# FLINN SCIENTIFIC, INC. **Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS)**

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#### SECTION 1 — CHEMICAL PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

# Giemsa Solution

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# SECTION 2 — COMPOSITION, INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Giemsa (51811-82-6) <1%, glycerin (56-81-5) 50%, methyl alcohol (67-56-1) 50%

Synonym: blood staining stock solution

CAS#: None established

# **SECTION 3 — HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION**

Deep blue solution. Strong alcohol odor.

Contains methyl alcohol, which is toxic by ingestion and inhalation. Ingestion may cause blindness.

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Health-2

Flammability-3

Reactivity-1 Exposure-2

Storage-3

0 is low hazard, 3 is high hazard

#### **SECTION 4 — FIRST AID MEASURES**

Call a physician and seek medical attention for further treatment, observation, and support after first aid.

Inhalation: Remove to fresh air at once. If breathing has stopped, give artificial respiration immediately.

Eye or External: Immediately flush with fresh water for at least 15 minutes.

Internal: Induce vomiting. Call a physician or poison control at once.

#### **SECTION 5 — FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES**

Flammable liquid due to methyl alcohol content.

Flash point: 11 °C

Fire Fighting Instructions: Use a triclass, dry chemical fire extinguisher. Firefighters should wear PPE and

SCBA with full facepiece operated in positive pressure mode.

NFPA CODE

None

established

#### **SECTION 6 — ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES**

Restrict unprotected personnel from the area. Remove all ignition sources and ventilate area. Contain the spill with sand or other inert absorbent material and deposit in a sealed bag or container. See Sections 8 and 13 for further information.

#### **SECTION 7 — HANDLING AND STORAGE**

Flinn Suggested Chemical Storage Pattern: Organic #2. Store with alcohols, glycols, amines, and amides. Use and dispense in a hood.

Store in a dedicated flammables cabinet. If a flammables cabinet is not available, store in Flinn Saf-Stor can.

# SECTION 8 — EXPOSURE CONTROLS, PERSONAL PROTECTION

Avoid contact with eyes, skin, and clothing. Wear chemical splash goggles, chemical-resistant gloves, and a chemical-resistant apron. Use exhaust ventilation to keep airborne concentrations low.

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# **SECTION 9 — PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES**

Deep blue liquid with a strong alcohol odor.

Hazardous component: methyl alcohol.

Differential blood stain.

# **SECTION 10 — STABILITY AND REACTIVITY**

Avoid contact with sparks, open flames, or any other source of ignition.

Shelf life: Indefinite, if stored properly.

# **SECTION 11 — TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

Acute effects: Poison, blindness. ORL-RAT LD<sub>50</sub>: 5628 mg/kg for methyl alcohol

Chronic effects: N.A. IHL-RAT  $LC_{50}$ : N.A. Target organs: N.A. SKN-RBT  $LD_{50}$ : N.A.

N.A. = Not available, not all health aspects of this substance have been fully investigated.

# **SECTION 12 — ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

Data not yet available.

# SECTION 13 — DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Please review all federal, state and local regulations that may apply, before proceeding.

Flinn Suggested Disposal Method #18a is one option.

# **SECTION 14 — TRANSPORT INFORMATION**

Shipping name: Not regulated

Hazard class: N/A UN number: N/A N/A = Not applicable

# **SECTION 15 — REGULATORY INFORMATION**

Not listed.

# **SECTION 16 — OTHER INFORMATION**

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