



**Section 1: Product and Company Identification** 

PRODUCT NAME: UVASYS DUAL RELEASE, UVASYS SLOW RELEASE

SYNONYMS: Uvasys Grape Guards, Uvasys Sulphur Dioxide Generating Sheets / Pads

PRODUCT USE: Post harvest storage, mainly used for table grapes

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**Section 2: Composition** 

**Active Ingredient (37.55%)** 

PRODUCT NAME: Sodium Metabisulphite

FORMULA: Na<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>; molecular weight: 190

CAS NO: 7681-57-4 EEC NO: 231-673-01

FOOD ADDITIVE CODE: E223

Inert Ingredients (62.45%)

PRODUCT NAME: Polyester film (polyethylene terephthalate)

CAS NO: 25038-59-9

PRODUCT NAME: Wax

CAS NO: 64742-42-3

PRODUCT NAME: Polypropylene non-woven

CAS NO: 9003-07-0

**Section 3: Hazard Identification** 

EMERGENCY OVERVIEW: No particular hazard under normal conditions of use. Wash thoroughly after

handling. Active ingredient (sodium metabisulphite) is encapsulated within wax matrix. Contact with water, heat, acids and/or oxidising agents may produce toxic

gases. Contact with molten material may cause thermal burns.

ROUTES OF ENTRY: Primary routes of exposure are skin contact, eye contact and inhalation. Routes

of entry for gases include inhalation and eye contact.

POSSIBLE SYMPTOMS RELATED

TO EXPOSURE:

Skin: May cause irritation. Contact with molten material may cause themal burns.

Eyes: May cause irritation. Risk of damage to eyes.

Inhalation: May cause irritation to upper respiratory tract. Gases produced in contact with

water, heat, acids or oxidising agents may be harmful when inhaled.

Ingestion: Not expected to occur. Sodium metabisulphite may be harmful if swallowed.





SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS OF OVEREXPOSURE:

May cause vomiting, asthmatic complaints, abdominal cramps, shortness of breath, nausea, diarrhea, coughing. Asthmatic or sulphite sensitive individuals

may be susceptible to severe reactions.

**Section 4: First Aid Measures** 

General Advice: Remove contaminated clothing.

Skin: Wash thoroughly with soap and water. If burned by hot material, cool skin by

quenching with large amounts of cool water. Seek medical attention if tissue

appears damaged or if pain or irritation persists.

Eyes: Remove contact lenses, Flush eyes and surrounding areas with water for at least

15 minutes with eyelids held open. Consult physician if irritation persists.

Inhalation: Remove to fresh air. Get immediate medical attention for overexposure to sulphur

dioxide gas and decomposition products. Inhale corticosteroid dose aerosol

immediately if necessary.

Ingestion: Not expected to occur. Rinse mouth then drink large quantities of water.

Allergic Reactions: If allergic reactions are experienced, especially in asthmatic or sulphite sensitive

individuals, seek medical advice as to whether exposure to the product should be

curtailed or eliminated.

**Section 5: Fire Fighting Measures** 

SUITABLE EXTINGUISHING

MEDIA:

Foam

UNSUITABLE EXTINGUISHING

MEDIA:

Do not use water to extinguish fire. When mixed with water, product releases

sulphur dioxide gas.

FIRE FIGHTING PROCEDURES: Wear protective clothing and NIOSH-certified (or equivalent) self-contained

breathing apparatus.

FLAMMABILITY: Non-flammable

AUTO-IGNITION TEMPERATURE: Not known. Will not ignite easily, but will burn.

EXPLOSION HAZARDS: Non-explosive

SPECIAL HAZARDS: Thermal decomposition will lead to the generation of toxic and corrosive gases

and excess heat. Do not breathe fumes.

Residue generated on thermal decomposition: flammable, fire risk, strong irritant

to skin and tissue, incompatible with acids.

EXTINGUISHING WATER: Contaminated extinguishing water must be disposed of in accordance with official

regulations.

**Section 6: Accidental Release Measures** 

PERSONAL PRECAUTIONS: Avoid contact with skin, eyes or clothing. Ensure adequate ventilation and avoid

breathing vapours. Wash hands thoroughly after handling.

ENVIRONMENTAL Collect for disposal in a polyethylene bag. Tie the bag and dispose of according to

PRECAUTIONS: applicable federal, state and local environmental regulations.



**Section 7: Handling and Storage** 

HANDLING: Use only in well-ventilated areas. Remove sheets from pack only when required.

Do not leave sheets exposed to air or to direct sunlight. Reseal bags immediately

after use. Wash hands thoroughly after handling.

STORAGE: Store packs in a dry, well-ventilated area away from water, heat, direct sunlight,

acids and oxidising agents.

**Section 8: Exposure Controls / Personal Protection** 

SODIUM METABISULPHITE NIOSH REL = 5 mg/m<sup>3</sup> TWA

OCCUPATIONAL EXPOSURE ACGIH TLV = 5 mg/m<sup>3</sup> TWA; Appendix A4 (not classifiable as a human carcinogen)

LIMITS:

SULPHUR DIOXIDE OHSA PEL = 13 mg/m³ TWA

OCCUPATIONAL EXPOSURE NIOSH REL = 5 mg/m<sup>3</sup> TWA, 13 mg/m<sup>3</sup> STEL

LIMITS: ACGIH TLV = 0.65 mg/m<sup>3</sup> STEL; Appendix A4 (not classifiable as a human

carcinogen)

VENTILATION: Ensure adequate ventilation.

IRRITANCY: If allergic symptoms are experienced, seek medical advice as to whether exposure

to the product should be curtailed or eliminated.

**Section 9: Physical and Chemical Properties** 

APPEARANCE: White plastic laminated sheet

PHYSICAL STATE: Solid

SPECIFIC GRAVITY: Not known
SOLUBILITY IN WATER: Not known

MELTING POINT / Sodium metabisulphite decomposes at 150°C.

DECOMPOSITION Wax component starts melting at 60°C.

Not applicable

TEMPERATURE:

pH:

VAPOUR PRESSURE: Not applicable

VAPOUR DENSITY: Not applicable

Section 10: Stability and Reactivity

CHEMICAL STABILITY: Stable at ambient temperature and atmospheric pressure. Hygroscopic.

HAZARDOUS DECOMPOSITION

PRODUCTS:

Sulphur dioxide, sodium sulphide, carbon dioxide, carbon monoxide, smoke, fumes, unburned hydrocarbons, aldehydes and other products of combustion.

CONDITIONS TO AVOID: High temperatures, humidity, moisture. Thermal decomposition of sodium

metabisulphite at 150°C.

MATERIALS AND SUBSTANCES

TO AVOID:

Acids, oxidising agents. Specific chemicals to avoid include nitrites, nitrates, sulphides.

**Section 11: Toxicological Information** 

ACUTE TOXICITY: Sodium metabisulphite

LD50 rat. oral = 1,540 mg/kg (OECD Guideline 401)

LC50 rat, inhalation, 4h > 5.5 mg/ℓ (IRT)\*

LD50 rat, dermal > 2,000 mg/kg (OECD Guideline 402)\*

This product has not been tested. The statement has been derived from products

of a similar structure or composition.



**IRRITATION / CORROSION:** Sodium metabisulphite Skin, rabbit: non-irritant (OECD Guideline 404) Eyes, rabbit: risk of serious damage to eyes (OECD Guideline 405) Local lymph node assay, mouse: non-sensitising (OECD Guideline 429) **CARCINOGENICITY:** No components listed under OSHA, IARC or NTP. **Section 12: Ecological Information ECOLOGICAL EFFECTS:** No ecological problems are expected when the product is handled and used with due care. TOXICITY: Sodium metabisulphite Fish acute: DIN 38412 Part 15 static Leuciscus idus/LC50 (96h) = 316 g/me\* Fish chronic: OECD Guideline 210 Flow through Brachydanio rerio / NOEC (34d) > 316 g/mℓ\* Daphnia acute: Directive 79/831/EEC static Daphnia magna / EC50 (48h) = 89 g/mℓ. Nominal concentration. Daphnia chronic: OECD Guideline 202, part 2 semistatic Daphnia magna / NOEC 21d > 10 mg/€. Nominal concentration. Aquatic plants: Algae (other, static) /EC 50 (72h) = 43.8 mg/€. Nominal concentration. Microorganisms: OECD Guideline 209 aquatic Activated sludge of a predominantly domestic sewage / No observed effect concentration (3h) > 1,000 mg/ℓ\* COD: 165 mg/g (calculated) \*This product has not been tested. The statement has been derived from products of a similar structure or composition. **Section 13: Disposal Considerations DISPOSAL METHODS:** Collect used pads and packaging for disposal in a polyethylene bag. Tie the bag and place in a regular trash receptacle - provided that this does not contravene any federal, state and local regulations. It is advisable to check on approved waste disposal methods with the relevant authorities or approved waste disposal companies. HAZARDOUS CLASSIFICATION: None of the components of Uvasys are listed as hazardous waste under 40 CFR 261. Not listed RCRA WASTE NO: **Section 14: Transport Information** UN NO: Not listed **HAZARD CLASS:** None TDG (LAND TRANSPORT): Not classified as a dangerous good under transport regulations. IMDG (SEA TRANSPORT): Not classified as a dangerous good under transport regulations. IATA / ICAO (AIR TRANSPORT): Not classified as a dangerous good under transport regulations. SUBSIDIARY RISKS: None





Section	15:	Regulatory	Information

**EUROPEAN UNION:** Amends Directive 95/2EC on food additives other than colours and sweeteners

REGULATION (EC) NO and authorises the use of sulphur dioxide pads in the European Union on table 1333/2008

grapes and lychees. The correct use of UVASYS will not lead to sulphite residues

on table grapes greater than 10ppm.

Sodium Metabisulphite (E223), the active ingredient used in the manufacture of DIRECTIVE 2008/84/EC:

Uvasys, complies with the purity criteria on food additives other than colours and

sweeteners set out in this directive and it amendments.

REGULATION (EC) NO Complies with the rules on materials and articles intended to come into contact

1935/2004: with food.

REGULATION (EC) NO 450/2009 Complies with the EU labelling provisions.

DIRECTIVE 94/62/EC: Complies with the packaging and packaging waste criteria regarding the presence

of heavy metals (lead, cadmium, mercury and hexavalent chromium) in packaging

materials set out in this directive and it amendments.

**EEC HAZARD CLASSIFICATION:** Not regulated.

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:** 

**EPA REGISTERED USE:** Pesticide (fungicide)

**EPA REGISTRATION NO:** 68506 - 2CALIFORNIA: 68506 - 2 AA

**EPA ESTABLISHMENT NO:** 067506 - ZAF - 001

**US TSCA STATUS:** Sodium metabisulphite is listed.

AUSTRALIA:

APVMA REGISTERED USE: Group M Fungicide

APVMA REGISTRATION NO: 52162

**Section 16: Other Information** 

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The information contained herein is based on the present state of our knowledge. It characterises the product with regard to the appropriate safety precautions. It does not represent a guarantee of the product and the company does not accept any liability whatsoever, except as otherwise provided by law, in respect of the use, application, adaptation of processing of any products described herein.