# Material Safety Data Sheet

## 1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

### Product Name
Polyethylene glycol 8000 (PEG)

### Cat No.
BP233-1; BP233-100; P155-10; P155-500; P156-3; P156-500

### Synonyms
Carbowax PEG 8000; Polyethylene oxide; Macrogol (Flakes/Powder)

### Recommended Use
Laboratory chemicals

### Company
Fisher Scientific
One Reagent Lane
Fair Lawn, NJ 07410
Tel: (201) 796-7100

### Emergency Telephone Number
**CHEMTREC®**, Inside the USA: 800-424-9300
**CHEMTREC®,** Outside the USA: 703-527-3887

## 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

### CAUTION!

**Emergency Overview**
May cause skin, eye, and respiratory tract irritation. The toxicological properties have not been fully investigated.

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<th>Physical State</th>
<th>odor</th>
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<td>White</td>
<td>Solid</td>
<td>odorless</td>
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### Target Organs
None known.

### Potential Health Effects

### Acute Effects

#### Principle Routes of Exposure

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<td>May cause irritation.</td>
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<td>Inhalation</td>
<td>May cause irritation of respiratory tract.</td>
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<td>Ingestion</td>
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### Chronic Effects
None known.

See Section 11 for additional Toxicological information.

### Aggravated Medical Conditions
No information available.
3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

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<th>Haz/Non-haz</th>
<th>Component</th>
<th>CAS-No</th>
<th>Weight %</th>
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<td></td>
<td>Polyethylene glycol</td>
<td>25322-88-3</td>
<td>&gt;95</td>
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4. FIRST AID MEASURES

**Eye Contact**
Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids, for at least 15 minutes. Obtain medical attention.

**Skin Contact**
Wash off immediately with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Get medical attention immediately if symptoms occur.

**Inhalation**
Move to fresh air. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. Get medical attention immediately if symptoms occur.

**Ingestion**
Do not induce vomiting. Obtain medical attention.

**Notes to Physician**
Treat symptomatically.

5. FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES

**Flash Point**
270°C / 518°F

**Method**
No information available.

**Autoignition Temperature**
305°C / 581°F

**Explosion Limits**
- Upper: No data available
- Lower: No data available

**Suitable Extinguishing Media**
Use water spray, alcohol-resistant foam, dry chemical or carbon dioxide.

**Unsuitable Extinguishing Media**
No information available.

**Hazardous Combustion Products**
No information available.

- Sensitivity to mechanical impact: No information available.
- Sensitivity to static discharge: No information available.

**Specific Hazards Arising from the Chemical**
Keep product and empty container away from heat and sources of ignition.

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

**NFPA**
- Health: 1
- Flammability: 1
- Instability: 0
- Physical hazards: N/A

6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES
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Personal Precautions
Ensure adequate ventilation. Use personal protective equipment. Avoid dust formation.

Environmental Precautions
Should not be released into the environment.

Methods for Containment and Clean Up
Sweep up or vacuum up spillage and collect in suitable container for disposal. Avoid dust formation.

7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

Handling
Wear personal protective equipment. Ensure adequate ventilation. Avoid contact with skin, eyes and clothing. Avoid ingestion and inhalation. Avoid dust formation.

Storage
Keep containers tightly closed in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place.

8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

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

Exposure Guidelines
This product does not contain any hazardous materials with occupational exposure limits established by the region specific regulatory bodies.

NIOSH IDLH: Immediately Dangerous to Life or Health

Personal Protective Equipment

Eye/face Protection
Wear appropriate protective eyeglasses or chemical safety goggles as described by OSHA’s eye and face protection regulations in 29 CFR 1910.133 or European Standard EN166.

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

Respiratory Protection
Follow the OSHA respirator regulations found in 29 CFR 1910.134 or European Standard EN 149. Use a NIOSH/MSHA or European Standard EN 149 approved respirator if exposure limits are exceeded or if irritation or other symptoms are experienced.

9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

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<td>Melting Point/Range</td>
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10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Stability
Stable under normal conditions.

Conditions to Avoid

Incompatible Materials
Strong oxidizing agents

Hazardous Decomposition Products
Carbon monoxide (CO), Carbon dioxide (CO₂)

Hazardous Polymerization
Hazardous polymerization does not occur.

Hazardous Reactions
None under normal processing.

11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Acute Toxicity

Component Information

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<tr>
<th>Component</th>
<th>LD₅₀ Oral</th>
<th>LD₅₀ Dermal</th>
<th>LC₅₀ Inhalation</th>
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<tr>
<td>Polyethylene glycol</td>
<td>28 g/kg (Rat)</td>
<td>20 g/kg (Rabbit)</td>
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Irritation
No information available.

Toxicologically Synergistic Products
No information available.

Chronic Toxicity

Carcinogenicity
There are no known carcinogenic chemicals in this product

Sensitization
No information available.

Mutagenic Effects
No information available.

Reproductive Effects
No information available.

Developmental Effects
No information available.

Teratogenicity
No information available.

Other Adverse Effects
The toxicological properties have not been fully investigated. See actual entry in RTECS for complete information.

Endocrine Disruptor Information
No information available

12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION
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Ecotoxicity

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<tr>
<th>Component</th>
<th>Freshwater Algae</th>
<th>Freshwater Fish</th>
<th>Microtox</th>
<th>Water Flea</th>
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<td>LC50 = 10 g/L/66h</td>
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Persistence and Degradability

No information available

Bioaccumulation/ Accumulation

No information available

Mobility

No information available

13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Waste Disposal Methods

Chemical waste generators must determine whether a discarded chemical is classified as a hazardous waste. Chemical waste generators must also consult local, regional, and national hazardous waste regulations to ensure complete and accurate classification.

14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

DOT

Not regulated

TDG

Not regulated

IATA

Not regulated

IMDG/IMO

Not regulated

15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

International Inventories

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<th>Component</th>
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<th>DSL</th>
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<th>Polyethylene glycol</th>
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<th>&gt;1&lt;4.5 mol ethoxylated units, consisting of 50% w/w or more of species of the same molecular weight</th>
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Legend:
- **X** - Listed
- **E** - Indicates a substance that is the subject of a Section 5(e) Consent order under TSCA.
- **F** - Indicates a substance that is the subject of a Section 5(f) Rule under TSCA.
- **N** - Indicates a polymeric substance containing no free-radical initiator in its inventory name but is considered to cover the designated polymer made with any free-radical initiator regardless of the amount used.
- **P** - Indicates a commenced PMN substance
- **R** - Indicates a substance that is the subject of a Section 6 risk management rule under TSCA.
- **S** - Indicates a substance that is identified in a proposed or final Significant New Use Rule.
- **T** - Indicates a substance that is the subject of a Section 4 test rule under TSCA.
- **XU** - Indicates a substance exempt from reporting under the Inventory Update Rule, i.e. Partial Updating of the TSCA Inventory Data Base Production and Site Reports (40 CFR 710(b)).
- **Y1** - Indicates an exempt polymer that has a number-average molecular weight of 1,000 or greater.
- **Y2** - Indicates an exempt polymer that is a polyester and is made only from reactants included in a specified list of low concern reactants that comprises one of the eligibility criteria for the exemption rule.

### U.S. Federal Regulations

**TSCA 12(b)** Not applicable

**SARA 313**
Not applicable

**SARA 311/312 Hazardous Categorization**
- **Acute Health Hazard**: No
- **Chronic Health Hazard**: No
- **Fire Hazard**: No
- **Sudden Release of Pressure Hazard**: No
- **Reactive Hazard**: No

**Clean Water Act**
Not applicable

**Clean Air Act**
Not applicable

**OSHA**
Not applicable

**CERCLA**
Not Applicable
California Proposition 65
This product does not contain any Proposition 65 chemicals.

State Right-to-Know
Not applicable

U.S. Department of Transportation
Reportable Quantity (RQ): N
DOT Marine Pollutant: N
DOT Severe Marine Pollutant: N

U.S. Department of Homeland Security
This product does not contain any DHS chemicals.

Other International Regulations
Mexico - Grade: No information available

Canada
This product has been classified in accordance with the hazard criteria of the Controlled Products Regulations (CPR) and the MSDS contains all the information required by the CPR.

WHMIS Hazard Class
Non-controlled

16. OTHER INFORMATION

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End of MSDS