical stability

The product is chemically stable under standard ambient conditions (room temperature) .

### 10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions

Violent reactions possible with:  
Oxidizing agents  
Bases

### 10.4 Conditions to avoid

Light.  
no information available

### 10.5 Incompatible materials

No data available

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## 10.6 Hazardous decomposition products

In the event of fire: see section 5

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## SECTION 11: Toxicological information

### 11.1 Information on toxicological effects

#### Acute toxicity

LD50 Oral - Rat - 2,000 mg/kg

Remarks: (Lit.)

Inhalation: No data available

LD50 Dermal - Rabbit - > 2,500 mg/kg

Remarks: (External MSDS)

No data available

#### Skin corrosion/irritation

Causes skin irritation.

#### Serious eye damage/eye irritation

No data available

#### Respiratory or skin sensitization

No data available

#### Germ cell mutagenicity

No data available

#### Carcinogenicity

IARC: No ingredient of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as probable, possible or confirmed human carcinogen by IARC.

NTP: No ingredient of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a known or anticipated carcinogen by NTP.

OSHA: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is on OSHA's list of regulated carcinogens.

#### Reproductive toxicity

May damage the unborn child.

May damage fertility.

#### Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure

No data available

#### Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure

No data available

#### Aspiration hazard

No data available

### 11.2 Additional Information

RTECS: VH6475000

To the best of our knowledge, the chemical, physical, and toxicological properties have not been thoroughly investigated.

After absorption:

Systemic effects:

Dizziness

Other dangerous properties can not be excluded.

Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.

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## SECTION 12: Ecological information

### 12.1 Toxicity

Toxicity to fish                      LC50 - Danio rerio (zebra fish) - 0.00147 mg/l - 96 h  
Remarks: (ECOTOX Database)

### 12.2 Persistence and degradability

Biodegradability                      Result: > 60 % - Readily biodegradable.  
Remarks: (External MSDS)

### 12.3 Bioaccumulative potential

No data available

### 12.4 Mobility in soil

No data available

### 12.5 Results of PBT and vPvB assessment

PBT/vPvB assessment not available as chemical safety assessment not required/not conducted

### 12.6 Other adverse effects

No data available

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## SECTION 13: Disposal considerations

### 13.1 Waste treatment methods

#### Product

Waste material must be disposed of in accordance with the national and local regulations. Leave chemicals in original containers. No mixing with other waste. Handle uncleaned containers like the product itself. See [www.retrologistik.com](http://www.retrologistik.com) for processes regarding the return of chemicals and containers, or contact us there if you have further questions.

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## SECTION 14: Transport information

### DOT (US)

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Not dangerous goods

**IMDG**

UN number: 3077    Class: 9    Packing group: III    EMS-No: F-A, S-F  
Proper shipping name: ENVIRONMENTALLY HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE, SOLID, N.O.S.  
(Vitamin A acid)  
Marine pollutant : yes

**IATA**

UN number: 3077    Class: 9    Packing group: III  
Proper shipping name: Environmentally hazardous substance, solid, n.o.s. (Vitamin A acid)

**Further information**

EHS-Mark required (ADR 2.2.9.1.10, IMDG code 2.10.3) for single packagings and combination packagings containing inner packagings with Dangerous Goods > 5L for liquids or > 5kg for solids. Packages smaller than or equal to 5 kg / L , not dangerous goods of Class 9

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**SECTION 15: Regulatory information****SARA 302 Components**

This material does not contain any components with a section 302 EHS TPQ.

**SARA 313 Components**

This material does not contain any chemical components with known CAS numbers that exceed the threshold (De Minimis) reporting levels established by SARA Title III, Section 313.

**SARA 311/312 Hazards**

Acute Health Hazard

**Massachusetts Right To Know Components**

No components are subject to the Massachusetts Right to Know Act.

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**SECTION 16: Other information****Further information**

The above information is believed to be correct but does not purport to be all inclusive and shall be used only as a guide. The information in this document is based on the present state of our knowledge and is applicable to the product with regard to appropriate safety precautions. It does not represent any guarantee of the properties of the product. Sigma-Aldrich Corporation and its Affiliates shall not be held liable for any damage resulting from handling or from contact with the above product. See [www.sigma-aldrich.com](http://www.sigma-aldrich.com) and/or the reverse side of invoice or packing slip for additional terms and conditions of sale.

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