

# Safety Data Sheet: CHEMSEARCH 777

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## 1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

**Product Name** CHEMSEARCH 777  
**Recommended use** Water treatment chemical  
**Information on Manufacturer**  
CHEMSEARCH DIV. OF NCH CORP.  
BOX 152170  
IRVING, TX 75015

**Product Code** 0182  
**Chemical nature** Aqueous solution of alkali salts  
**Emergency Telephone Number**  
CHEMTREC® 800-424-9300  
**Telephone inquiry**  
972-579-2477

## 2. HAZARD IDENTIFICATION

**Color** Dark violet

**Physical State** Liquid

**Odor** Odorless

### GHS

#### Classification

##### Physical Hazards

Substances/mixtures corrosive to metal

Category 1

##### Health Hazard

Acute Oral Toxicity

Category 4

Skin Corrosion/Irritation

Category 2

Serious Eye Damage/Eye Irritation

Category 1

Respiratory Sensitization

Category 1

Skin Sensitization

Category 1

Reproductive Toxicity

Category 2

Carcinogenicity

Category 2

Specific target organ systemic toxicity (repeated exposure)

Category 2

##### Other hazards

None

### Labeling

#### Signal Word

**DANGER**



#### Hazard Statements

H314 - Causes severe skin burns and eye damage

H317 - May cause an allergic skin reaction

H334 - May cause allergy or asthma symptoms or breathing difficulties if inhaled

H302 - Harmful if swallowed

H373 - May cause damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure

H361 - Suspected of damaging fertility or the unborn child

H351 - Suspected of causing cancer

H290 - May be corrosive to metals

#### Precautionary Statements

P202 - Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood

P280 - Wear protective gloves, protective clothing, eye protection and face protection.

P264 - Wash face, hands and any exposed skin thoroughly after handling.

P260 - Do not breathe mist

P281 - Use personal protective equipment as required

P270 - Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product

P303 + P361 + P353 - IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water or shower

P363 - Wash contaminated clothing before reuse

P305 + P351 + P338 - IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes.

Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.

P310 - Immediately call a physician

P304 + P340 - IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing.

P342 + P311 - If experiencing respiratory symptoms, call a physician

P301 + P330 + P331 - IF SWALLOWED: Rinse mouth. DO NOT induce vomiting. Call a physician if unwell.

P406 - Store in a corrosion-resistant container.

P390 - Absorb spillage to prevent damage

P501 - Dispose of contents and container in accordance with applicable regulations.

5 % of the mixture consists of ingredient(s) of unknown toxicity

## 3. COMPOSITION / INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Component	CAS-No	Weight %
Sodium nitrite	7632-00-0	3-7
Sodium metaborate, anhydrous	7775-19-1	3-7
Sodium sulfite	7757-83-7	0.1-1
Sodium hydroxide	1310-73-2	0.1-1
Phenolphthalein	77-09-8	0.1-1

## 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

<b>General advice</b>	Do not get in eyes, on skin or on clothing. Do not breathe mist.
<b>Eye Contact</b>	Immediately flush with plenty of water. After initial flushing, remove any contact lenses and continue flushing for at least 15 minutes. Get medical attention immediately.
<b>Skin Contact</b>	Remove immediately all contaminated clothing. Wash off immediately with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Get medical attention immediately.
<b>Inhalation</b>	Move to fresh air. In case of shortness of breath, give oxygen. If breathing has stopped, apply artificial respiration. Get medical attention immediately.
<b>Ingestion</b>	Drink 1 or 2 glasses of water. Do NOT induce vomiting. Get medical attention immediately. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person.
<b>Notes to physician</b>	The product causes burns of eyes, skin and mucous membranes. Control of circulatory system, shock therapy if needed. Since reversion of methemoglobin to hemoglobin occurs spontaneously after termination of exposure, moderate degrees of cyanosis need to be treated only by supportive measures. May cause sensitization of susceptible persons.

## 5. FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES

<b>Flash Point</b>	Does not flash	<b>Method</b>	Not applicable
<b>Flammability Limits in Air % Hydrogen, by reaction with metals.</b>		<b>Upper</b>	75
<b>Suitable Extinguishing Media</b>		<b>Lower</b>	4
Water spray. Carbon dioxide (CO <sub>2</sub> ). Foam. Dry chemical. Use extinguishing measures that are appropriate to local circumstances and the surrounding environment.			
<b>Specific hazards arising from the chemical</b>			
Material can create slippery conditions. Contact with metals may evolve flammable hydrogen gas.			
<b>Protective Equipment and Precautions for Firefighters</b>			
As in any fire, wear self-contained breathing apparatus pressure-demand, MSHA/NIOSH (approved or equivalent) and full protective gear.			
<b>NFPA</b>	<b>Health</b> 3	<b>Flammability</b> 1	<b>Instability</b> 0
<b>HMIS</b>	<b>Health</b> 3	<b>Flammability</b> 1	<b>Instability</b> 0

## 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

<b>Personal Precautions</b>	Use personal protective equipment. Ensure adequate ventilation. Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so. Material can create slippery conditions.
<b>Environmental Precautions</b>	Do not flush into surface water or sanitary sewer system.
<b>Methods for Containment</b>	Contain spillage, soak up with non-combustible absorbent material, (e.g. sand, earth, diatomaceous earth, vermiculite) and transfer to a container for disposal according to local / national regulations (see section 13).
<b>Methods for Cleaning Up</b>	Pick up and transfer to properly labeled containers.
<b>Neutralizing Agent</b>	Acetic acid, diluted.

## 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

<b>Handling</b>	Do not get in eyes, on skin or on clothing. Do not breathe mist.			
<b>Storage</b>	Store in original container. Metal containers must be lined. Keep container tightly closed in a dry and well-ventilated place. Freezing will affect the physical condition but will not damage the material. Thaw and mix before using.			
<b>Storage Temperature</b>	<b>Minimum</b>	35 °F / 2 °C	<b>Maximum</b>	120 °F / 49 °C
<b>Storage Conditions</b>	<b>Indoor</b>	X	<b>Outdoor</b>	<b>Heated</b> <b>Refrigerated</b>

## 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

## Exposure Guidelines

Component	ACGIH TLV	OSHA PEL	NIOSH
Sodium nitrite	No data available	No data available	No data available
Sodium metaborate, anhydrous	TWA: 2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	No data available	No data available
Sodium sulfite	No data available	No data available	No data available

Sodium hydroxide	Ceiling: 2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	TWA: 2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	10 mg/m <sup>3</sup> Ceiling: 2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Phenolphthalein	No data available	No data available	No data available

<b>Engineering Measures</b>	Ensure adequate ventilation, especially in confined areas. Where reasonably practicable this should be achieved by the use of local exhaust ventilation and good general extraction.
<b>Personal Protective Equipment</b>	
<b>Eye/Face Protection</b>	Tightly fitting safety goggles. Face-shield.
<b>Skin Protection</b>	Wear suitable protective clothing, Impervious gloves.
<b>Respiratory Protection</b>	In case of inadequate ventilation wear respiratory protection. When workers are facing concentrations above the exposure limit they must use appropriate certified respirators.
<b>General Hygiene Considerations</b>	Wear protective gloves/clothing. Ensure that eyewash stations and safety showers are close to the workstation location.

## 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

<b>Physical State</b>	Liquid	<b>Viscosity</b>	Non viscous
<b>Color</b>	Dark violet	<b>Odor</b>	Odorless
<b>Odor Threshold</b>	Not applicable	<b>Appearance</b>	Transparent
<b>pH</b>	12.4	<b>Specific Gravity</b>	1.1
<b>Evaporation Rate</b>	0.53 (Butyl acetate=1)	<b>Percent Volatile (Volume)</b>	94
<b>VOC Content (%)</b>	0	<b>VOC Content (g/L)</b>	0
<b>Vapor Pressure</b>	15.4 mmHg @ 70°F	<b>Vapor Density</b>	0.6 (Air = 1.0)
<b>Solubility</b>	Completely soluble	<b>n-Octanol/Water Partition</b>	No data available
<b>Melting Point/Range</b>	No data available	<b>Decomposition Temperature</b>	No data available
<b>Boiling Point/Range</b>	> 212 °F / 100 °C	<b>Flammability (solid, gas)</b>	No data available
<b>Flash Point</b>	Does not flash	<b>Method</b>	Not applicable
<b>Autoignition Temperature</b>	No information available.		
<b>Flammability Limits in Air %</b>	Hydrogen, by reaction with metals.	<b>Upper 75 Lower 4</b>	

## 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

<b>Chemical Stability</b>	Stable. Hazardous polymerization does not occur.
<b>Conditions to Avoid</b>	None known
<b>Incompatible Products</b>	Strong oxidizing agents, Acids, Alkali metals, Ammonia, Amines.
<b>Hazardous Decomposition Products</b>	Carbon oxides, Nitrogen oxides (NOx), Hydrogen chloride gas, Sulfur oxides, Hydrogen, by reaction with metals.
<b>Possibility of Hazardous Reactions</b>	None under normal processing

## 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### Product Information

The following values are calculated based on chapter 3.1 of the GHS document (Rev. 3, 2009):

<b>Oral LD50</b>	1,531.12
<b>Dermal LD50</b>	No information available
<b>Inhalation LC50</b>	
<b>Gas</b>	No information available
<b>Mist</b>	101.85
<b>Vapor</b>	101.85

<b>Principle Route of Exposure</b>	Skin contact, Eye contact, Inhalation.
<b>Primary Routes of Entry</b>	Inhalation, Ingestion, Skin Absorption.
<b>Acute Effects</b>	
<b>Eyes</b>	Corrosive to the eyes and may cause severe damage including blindness.
<b>Skin</b>	Severe irritation. May cause allergic skin reaction.
<b>Inhalation</b>	Harmful by inhalation. Causes burns. May cause allergic respiratory reaction. Methemoglobinemia. Blood disorder may occur after prolonged inhalation.
<b>Ingestion</b>	If ingested, severe burns of the mouth and throat, as well as a danger of perforation of the esophagus and the stomach. May produce an allergic reaction. Blood disorder may occur after ingestion. Components of the product create formation of methemoglobin.
<b>Chronic Toxicity</b>	Inhaled corrosive substances can lead to a toxic edema of the lungs. The absorption of this product into the body may lead to the formation of methemoglobin that, in sufficient concentration, causes cyanosis. Liver and kidney injuries may occur. May cause skin sensitization in some individuals. May cause respiratory sensitization in some individuals. Contains a known or suspected reproductive toxin. Contains a known or suspected carcinogen.
<b>Target Organ Effects</b>	Liver, Kidney, Spleen, Blood, Heart, Testes, Central nervous system, Immune system, Respiratory system, Eyes, Skin.
<b>Aggravated Medical Conditions</b>	Skin disorders, Respiratory disorders, Neurological disorders, Blood disorders, Liver disorders,

Kidney disorders, Heart disease.

## Component Information

**Acute Toxicity**

Component	LD50 Oral	LD50 Dermal	LC50 Inhalation	Draize Test	Other
Sodium nitrite	= 85 mg/kg ( Rat )	no data available	= 5.5 mg/L ( Rat ) 4 h	no data available	no data available
Sodium metaborate, anhydrous	no data available	no data available	no data available	no data available	no data available
Sodium sulfite	= 820 mg/kg ( Rat )	no data available	> 22 mg/L ( Rat ) 1 h	no data available	no data available
Sodium hydroxide	no data available	= 1350 mg/kg ( Rabbit )	no data available	no data available	no data available
Phenolphthalein	no data available	no data available	no data available	no data available	no data available

Component	Mutagenicity	Sensitization	Developmental Toxicity	Reproductive Toxicity	Target Organ Effects
Sodium nitrite	no data available	no data available	no data available	no data available	liver, kidneys, nervous system, spleen, blood, heart
Sodium metaborate, anhydrous	no data available	no data available	no data available	X	testes
Sodium sulfite	no data available	Skin sensitization, respiratory sensitization	no data available	no data available	Respiratory system, Immune system, CNS
Sodium hydroxide	no data available	no data available	no data available	no data available	eyes, respiratory system, skin
Phenolphthalein	no data available	no data available	no data available	no data available	lungs

**Carcinogenicity**

Component	ACGIH	IARC	NTP	OSHA	Other
Sodium nitrite	not applicable	not applicable	not applicable	not applicable	not applicable
Sodium metaborate, anhydrous	not applicable	not applicable	not applicable	not applicable	not applicable
Sodium sulfite	not applicable	not applicable	not applicable	not applicable	not applicable
Sodium hydroxide	not applicable	not applicable	not applicable	not applicable	not applicable
Phenolphthalein	not applicable	Group 2B	Reasonably Anticipated	X	not applicable

## 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

## Product Information

No information available.

## Component Information

Component	Toxicity to Algae	Toxicity to Fish	Microtox	Water Flea	log Pow	
Sodium nitrite	no data available	LC50 0.092 - 0.13 mg/L Oncorhynchus mykiss 96 h LC50 0.4 - 0.6 mg/L Oncorhynchus mykiss 96 h LC50 0.65 - 1 mg/L Oncorhynchus mykiss 96 h LC50 = 0.19 mg/L Oncorhynchus mykiss 96 h LC50 = 2.3 mg/L Pimephales promelas 96 h LC50 = 20 mg/L Pimephales promelas 96 h	no data available	no data available	no data available	-3.7
Sodium metaborate, anhydrous	no data available	no data available	no data available	no data available	N/A	
Sodium sulfite	no data available	LC50 220 - 460 mg/L Leuciscus idus 96 h	EC50 = 770 mg/L 17 h	330: 24 h Psammecchinus miliaris mg/L LC50	-4	
Sodium hydroxide	no data available	LC50 = 45.4 mg/L Oncorhynchus mykiss 96 h	no data available	no data available	N/A	
Phenolphthalein	no data available	no data available	no data available	no data available	N/A	

**Persistence and Degradability**

No information available.

**Bioaccumulation**

No information available.

**Mobility**

No information available.

## 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

**Product Disposal**

Dispose of in accordance with local regulations.

**Container Disposal**

Empty containers should be taken for local recycling, recovery, or waste disposal

## 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

## DOT

**Proper Shipping Name**

Corrosive liquid, basic, inorganic, n.o.s.

**Hazard Class**

8

**UN-No**

UN3266

**Packing Group** II  
**Reportable Quantity (RQ)** Sodium Nitrite RQ = 1851.44 lbs  
**Description** UN3266, Corrosive liquid, basic, inorganic,n.o.s.,(Sodium hydroxide), 8, PG II

**TDG**

**Proper shipping name** Environmentally hazardous substance, liquid, n.o.s  
**Hazard Class** 8  
**UN-No** UN3266  
**Packing Group** II

**ICAO**

**UN-No** UN3266  
**Proper Shipping Name** Corrosive liquid, basic, inorganic, n.o.s.  
**Hazard Class** 8  
**Packing Group** II  
**Shipping Description** UN3266, Corrosive liquid, basic, inorganic,n.o.s.,(Sodium hydroxide), 8, PG II

**IATA**

**UN-No** UN3266  
**Proper Shipping Name** Corrosive liquid, basic, inorganic, n.o.s.  
**Hazard Class** 8  
**Packing Group** II  
**ERG Code** 9L  
**Shipping Description** UN3266, Corrosive liquid, basic, inorganic,n.o.s.,(Sodium hydroxide), 8, PG II

**IMDG/IMO**

**Proper Shipping Name** Corrosive liquid, basic, inorganic, n.o.s.  
**Hazard Class** 8  
**UN-No** UN3266  
**Packing Group** II  
**EmS No.** F-A, S-F  
**Shipping Description** UN3266, Corrosive liquid, basic, inorganic,n.o.s.,(Sodium hydroxide), 8, PG II

### 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

**Inventories**

**TSCA** Complies  
**DSL** Complies

**U.S. Federal Regulations****SARA 313**

Section 313 of Title III of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA). This product contains a chemical or chemicals which are subject to the reporting requirements of the Act and Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 372

Component	CAS-No	Weight %	SARA 313 - Threshold Values
Sodium nitrite	7632-00-0	3-7	1.0
Phenolphthalein	77-09-8	0.1-1	0.1

**SARA 311/312 Hazardous Categorization**

Acute Health Hazard	Chronic Health Hazard	Fire Hazard	Sudden Release of Pressure Hazard	Reactive Hazard
Yes	Yes	No	No	No

**CERCLA**

Component	Hazardous Substances RQs	CERCLA EHS RQs
Sodium nitrite	100 lb	Not applicable
Sodium metaborate, anhydrous	Not applicable	Not applicable
Sodium sulfite	Not applicable	Not applicable
Sodium hydroxide	1000 lb	Not applicable
Phenolphthalein	Not applicable	Not applicable

### 16. OTHER INFORMATION

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