RICCA CHEMICAL COMPANY®

Safety Data Sheet

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SECTION 1: Identification

1.1. Product Identifier

Trade Name or Designation Borate Buffer, pH 9.5, for Ammonia and Organic Nitrogen Analysis

Product Number 1040

Other Identifying Product Numbers 1040-1, 1040-16, 1040-1CT, 1040-32, 1040-5

1.2. Recommended Use and Restrictions on Use

General Laboratory Reagent

1.3. Details of the Supplier of the Safety Data Sheet

Company Ricca Chemical Company
Address 412 West Fork Drive

Arlington, TX 76012 USA

Telephone 888-467-4222

1.4. Emergency Telephone Number (24 hours)

CHEMTREC (USA)	800-424-9300
CHEMTREC (International)	1+ 703-527-3887

1.5. Distributor Address

Ricca Chemical Company
412 West Fork Drive
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SECTION 2: Hazard Identification

2.1. Classification of the Hazardous Product

Hazard Class	Category	Hazard Statements	Precautionary Statements
Reproductive Toxicity	Category 1B	H360	P201,P202,P280,P308+P313,P405, P501

2.2. GHS Label Elements

Pictograms:

Signal Word: **Danger**

Hazard Statements:

NOTE: Hazard statements may be combined on labels to improve clarity and readability.

Hazard Number	Hazard Statement
H360	May damage fertility or the unborn child

Precautionary Statements:

NOTE: Precautionary statements may be combined or consolidated on labels to improve clarity and readability.

Prevention

Precautionary Number	Precautionary Statement
P201	Obtain special instructions before use.
P202	Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood.
P280	Wear protective gloves and eye protection.

Response

Precautionary Number	Precautionary Statement
P308+P313	If exposed or concerned: Get medical advice or attention.

Storage

Precautionary Number	Precautionary Statement
P405	Store locked up.

Disposal

Precautionary Number	Precautionary Statement
P501	Dispose of contents/container to suitable waste stream in accordance with local, state, federal, and international regulations.

2.3. Hazards not Otherwise Classified

No other hazards identified.

2.4. Ingredients of Unknown Acute Toxicity

This product does not contain any ingredients of unknown acute toxicity.

SECTION 3: Composition / Information on Ingredients

3.1. Components of Mixture

Chemical Name (IUPAC)	Common Name and Synonyms	CAS Number	Weight%
water	Water	7732-18-5	99.49
disodium 3,7-dioxido-2,4,6,8,9-pentaoxa-1,3,5,7-tetraborabicyclo[3.3.1]nonane decahydrate	Sodium Tetraborate Decahydrate; Borax decahydrate; Sodium borate; Disodium tetraborate decahydrate	1303-96-4	0.48
sodium hydroxide	Sodium Hydroxide; caustic soda	1310-73-2	< 0.1

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SECTION 4: First-Aid Measures

4.1. Description of Necessary First-Aid Measures

Eye Contact: May cause slight irritation.

Ingestion: Dilute with water or milk. Call a physician if necessary.

Inhalation: Not expected to require first aid. If necessary, remove to fresh air.

Skin Contact: May cause slight irritation.

4.2. Most Important Symptoms and Effects, Acute and Delayed

May damage fertility or the unborn child Does not present any significant health hazards. May cause irritation. Wash areas of contact with water. EYE CONTACT: May cause slight irritation. SKIN CONTACT: May cause slight irritation.

4.3. Immediate Medical Attention or Special Treatment Needed

Irrigate immediately with large quantity of water for at least 15 minutes. Call a physician if irritation develops. Remove to fresh air. Give artificial respiration if necessary. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. Wash areas of contact with soap and water for at least 15 minutes. Call a physician if irritation develops. Dilute with water or milk. Call a physician if necessary.

SECTION 5: Fire-Fighting Measures

5.1. Extinguishing Media

Use any means suitable for extinguishing surrounding fire.

5.2. Specific Hazards Arising from the Substance or Mixture in a Fire

Not considered to be a fire or explosion hazard.

5.3. Special Protective Equipment and Precautions for Firefighters

Use protective clothing and breathing equipment appropriate for the surrounding fire.

SECTION 6: Accidental Release Measures

6.1. Personal Precautions, Protective Equipment and Emergency Procedures

Wear protective gloves and eye protection.

6.2. Cleanup and Containment Methods and Materials

Absorb with suitable material and dispose of in accordance with local regulations.

SECTION 7: Handling and Storage

7.1. Precautions for Safe Handling and Storage Conditions

Store locked up. As with all chemicals, wash hands thoroughly after handling. Avoid contact with eyes and skin. Protect from freezing and physical damage.

SECTION 8: Exposure Controls / Personal Protection

8.1. Exposure Limits

U.S. OSHA - Permissible Exposure Limits (PEL) - Time Weighted Averages (TWA)

Chemical Name	CAS Number	Exposure Limit
Sodium Hydroxide	1310-73-2	2 mg/m3 TWA

U.S. OSHA - Permissible Exposure Limits (PEL) - Ceiling Limits

No limits found.

U.S. OSHA - Permissible Exposure Limits (PEL) - Short Term Exposure Limits (STEL)

No limits found.

U.S. OSHA - Specifically Regulated Chemicals

No limits found.

ACGIH - Threshold Limit Values - Ceilings (TLV-C)

Chemical Name	CAS Number	Exposure Limit
Sodium Hydroxide	1310-73-2	2 mg/m3 Ceiling

ACGIH - Threshold Limit Values - Short Term Exposure Limits (TLV-STEL)

Chemical Name	CAS Number	Exposure Limit
Sodium Tetraborate Decahydrate	1303-96-4	6 mg/m3 STEL (inhalable particulate matter, listed under Borate compounds, inorganic)

ACGIH - Threshold Limit Values - Time Weighted Averages (TLV-TWA)

Chemical Name	CAS Number	Exposure Limit
Sodium Tetraborate Decahydrate	1303-96-4	2 mg/m3 TWA (inhalable particulate matter, listed under Borate compounds, inorganic)

8.2. Engineering Controls

No specific controls are needed. Normal room ventilation is adequate.

8.3. Individual Protective Measures and Personal Protective Equipment

Respiratory Protection: Normal room ventilation is adequate.

Skin Protection: Chemical resistant gloves.

Eye Protection: Safety glasses or goggles.

SECTION 9: Physical and Chemical Properties

9.1. Physical and Chemical Properties

Physical State:	liquid
Color:	Colorless
Odor:	Data not available.
Odor Threshold:	Data not available.
Melting/Freezing Point:	0.0°C
Boiling Point/Range:	100°C
Flammability:	Data not available.
Flammability/Explosive Limits:	Data not available.
Flash Point:	Not flammable
Auto-Ignition Temperature:	Data not available.
Decomposition Temperature:	Data not available.
pH:	9.5
Kinematic Viscosity:	Data not available.
Solubility:	miscible
Vapor Pressure:	Data not available.
Evaporation Rate:	Data not available.
Relative Density:	1.0
Relative Vapor Density:	Data not available.
Particle Characteristics:	Data not available.
Partition Coefficient n-octanol/water, log	Data not available.

SECTION 10: Stability and Reactivity

10.1. Reactivity and Chemical Stability

Stable under normal conditions of use and storage.

10.2. Possibility of Hazardous Reactions

Data not available.

10.3. Conditions to Avoid and Incompatible Materials

Acids, alkaloids and metallic salts.

10.4. Hazardous Decomposition Products

Will not occur.

SECTION 11: Toxicological Information

11.1. Information on Toxicological Effects

Acute Toxicity - Oral Exposure:

Not acutely toxic.

Chemical Name	CAS Number	Toxicity
Sodium Tetraborate Decahydrate	1303-96-4	Oral LD50 Rat 3493 mg/kg (Source: NZ_CCID)

Acute Toxicity - Dermal Exposure:

Not acutely toxic.

Chemical Name	CAS Number	Toxicity
Sodium Tetraborate Decahydrate	1303-96-4	Dermal LD50 Rabbit >10000 mg/kg (Source: JAPAN_GHS)

Acute Toxicity - Inhalation Exposure:

Not acutely toxic.

Chemical Name	CAS Number	Toxicity
Sodium Tetraborate Decahydrate	1303-96-4	Inhalation LC50 Rat >2.04 mg/L 4 h (no deaths occurred, dust, Source: ECHA)

11.2 Carcinogenicity:

International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC)

Chemical Name	CAS Number	Classification
	No data found.	

National Toxicology Program (NTP)

Chemical Name	CAS Number	Classification
	No data found.	

U.S. OSHA specifically regulated carcinogens

Chemical Name	CAS Number	Classification
	No data found.	

11.3 Additional Toxicology Information:

May damage fertility or the unborn child.

SECTION 12: Ecological Information

12.1. Ecotoxicity

Chemical Name	CAS Number	Species	Exposure	Toxicity
Sodium Tetraborate Decahydrate	1303-96-4	Freshwater Algae	Acute	"EC50 96 h Desmodesmus subspicatus 158 mg/L (IUCLID); EC50 96 h Pseudokirchneriella subcapitata 2.6 - 21.8 mg/L [static] (EPA)" As Disodium tetraborate [1330-43-4]
Sodium Tetraborate Decahydrate	1303-96-4	Freshwater Fish	Acute	"LC50 96 h Limanda limanda 340 mg/L (IUCLID)" As Disodium tetraborate [1330-43-4]
Sodium Hydroxide	1310-73-2	Freshwater Fish	Acute	LC50 96 h Oncorhynchus mykiss 45.4 mg/L [static] (IUCLID)
Sodium Tetraborate Decahydrate	1303-96-4	Water Flea	Acute	"LC50 48 h Daphnia magna 1085 - 1402 mg/L (IUCLID)" As Disodium tetraborate [1330-43-4]

12.2. Persistence and Degradability

Data not available.

12.3. Bioaccumulative Potential

Data not available.

12.4. Mobility in soil

Data not available.

12.5. Other Adverse Ecological Effects

Data not available.

SECTION 13: Disposal Considerations

13.1. Waste Treatment Methods

Data not available.

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SECTION 14: Transportation Information

14.1 Transportation by Land - Department of Transportation (DOT, United States of America)

Not regulated according to DOT regulations.

14.2 Transportation by Air - International Air Transport Association (IATA)

Not regulated according to IATA Dangerous Goods Regulations.

14.3 Transportation of Dangerous Goods (TDG, Canada)

Not regulated according to TDG regulations.

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SECTION 15: Regulatory Information

15.01. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) Hazards

Chemical Name	CAS Number	Regulatory Information
		No data found.

15.02. Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) 302 Extremely Hazardous Substances

Chemical Name	CAS Number	RQ
		No data found.

15.03. Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) 311/312 Hazardous Chemicals

Chemical Name	CAS Number	Regulatory Information
Sodium Hydroxide	1310-73-2	1000 lb final RQ; 454 kg final RQ

15.04. Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) 313 Toxics Release Inventory (TRI)

Chemical Name	CAS Number	List
		No data found.

15.05. Massachusetts Right-to-Know Substance List

Chemical Name	CAS Number	Regulatory Information
Sodium Tetraborate Decahydrate	1303-96-4	Present
Sodium Hydroxide	1310-73-2	Present

15.06. Pennsylvania Right-to-Know Hazardous Substances

Chemical Name	CAS Number	Regulatory Information
Sodium Tetraborate Decahydrate	1303-96-4	Present
Sodium Hydroxide	1310-73-2	Environmental hazard

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15.07. New Jersey Worker and Community Right-to-Know Components

Chemical Name	CAS Number	Regulatory Information
Sodium Tetraborate Decahydrate	1303-96-4	"sn 0241" As Borate compounds, inorganic [RR-33876-1]
Sodium Hydroxide	1310-73-2	sn 1706

15.08. California Proposition 65

Chemical Name	CAS Number	Regulatory Information
		No data found.

15.09. Canada Domestic Substances List / Non-Domestic Substances List (DSL/NDSL)

Chemical Name	CAS Number	List	Status
Sodium Tetraborate Decahydrate	1303-96-4	DSL	Present
Sodium Hydroxide	1310-73-2	DSL	Present
Water	7732-18-5	DSL	Present

15.10. United States of America Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) List

Chemical Name	CAS Number	Status
Sodium Tetraborate Decahydrate	1303-96-4	Present (ACTIVE)
Sodium Hydroxide	1310-73-2	Present (ACTIVE)
Water	7732-18-5	Present [XU] (ACTIVE)

15.11. European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances (EINECS), European List of Notified Chemical Substances (ELINCS), and No Longer Polymers (NLP)

Chemical Name	CAS Number	List	Number
Sodium Tetraborate Decahydrate	1303-96-4	EINECS	"215-540-4" As Disodium tetraborate anhydrous [1330-43-4]
Sodium Hydroxide	1310-73-2	EINECS	215-185-5
Water	7732-18-5	EINECS	231-791-2

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15.12. China - Inventory of Existing chemical Substances (IECSC)

Chemical Name	CAS Number	Status
Sodium Tetraborate Decahydrate	1303-96-4	Present [25548]
Sodium Hydroxide	1310-73-2	Present [27689]
Water	7732-18-5	Present [32224]

15.13. Korea - Existing Chemicals Inventory (KECI/KECL)

Chemical Name	CAS Number	List	Status
Sodium Tetraborate Decahydrate	1303-96-4	Annex 1	Present [KE-03483]
Sodium Hydroxide	1310-73-2	Annex 1	Present [KE-31487]
Water	7732-18-5	Annex 1	Present [KE-35400]

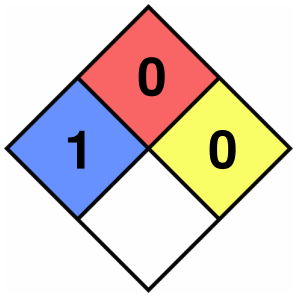
15.14. Japan - Existing and New Chemical Substances Inventory (ENCS)

Chemical Name	CAS Number	MITI No.
Sodium Tetraborate Decahydrate	1303-96-4	(1)-69
Sodium Hydroxide	1310-73-2	(1)-410
Water	7732-18-5	- (listed on Japanese Pharmacopoeia 8th Edition)

SECTION 16: Other Information

16.1 National Fire Protection Associate (NFPA) Rating

Health: 1
Flammability: 0
Reactivity 0
Special Hazard:



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16.2 Document Revision

Last Revision Date:
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