RICCA CHEMICAL COMPANY®

Safety Data Sheet

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SECTION 1: Identification

1.1. Product Identifier

Trade Name or Designation Congo Red TS

Product Number 2253

Other Identifying Product Numbers 2253-16, 2253-4

1.2. Recommended Use and Restrictions on Use

Recommended for use as a reagent to test for hydrogen peroxide in milk; a reagent to test for hydrogen sulfate, hydrogen cyanide, and nicotine; a stain in microscopy; a reagent for detecting blood; an analytical standard; or, additionally for Colour Index (C.I.) Direct Red 28 (Congo Red) (CAS No. 573-58-0), an indicator dye.

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

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SECTION 2: Hazard(s) Identification

2.1. Classification of the Substance or Mixture

Hazard Class	Category	Hazard Statements	Precautionary Statements
Flammable Liquids	Category 3	H226	P210,P233,P240,P241,P242,P243, P280,P303+P361+P353,P370+P378, P403+P235,P501
Carcinogenicity	Category 1B	H350	P201,P202,P280,P308+P313,P405, P501
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
H226	Flammable liquid and vapor
H350	May cause cancer
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.
P210	Keep away from heat, hot surfaces, sparks, open flames and other ignition sources. No smoking.
P233	Keep container tightly closed.
P240	Ground and bond container and receiving equipment.
P241	Use explosion-proof equipment.
P242	Use non-sparking tools.
P243	Take action to prevent static discharge.
P280	Wear protective gloves and eye protection.

Response

Precautionary Number	Precautionary Statement
P303+P361+P353	IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water or shower.
P308+P313	If exposed or concerned: Get medical advice or attention.
P370+P378	In case of fire: Use dry chemical, foam, or carbon dioxide to extinguish.

Storage

Precautionary Number	Precautionary Statement
P403+P235	Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep cool.
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

8.1 percent of this mixture consists of ingredient(s) of unknown acute dermal toxicity.

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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	91.15
ethanol	Ethyl Alcohol	64-17-5	7.54
disodium 4-amino-3-[[4-[4-[(1-amino-4-sulfonatonaphthalen-2-yl)diazenyl]phenyl]phenyl]diazenyl]naphthalene-1-sulfonate	Congo Red; C.I. Direct Red 28, disodium salt	573-58-0	0.52
propan-2-ol	Isopropyl Alcohol; 2-Propanol	67-63-0	0.42
methanol	Methyl Alcohol	67-56-1	0.38

SECTION 4: First-Aid Measures

4.1. Description of Necessary Measures

Eye Contact: May cause irritation with burning and stinging with possible damage to the cornea and conjunctiva.

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: IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water or shower. May result in drying and cracking, which can lead to secondary infections and dermatitis.

4.2. Most Important Symptoms and Effects, Acute and Delayed

May damage fertility or the unborn child May cause irritation to the eyes. May be harmful if swallowed. If ingested, dilute with water and call a physician. Contact may result in allergic reaction. Wash areas of contact with plenty of water. EYE CONTACT: May cause irritation with burning and stinging with possible damage to the cornea and conjunctiva. SKIN CONTACT: May result in drying and cracking, which can lead to secondary infections and dermatitis.

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

In case of fire: Use dry chemical, foam, or carbon dioxide to extinguish. Water, dry chemical, foam, or carbon dioxide. Water spray may be used to keep fire-exposed containers cool.

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

Flammable liquid and vapor Not considered to be a fire or explosion hazard.

5.3. Special Protective Equipment and Precautions for Firefighters

Wear full protective clothing and NIOSH-approved self-contained breathing apparatus with full facepiece operated in the pressure demand or other positive pressure mode.

SECTION 6: Accidental Release Measures

6.1. Personal Precautions, Protective Equipment and Emergency Procedures

Ground and bond container and receiving equipment. Use explosion-proof equipment. Use non-sparking tools. Take action to prevent static discharge. Wear protective gloves and eye protection.

6.2. Cleanup and Containment Methods and Materials

Remove all sources of ignition. Contain spill. Absorb in suitable material (vermiculite, dry sand, etc.) for disposal in a RCRA approved waste disposal facility. Ventilate area of spill. Do not flush to sewer.

SECTION 7: Handling and Storage

7.1. Precautions for Safe Handling and Storage Conditions

Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep cool. 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
Ethyl Alcohol	64-17-5	1000 ppm TWA; 1900 mg/m3 TWA
Methyl Alcohol	67-56-1	200 ppm TWA; 260 mg/m3 TWA
Isopropyl Alcohol	67-63-0	400 ppm TWA; 980 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)

No limits found.

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

Chemical Name	CAS Number	Exposure Limit
Ethyl Alcohol	64-17-5	1000 ppm STEL
Methyl Alcohol	67-56-1	250 ppm STEL
Isopropyl Alcohol	67-63-0	400 ppm STEL

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

Chemical Name	CAS Number	Exposure Limit
Methyl Alcohol	67-56-1	200 ppm TWA
Isopropyl Alcohol	67-63-0	200 ppm TWA

8.2. Engineering Controls

A system of local and/or general exhaust is recommended to keep employee exposures below the Airborne Exposure Limit.

8.3. Individual Protective Measures and Personal Protective Equipment

Respiratory Protection: Normal room ventilation is adequate. If the exposure limit is exceeded, a full facepiece respirator with organic vapor cartridge may be worn.

Skin Protection: Chemical resistant gloves.

Eye Protection: Safety glasses or goggles.

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SECTION 9: Physical and Chemical Properties

9.1. Basic Physical and Chemical Properties

Physical State:	liquid
Color:	Reddish-orange
Odor:	Data not available.
Odor Threshold:	Data not available.
Melting/Freezing Point:	Approximately 0°C
Boiling Point/Range:	Approximately 100°C
Flammability:	Data not available.
Flammability/Explosive Limits:	Data not available.
Flash Point:	46 °C (calculated)
Auto-Ignition Temperature:	Data not available.
Decomposition Temperature:	Data not available.
pH:	8 - 9.5
Kinematic Viscosity:	Data not available.
Solubility:	miscible
Vapor Pressure:	Data not available.
Evaporation Rate:	Data not available.
Relative Density:	0.96
Relative Vapor Density:	Data not available.
Particle Characteristics:	Data not available.
Partition Coefficient n-octanol/water, log	Data not available.

NOTE: Flash point was calculated according to the method of Gmehling and Rasmussen (Ind. Eng. Chem. Fundament, 21, 186, (1982)), as allowed by GHS Rev 7, section 2.6.4.2.3.

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

Keep away from heat, hot surfaces, sparks, open flames and other ignition sources. No smoking. Keep container tightly closed. Oxidizers, platinum, Sodium, Potassium Dioxide, Bromine Pentafluoride, Acetyl Bromide, Acetyl Chloride.

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
Congo Red	573-58-0	Oral LD50 Rat 15200 mg/kg (Source: NLM_CIP)
Ethyl Alcohol	64-17-5	Oral LD50 Rat 7060 mg/kg (Source: NLM_CIP)
Methyl Alcohol	67-56-1	Oral LD50 Acute Toxicity Estimate 100 mg/kg (Source: ECHA)
Isopropyl Alcohol	67-63-0	Oral LD50 Rat 4710 - 5840 mg/kg (Source: OECD_SIDS)

Acute Toxicity - Dermal Exposure:

Not acutely toxic.

Chemical Name	CAS Number	Toxicity
Methyl Alcohol	67-56-1	Dermal LD50 Acute Toxicity Estimate 300 mg/kg (Source: ECHA)
Isopropyl Alcohol	67-63-0	Dermal LD50 Rat 12800 mg/kg (Source: Canada_WHMIS)

Acute Toxicity - Inhalation Exposure:

Inhalation acute toxicity estimate (ATE, vapor): 789.4737 mg/L, 4 h(calculated)

Chemical Name	CAS Number	Toxicity
Ethyl Alcohol	64-17-5	Inhalation LC50 Rat 116.9 mg/L 4 h (males, vapor, Source: ECHA_API); Inhalation LC50 Rat 133.8 mg/L 4 h (females, vapor, Source: ECHA_API)
Methyl Alcohol	67-56-1	Inhalation LC50 Acute Toxicity Estimate 3 mg/L 4 h (Source: ECHA)
Isopropyl Alcohol	67-63-0	Inhalation LC50 Rat >10000 ppm 6 h (no deaths occurred, vapor, Source: ECHA_API)

11.2 Carcinogenicity:

International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC)

Chemical Name	CAS Number	Classification
Congo Red	573-58-0	Group 1 (Carcinogenic to Humans) - Monograph 100F [2012]; Monograph 99 [2010]; Supplement 7 [1987] (overall evaluation upgraded from Group 2A to Group 1 based on mechanistic and other relevant data) As Dyes metabolized to benzidine
Isopropyl Alcohol	67-63-0	Group 3 (Not Classified) - Monograph 71 [1999]; Supplement 7 [1987]; Monograph 15 [1977]

National Toxicology Program (NTP)

Chemical Name	CAS Number	Classification
Congo Red	573-58-0	"Known Human Carcinogen" As Dyes metabolized to benzidine [RR-00532-3]
Ethyl Alcohol	64-17-5	Male Rat - Not Tested; Female Rat - Not Tested; Male Mice - Inadequate Experiment; Female Mice - Inadequate Experiment (TR-510)

U.S. OSHA specifically regulated carcinogens

Chemical Name	CAS Number	Classification
	No data found.	

11.3 Additional Toxicology Information:

May cause cancer. May damage fertility or the unborn child.

SECTION 12: Ecological Information

12.1. Ecotoxicity

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Chemical Name	CAS Number	Species	Exposure	Toxicity
Ethyl Alcohol	64-17-5	Earthworm	Acute	LC50 48 h Eisenia foetida 0.1 - 1 mg/cm2 [filter paper] (IUCLID)
Methyl Alcohol	67-56-1	Earthworm	Acute	LC50 48 h Eisenia foetida >1 mg/cm2 [filter paper] (IUCLID)
Isopropyl Alcohol	67-63-0	Freshwater Algae	Acute	EC50 96 h Desmodesmus subspicatus >1000 mg/L (IUCLID); EC50 72 h Desmodesmus subspicatus >1000 mg/L (IUCLID)
Ethyl Alcohol	64-17-5	Freshwater Fish	Acute	LC50 96 h Oncorhynchus mykiss 12.0 - 16.0 mL/L [static] (EPA); LC50 96 h Pimephales promelas >100 mg/L [static] (EPA); LC50 96 h Pimephales promelas 13400 - 15100 mg/L [flow-through] (EPA)
Methyl Alcohol	67-56-1	Freshwater Fish	Acute	LC50 96 h Pimephales promelas 28200 mg/L [flow-through] (EPA); LC50 96 h Pimephales promelas >100 mg/L [static] (EPA); LC50 96 h Oncorhynchus mykiss 19500 - 20700 mg/L [flow-through] (EPA); LC50 96 h Oncorhynchus mykiss 18 - 20 mL/L [static] (EPA); LC50 96 h Lepomis macrochirus 13500 - 17600 mg/L [flow-through] (EPA)
Isopropyl Alcohol	67-63-0	Freshwater Fish	Acute	LC50 96 h Pimephales promelas 9640 mg/L [flow-through] (IUCLID); LC50 96 h Pimephales promelas 11130 mg/L [static] (IUCLID); LC50 96 h Lepomis macrochirus >1400000 µg/L (EPA)
Ethyl Alcohol	64-17-5	Water Flea	Acute	LC50 48 h Daphnia magna 9268 - 14221 mg/L (IUCLID); EC50 48 h Daphnia magna 2 mg/L [Static] (EPA)
Isopropyl Alcohol	67-63-0	Water Flea	Acute	EC50 48 h Daphnia magna 13299 mg/L (IUCLID)

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.

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.

SECTION 15: Regulatory Information

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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
Methyl Alcohol	67-56-1	5000 lb final RQ; 2270 kg final RQ

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

Chemical Name	CAS Number	List	Regulatory Information
Methyl Alcohol	67-56-1	Emission Reporting	1.0 % de minimis concentration
Isopropyl Alcohol	67-63-0	Emission Reporting	1.0 % de minimis concentration (only if manufactured by the strong acid process, no supplier notification)

15.05. Massachusetts Right-to-Know Substance List

Chemical Name	CAS Number	Regulatory Information
Ethyl Alcohol	64-17-5	Teratogen
Methyl Alcohol	67-56-1	Present
Isopropyl Alcohol	67-63-0	Present

15.06. Pennsylvania Right-to-Know Hazardous Substances

Chemical Name	CAS Number	Regulatory Information
Ethyl Alcohol	64-17-5	Present
Methyl Alcohol	67-56-1	Environmental hazard
Isopropyl Alcohol	67-63-0	Environmental hazard

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

Chemical Name	CAS Number	Regulatory Information
Ethyl Alcohol	64-17-5	sn 0844
Methyl Alcohol	67-56-1	sn 1222
Isopropyl Alcohol	67-63-0	sn 1076

15.08. California Proposition 65

Chemical Name	CAS Number	Regulatory Information
Congo Red	573-58-0	"carcinogen, 10/1/1992" As Benzidine based dyes [RR-00532-3]
Ethyl Alcohol	64-17-5	"carcinogen, 7/1/1988 (when associated with alcohol abuse); carcinogen, 4/29/2011" As Alcoholic beverages [RR-01961-4]
Ethyl Alcohol	64-17-5	"developmental toxicity, 10/1/1987 (listed under Ethyl alcohol in alcoholic beverages)" As Alcoholic beverages [RR-01961-4]
Methyl Alcohol	67-56-1	developmental toxicity, 3/16/2012

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

Chemical Name	CAS Number	List	Status
Congo Red	573-58-0	DSL	Present
Ethyl Alcohol	64-17-5	DSL	Present
Ethyl Alcohol	64-17-5	NDSL	"Present" As Alcohols, C1-3 [68475-56-9]
Methyl Alcohol	67-56-1	DSL	Present
Methyl Alcohol	67-56-1	NDSL	"Present" As Alcohols, C1-3 [68475-56-9]
Isopropyl Alcohol	67-63-0	DSL	Present
Isopropyl Alcohol	67-63-0	NDSL	"Present" As Alcohols, C1-3 [68475-56-9]
Water	7732-18-5	DSL	Present

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

Chemical Name	CAS Number	Status
Congo Red	573-58-0	Present [S] (ACTIVE)
Ethyl Alcohol	64-17-5	Present (ACTIVE)
Methyl Alcohol	67-56-1	Present (ACTIVE)
Isopropyl Alcohol	67-63-0	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
Congo Red	573-58-0	EINECS	209-358-4
Ethyl Alcohol	64-17-5	EINECS	200-578-6
Methyl Alcohol	67-56-1	EINECS	200-659-6
Isopropyl Alcohol	67-63-0	EINECS	200-661-7
Water	7732-18-5	EINECS	231-791-2

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

Chemical Name	CAS Number	Status
Congo Red	573-58-0	Present [41911]
Ethyl Alcohol	64-17-5	Present [38125]
Methyl Alcohol	67-56-1	Present [16735]
Isopropyl Alcohol	67-63-0	Present [40403]
Water	7732-18-5	Present [32224]

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

Chemical Name	CAS Number	List	Status
Congo Red	573-58-0	Annex 1	Present [KE-07152]
Ethyl Alcohol	64-17-5	Annex 1	Present [KE-13217]
Methyl Alcohol	67-56-1	Annex 1	Present [KE-23193]
Isopropyl Alcohol	67-63-0	Annex 1	Present [KE-29363]
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.
Ethyl Alcohol	64-17-5	(2)-202
Methyl Alcohol	67-56-1	(2)-201
Isopropyl Alcohol	67-63-0	(2)-207
Water	7732-18-5	- (listed on Japanese Pharmacopoeia 8th Edition)

SECTION 16: Other Information

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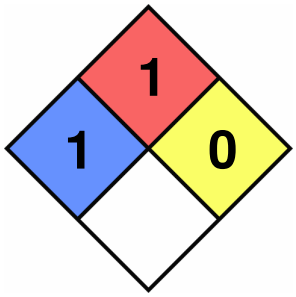
16.1 National Fire Protection Associate (NFPA) Rating

Health: 1
Flammability: 1
Reactivity 0
Special Hazard:



16.2 Document Revision

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