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## SECTION 1: IDENTIFICATION OF THE SUBSTANCE/MIXTURE AND OF THE COMPANY/UNDERTAKING

### 1.1. Product identifier

|                           |                                   |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Product Description:      | <u>Retinol</u>                    |
| Cat No. :                 | <b>J62079</b>                     |
| Synonyms                  | Vitamin A                         |
| CAS No                    | 68-26-8                           |
| Molecular Formula         | C <sub>20</sub> H <sub>30</sub> O |
| REACH registration number | -                                 |

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

|                      |                          |
|----------------------|--------------------------|
| Recommended Use      | Laboratory chemicals.    |
| Uses advised against | No Information available |

### 1.3. Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

|         |                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|---------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Company | Avocado Research Chemicals Ltd.<br>(Part of Thermo Fisher Scientific)<br>Shore Road, Heysham<br>Lancashire, LA3 2XY,<br>United Kingdom<br>Office Tel: +44 (0) 1524 850506<br>Office Fax: +44 (0) 1524 850608 |
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|                |                                |
|----------------|--------------------------------|
| E-mail address | begel.sdsdesk@thermofisher.com |
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### 1.4. Emergency telephone number

For information **US** call: 001-800-227-6701 / **Europe** call: +32 14 57 52 11  
Emergency Number **US**:001-201-796-7100 / **Europe**: +32 14 57 52 99  
**CHEMTREC** Tel. No. **US**:001-800-424-9300 / **Europe**:001-703-527-3887

## SECTION 2: HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

### 2.1. Classification of the substance or mixture

#### CLP Classification - According to GB-CLP Regulations UK SI 2019/720 and UK SI 2020/1567

#### Physical hazards

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

#### Health hazards

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Acute oral toxicity  
Skin Corrosion/Irritation  
Serious Eye Damage/Eye Irritation  
Reproductive Toxicity

Category 4 (H302)  
Category 2 (H315)  
Category 2 (H319)  
Category 2 (H361d)

## **Environmental hazards**

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

Full text of Hazard Statements: see section 16

## **2.2. Label elements**



Signal Word

Warning

## **Hazard Statements**

H302 - Harmful if swallowed  
H315 - Causes skin irritation  
H319 - Causes serious eye irritation  
H361d - Suspected of damaging the unborn child  
May form combustible dust concentrations in air

## **Precautionary Statements**

P280 - Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection  
P301 + P330 + P331 - IF SWALLOWED: rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting  
P302 + P352 - IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water  
P305 + P351 + P338 - IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing  
P312 - Call a POISON CENTER or doctor if you feel unwell

## **2.3. Other hazards**

Toxic to terrestrial vertebrates  
May form explosible dust-air mixture if dispersed  
This product does not contain any known or suspected endocrine disruptors

## **SECTION 3: COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS**

### **3.1. Substances**

| Component | CAS No  | EC No             | Weight % | CLP Classification - According to GB-CLP Regulations UK SI 2019/720 and UK SI 2020/1567 |
|-----------|---------|-------------------|----------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Vitamin A | 68-26-8 | EEC No. 200-683-7 | 95       | Acute Tox. 4 (H302)<br>Skin Irrit. 2 (H315)<br>Eye Irrit. 2 (H319)<br>Repr. 2 (H361d)   |

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## SECTION 4: FIRST AID MEASURES

### 4.1. Description of first aid measures

|                                           |                                                                                                                                                  |
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| <b>General Advice</b>                     | If symptoms persist, call a physician.                                                                                                           |
| <b>Eye Contact</b>                        | Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids, for at least 15 minutes. Get medical attention.                                  |
| <b>Skin Contact</b>                       | Wash off immediately with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. If skin irritation persists, call a physician.                                |
| <b>Ingestion</b>                          | Clean mouth with water and drink afterwards plenty of water. Get medical attention if symptoms occur.                                            |
| <b>Inhalation</b>                         | Remove to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. Get medical attention if symptoms occur.                                     |
| <b>Self-Protection of the First Aider</b> | Ensure that medical personnel are aware of the material(s) involved, take precautions to protect themselves and prevent spread of contamination. |

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

None reasonably foreseeable.

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

**Notes to Physician** Treat symptomatically.

## SECTION 5: FIREFIGHTING MEASURES

### 5.1. Extinguishing media

#### **Suitable Extinguishing Media**

Water spray. Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>). Dry chemical. Chemical foam.

#### **Extinguishing media which must not be used for safety reasons**

No information available.

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

Dust can form an explosive mixture with air. Fine dust dispersed in air may ignite.

#### **Hazardous Combustion Products**

Carbon monoxide (CO), Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>).

### 5.3. Advice for firefighters

As in any fire, wear self-contained breathing apparatus pressure-demand, MSHA/NIOSH (approved or equivalent) and full protective gear.

## SECTION 6: ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

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

Ensure adequate ventilation. Use personal protective equipment as required. Avoid dust formation.

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## **6.2. Environmental precautions**

Should not be released into the environment. See Section 12 for additional Ecological Information.

## **6.3. Methods and material for containment and cleaning up**

Sweep up and shovel into suitable containers for disposal. Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal.

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

Refer to protective measures listed in Sections 8 and 13.

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

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

Wear personal protective equipment/face protection. Ensure adequate ventilation. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Avoid ingestion and inhalation. Avoid dust formation.

#### **Hygiene Measures**

Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice. Keep away from food, drink and animal feeding stuffs. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. Remove and wash contaminated clothing and gloves, including the inside, before re-use. Wash hands before breaks and after work.

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

Keep in a dry place. Keep container tightly closed. Protect from direct sunlight. Store in freezer. Keep under nitrogen.

**Technical Rules for Hazardous Substances (TRGS) 510**      Class 11  
**Storage Class (LGK) (Germany)**

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

Use in laboratories

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

### **8.1. Control parameters**

#### **Exposure limits**

This product, as supplied, does not contain any hazardous materials with occupational exposure limits established by the region specific regulatory bodies

#### **Biological limit values**

This product, as supplied, does not contain any hazardous materials with biological limits established by the region specific regulatory bodies

#### **Derived No Effect Level (DNEL) / Derived Minimum Effect Level (DMEL)**

No information available

#### **Predicted No Effect Concentration (PNEC)**

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No information available.

## 8.2. Exposure controls

### Engineering Measures

Ensure adequate ventilation, especially in confined areas. Ensure that eyewash stations and safety showers are close to the workstation location.

Wherever possible, engineering control measures such as the isolation or enclosure of the process, the introduction of process or equipment changes to minimise release or contact, and the use of properly designed ventilation systems, should be adopted to control hazardous materials at source

### Personal protective equipment

**Eye Protection** Goggles (European standard - EN 166)

**Hand Protection** Protective gloves

| Glove material | Breakthrough time | Glove thickness | EU standard | Glove comments        |
|----------------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------|-----------------------|
| Nitrile rubber | See manufacturers | -               | EN 374      | (minimum requirement) |
| Neoprene       | recommendations   |                 |             |                       |
| Natural rubber |                   |                 |             |                       |
| PVC            |                   |                 |             |                       |

**Skin and body protection** Wear appropriate protective gloves and clothing to prevent skin exposure.

Inspect gloves before use.

Please observe the instructions regarding permeability and breakthrough time which are provided by the supplier of the gloves. (Refer to manufacturer/supplier for information)

Ensure gloves are suitable for the task: Chemical compatability, Dexterity, Operational conditions, User susceptibility, e.g. sensitisation effects, also take into consideration the specific local conditions under which the product is used, such as the danger of cuts, abrasion.

Remove gloves with care avoiding skin contamination.

**Respiratory Protection** When workers are facing concentrations above the exposure limit they must use appropriate certified respirators.  
To protect the wearer, respiratory protective equipment must be the correct fit and be used and maintained properly

**Large scale/emergency use** Use a NIOSH/MSHA or European Standard EN 136 approved respirator if exposure limits are exceeded or if irritation or other symptoms are experienced  
**Recommended Filter type:** Particulates filter conforming to EN 143

**Small scale/Laboratory use** Use a NIOSH/MSHA or European Standard EN 149:2001 approved respirator if exposure limits are exceeded or if irritation or other symptoms are experienced.  
**Recommended half mask:-** Particle filtering: EN149:2001  
When RPE is used a face piece Fit Test should be conducted

**Environmental exposure controls** No information available.

## SECTION 9: PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

### 9.1. Information on basic physical and chemical properties

**Physical State** Solid

**Appearance** Yellow

**Odor** No information available

**Odor Threshold** No data available

**Melting Point/Range** 61 - 63 °C / 141.8 - 145.4 °F

**Softening Point** No data available

**Boiling Point/Range** No information available

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|                                         |                          |                                   |
|-----------------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Flammability (liquid)                   | Not applicable           | Solid                             |
| Flammability (solid,gas)                | No information available |                                   |
| Explosion Limits                        | No data available        |                                   |
| Flash Point                             | No information available | Method - No information available |
| Autoignition Temperature                | No data available        |                                   |
| Decomposition Temperature               | No data available        |                                   |
| pH                                      | No data available        | Solid                             |
| Viscosity                               | Not applicable           |                                   |
| Water Solubility                        | Practically insoluble    |                                   |
| Solubility in other solvents            | No information available | Solid                             |
| Partition Coefficient (n-octanol/water) | No data available        |                                   |
| Vapor Pressure                          | No data available        |                                   |
| Density / Specific Gravity              | No data available        | Solid                             |
| Bulk Density                            | No data available        |                                   |
| Vapor Density                           | Not applicable           |                                   |
| Particle characteristics                | No data available        |                                   |

## 9.2. Other information

|                   |                        |
|-------------------|------------------------|
| Molecular Formula | C20 H30 O              |
| Molecular Weight  | 286.46                 |
| Evaporation Rate  | Not applicable - Solid |

## SECTION 10: STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

### 10.1. Reactivity

None known, based on information available

### 10.2. Chemical stability

Moisture sensitive. Air sensitive. Light sensitive.

### 10.3. Possibility of hazardous reactions

|                          |                                          |
|--------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| Hazardous Polymerization | Hazardous polymerization does not occur. |
| Hazardous Reactions      | None under normal processing.            |

### 10.4. Conditions to avoid

Excess heat. Exposure to air. Exposure to light. Incompatible products.

### 10.5. Incompatible materials

None known.

### 10.6. Hazardous decomposition products

Carbon monoxide (CO). Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>).

## SECTION 11: TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### 11.1. Information on hazard classes as defined in Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008

#### Product Information

#### (a) acute toxicity;

|            |                   |
|------------|-------------------|
| Oral       | Category 4        |
| Dermal     | No data available |
| Inhalation | No data available |

| Component | LD50 Oral             | LD50 Dermal | LC50 Inhalation |
|-----------|-----------------------|-------------|-----------------|
| Vitamin A | LD50 = 2 g/kg ( Rat ) | -           | -               |

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|                                           |                                                                                                                           |
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| (b) skin corrosion/irritation;            | Category 2                                                                                                                |
| (c) serious eye damage/irritation;        | Category 2                                                                                                                |
| (d) respiratory or skin sensitization;    |                                                                                                                           |
| Respiratory                               | No data available                                                                                                         |
| Skin                                      | No data available                                                                                                         |
| (e) germ cell mutagenicity;               | No data available                                                                                                         |
| (f) carcinogenicity;                      | No data available                                                                                                         |
|                                           | There are no known carcinogenic chemicals in this product                                                                 |
| (g) reproductive toxicity;                | Category 2                                                                                                                |
| Reproductive Effects                      | May cause harm to the unborn child.                                                                                       |
| (h) STOT-single exposure;                 | No data available                                                                                                         |
| (i) STOT-repeated exposure;               | No data available                                                                                                         |
| Target Organs                             | None known.                                                                                                               |
| (j) aspiration hazard;                    | Not applicable                                                                                                            |
|                                           | Solid                                                                                                                     |
| Other Adverse Effects                     | The toxicological properties have not been fully investigated. Teratogenic effects have occurred in experimental animals. |
| Symptoms / effects,both acute and delayed | No information available.                                                                                                 |

## 11.2. Information on other hazards

|                                 |                                                                                                                                     |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Endocrine Disrupting Properties | Assess endocrine disrupting properties for human health. This product does not contain any known or suspected endocrine disruptors. |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|

## SECTION 12: ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### 12.1. Toxicity

Ecotoxicity effects

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| Component | Freshwater Fish                               | Water Flea | Freshwater Algae |
|-----------|-----------------------------------------------|------------|------------------|
| Vitamin A | LC50: = 316.23 mg/L, 96h static (Danio rerio) |            |                  |

### 12.2. Persistence and degradability

Persistence

Soluble in water, Persistence is unlikely, based on information available.

### 12.3. Bioaccumulative potential

Bioaccumulation is unlikely

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## 12.4. Mobility in soil

The product is water soluble, and may spread in water systems. Will likely be mobile in the environment due to its water solubility. Highly mobile in soils.

## 12.5. Results of PBT and vPvB assessment

No data available for assessment.

## 12.6. Endocrine disrupting properties

### Endocrine Disruptor Information

This product does not contain any known or suspected endocrine disruptors.

## 12.7. Other adverse effects

### Persistent Organic Pollutant Ozone Depletion Potential

This product does not contain any known or suspected substance.  
This product does not contain any known or suspected substance.

## SECTION 13: DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

### 13.1. Waste treatment methods

#### Waste from Residues/Unused Products

Waste is classified as hazardous. Dispose of in accordance with the European Directives on waste and hazardous waste. Dispose of in accordance with local regulations.

#### Contaminated Packaging

Dispose of this container to hazardous or special waste collection point.

#### European Waste Catalogue (EWC)

According to the European Waste Catalog, Waste Codes are not product specific, but application specific.

#### Other Information

Waste codes should be assigned by the user based on the application for which the product was used. Do not empty into drains.

## SECTION 14: TRANSPORT INFORMATION

### IMDG/IMO

Not regulated

#### 14.1. UN number

#### 14.2. UN proper shipping name

#### 14.3. Transport hazard class(es)

#### 14.4. Packing group

### ADR

Not regulated

#### 14.1. UN number

#### 14.2. UN proper shipping name

#### 14.3. Transport hazard class(es)

#### 14.4. Packing group

### IATA

Not regulated

#### 14.1. UN number

#### 14.2. UN proper shipping name

#### 14.3. Transport hazard class(es)

#### 14.4. Packing group

### 14.5. Environmental hazards

No hazards identified

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**14.6. Special precautions for user** No special precautions required.

**14.7. Maritime transport in bulk according to IMO instruments** Not applicable, packaged goods

## SECTION 15: REGULATORY INFORMATION

### 15.1. Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture

#### International Inventories

Europe (EINECS/ELINCS/NLP), China (IECSC), Taiwan (TCSI), Korea (KECL), Japan (ENCS), Japan (ISHL), Canada (DSL/NDSL), Australia (AICS), New Zealand (NZIoC), Philippines (PICCS). US EPA (TSCA) - Toxic Substances Control Act, (40 CFR Part 710)

| Component | CAS No  | EINECS    | ELINCS | NLP | IECSC | TCSI | KECL     | ENCS | ISHL |
|-----------|---------|-----------|--------|-----|-------|------|----------|------|------|
| Vitamin A | 68-26-8 | 200-683-7 | -      | -   | X     | X    | KE-11884 | X    | X    |

| Component | CAS No  | TSCA | TSCA Inventory notification - Active-Inactive | DSL | NDSL | AICS | NZIoC | PICCS |
|-----------|---------|------|-----------------------------------------------|-----|------|------|-------|-------|
| Vitamin A | 68-26-8 | X    | ACTIVE                                        | X   | -    | X    | X     | X     |

**Legend:** X - Listed '-' - Not Listed

**KECL** - NIER number or KE number (<http://ncis.nier.go.kr/en/main.do>)

#### Authorisation/Restrictions according to EU REACH

Not applicable

| Component | CAS No  | REACH (1907/2006) - Annex XIV - Substances Subject to Authorization | REACH (1907/2006) - Annex XVII - Restrictions on Certain Dangerous Substances | REACH Regulation (EC 1907/2006) article 59 - Candidate List of Substances of Very High Concern (SVHC) |
|-----------|---------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Vitamin A | 68-26-8 | -                                                                   | -                                                                             | -                                                                                                     |

#### Seveso III Directive (2012/18/EC)

| Component | CAS No  | Seveso III Directive (2012/18/EC) - Qualifying Quantities for Major Accident Notification | Seveso III Directive (2012/18/EC) - Qualifying Quantities for Safety Report Requirements |
|-----------|---------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Vitamin A | 68-26-8 | Not applicable                                                                            | Not applicable                                                                           |

#### Regulation (EC) No 649/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 4 July 2012 concerning the export and import of dangerous chemicals

Not applicable

#### Contains component(s) that meet a 'definition' of per & poly fluoroalkyl substance (PFAS)?

Not applicable

Take note of Directive 98/24/EC on the protection of the health and safety of workers from the risks related to chemical agents at work .

Take note of Directive 94/33/EC on the protection of young people at work

Take note of Dir 92/85/EC on the protection of pregnant and breastfeeding women at work

#### National Regulations

**UK** - Take note of Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations (COSHH) 2002 and 2005 Amendment

#### WGK Classification

See table for values

| Component | Germany - Water Classification (AwSV) | Germany - TA-Luft Class |
|-----------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Vitamin A | WGK1                                  |                         |

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## 15.2. Chemical safety assessment

A Chemical Safety Assessment/Report (CSA/CSR) has not been conducted

## SECTION 16: OTHER INFORMATION

### Full text of H-Statements referred to under sections 2 and 3

H302 - Harmful if swallowed  
H315 - Causes skin irritation  
H319 - Causes serious eye irritation  
H361d - Suspected of damaging the unborn child

### Legend

**CAS** - Chemical Abstracts Service

**EINECS/ELINCS** - European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances/EU List of Notified Chemical Substances

**PICCS** - Philippines Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances

**IECSC** - Chinese Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances

**KECL** - Korean Existing and Evaluated Chemical Substances

**TSCA** - United States Toxic Substances Control Act Section 8(b) Inventory

**DSL/NDSL** - Canadian Domestic Substances List/Non-Domestic Substances List

**ENCS** - Japanese Existing and New Chemical Substances

**AICS** - Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances

**NZIoC** - New Zealand Inventory of Chemicals

**WEL** - Workplace Exposure Limit

**ACGIH** - American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists

**DNEL** - Derived No Effect Level

**RPE** - Respiratory Protective Equipment

**LC50** - Lethal Concentration 50%

**NOEC** - No Observed Effect Concentration

**PBT** - Persistent, Bioaccumulative, Toxic

**TWA** - Time Weighted Average

**IARC** - International Agency for Research on Cancer  
Predicted No Effect Concentration (PNEC)

**LD50** - Lethal Dose 50%

**EC50** - Effective Concentration 50%

**POW** - Partition coefficient Octanol:Water

**vPvB** - very Persistent, very Bioaccumulative

**ADR** - European Agreement Concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road

**IMO/IMDG** - International Maritime Organization/International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code

**OECD** - Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development

**BCF** - Bioconcentration factor

**ICAO/IATA** - International Civil Aviation Organization/International Air Transport Association

**MARPOL** - International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships

**ATE** - Acute Toxicity Estimate

**VOC** - (Volatile Organic Compound)

### Key literature references and sources for data

<https://echa.europa.eu/information-on-chemicals>

Suppliers safety data sheet, Chemadvisor - LOLI, Merck index, RTECS

### Training Advice

Chemical hazard awareness training, incorporating labelling, Safety Data Sheets (SDS), Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and hygiene.

Use of personal protective equipment, covering appropriate selection, compatibility, breakthrough thresholds, care, maintenance, fit and standards.

First aid for chemical exposure, including the use of eye wash and safety showers.

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### Revision Summary

New emergency telephone response service provider.

**This safety data sheet complies with Regulation UK SI 2019/758 and UK SI 2020/1577 as amended.**

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