

# MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

## Malawi/Victoria Buffer

### Section I: MANUFACTURER'S NAME, ADDRESS, AND CONTACT INFORMATION

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### SECTION II: CHEMICAL INGREDIENTS/IDENTITY INFORMATION

Components (Chemical Identity; Common Names (s))	OSHA PEL	ACGIH TLV	Other Limits
Proprietary blend of powdered carbonate buffer salts	ND	ND	NA

### SECTION III: PHYSICAL/CHEMICAL CHARACTERISTICS

Boiling Point	Decomposes	Specific Gravity (H <sub>2</sub> O = 1)	2.16
Vapor Pressure (mm Hg)	NA	Melting Point	Decomposes @ 270 <sup>o</sup> C
Vapor Density (AIR = 1)	NA	Evaporation Rate (Butyl Acetate = 1)	NA
Solubility in Water	0.8g/10ml	Appearance and Odor	white odorless powder

### SECTION IV: FIRE AND EXPLOSION HAZARD DATA

Flash Point (Method Used)	NA
Flammable Limits	NA
LEL	NA
UEL	NA
Extinguishing Media	NA
Special Fire Fighting Procedures	NA
Unusual Fire and Explosion Hazards	NA

### SECTION V: REACTIVITY DATA

Stability	Stable under normal conditions of use
Conditions to Avoid	Incompatibilities
Incompatibility (Materials to Avoid)	Acids
Hazardous Decomposition or Byproducts	None
Hazardous Polymerization	Will Not Occur
Polymerization Conditions to Avoid	None

## SECTION VI: HEALTH HAZARD DATA

Route(s) of Entry: Ingestion, skin, eyes, inhalation
Health Hazards (Acute): Large oral doses may cause irritation to the gastrointestinal tract, and alkalosis. Skin and eye irritation are possible. Inhalation may cause coughing or difficulty in breathing.
Carcinogenicity: NA
Signs and Symptoms of Exposure: ingestion-nausea, abdominal pain, vomiting; skin, eyes-reddening and irritation; inhalation-coughing
Medical Conditions Generally Aggravated by Exposure: ND
Emergency and First Aid Procedures: Ingestion-Give several glasses of water to drink to dilute. If large amounts were swallowed, get medical advice. Skin, eyes-Flush with water. Inhalation-Remove to fresh air.

## SECTION VII: PRECAUTIONS FOR SAFE HANDLING AND USE

Steps to Be Taken in Case Material is Released or Spilled: Dilute with water and flush to drain.
Waste Disposal Method: No special disposal method required, except that it be in accordance with current local authority regulations.
Precautions to Be Taken in Handling and Storing: Store dry until ready to use.
Other Precautions: All materials should be handled under good housekeeping practices.

## SECTION VIII: CONTROL MEASURES

Respiratory Protection	Not required
Ventilation	Not required
Protective Gloves	Recommended
Eye Protection	Recommended
Other Protective Clothing or Equipment	None
Work/Hygienic Practices	Good housekeeping practices

## ABBREVIATIONS

ACGIH: The American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists, Inc.

IARC: The International Agency for Research on Cancer

LEL: Lower Explosive Limit (or Lower Flammable Limit)

NA: Not Applicable

ND: Not Determined

NTP: The National Toxicology Program

OSHA: The Occupational Health and Safety Administration

PEL: Permissible Exposure Limit

TLV: Threshold Limit Value

UEL: Upper Explosive Limit (or Upper Flammable Limit)

