

1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

**Product Name** CHEMSEARCH 565  
**Recommended use** water treatment chemical  
**Information on Manufacturer**  
 CHEMSEARCH DIV. OF NCH CORP.  
 BOX 152170  
 IRVING, TX 75015

**Product Code** 0685  
**Chemical nature** aqueous dispersion  
**Emergency Telephone Number**  
 CHEMTREC 1-800-424-9300

2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

**Emergency Overview**

**DANGER**  
 Corrosive  
 The product causes burns of eyes, skin and mucous membranes  
 Harmful if inhaled  
 Harmful or fatal if swallowed

**Color** Pale Yellow **Physical State** Liquid **Odor** Ammoniacal  
**Potential Health Effects**  
**Principle Route of Exposure** Skin contact, Eye contact.  
**Primary Routes of Entry** Inhalation, Ingestion.  
**Acute Effects**  
**Eyes** Causes burns. Corrosive to the eyes and may cause severe damage including blindness.  
**Skin** Causes burns.  
**Inhalation** Harmful by inhalation. Causes burns.  
**Ingestion** Harmful if swallowed. Ingestion causes burns of the upper digestive and respiratory tracts.  
**Chronic Toxicity** Methemoglobinemia.  
**Target Organ Effects** Respiratory system, Blood, Central nervous system, Heart, Liver, Lungs, Kidney, Spleen.  
**Aggravated Medical Conditions** Respiratory system, Skin disorders.  
**Potential Environmental Effects** See Section 12 for additional Ecological information.

3. COMPOSITION / INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Component	CAS-No
Sodium nitrite	7632-00-0
Sodium hydroxide	1310-73-2

4. FIRST AID MEASURES

**General Advice** Immediate medical attention is required. Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance.  
**Eye Contact** Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids, for at least 15 minutes. Keep eye wide open while rinsing. Get medical attention immediately.  
**Skin Contact** Wash off immediately with soap and plenty of water removing all contaminated clothes and shoes. Get medical attention immediately.  
**Inhalation** Move to fresh air. If breathing has stopped, apply artificial respiration. In case of shortness of breath, give oxygen. Get medical attention immediately.  
**Ingestion** Drink plenty of water. Do NOT induce vomiting. Get medical attention immediately. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person.  
**Notes to Physician** The product causes burns of eyes, skin and mucous membranes. Control of circulatory system, shock therapy if needed.

5. FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES

**Flash Point** > 201 °F / > 94 °C **Method** Seta closed cup  
**Autoignition Temperature** No information available.  
**Flammability Limits in Air % Hydrogen.** **Upper** 75.0 **Lower** 4.0  
**Suitable Extinguishing Media**  
 Use extinguishing measures that are appropriate to local circumstances and the surrounding environment. Foam. Alcohol-resistant foam. Dry chemical. Water spray. Carbon dioxide (CO2).  
**Specific hazards arising from the chemical**  
 The product causes burns of eyes, skin and mucous membranes. Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating gases and vapors. In the event of fire and/or explosion do not breathe fumes.  
**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.  

<b>NFPA</b>	<b>Health</b> 3	<b>Flammability</b> 1	<b>Instability</b> 1	<b>Other</b> OX
<b>HMIS</b>	<b>Health</b> 3	<b>Flammability</b> 1	<b>Instability</b> 1	

6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

**Personal Precautions** Evacuate personnel to safe areas. Use personal protective equipment. Avoid contact with skin, eyes, and clothing. Keep people away from and upwind of spill/leak.  
**Environmental Precautions** Do not allow material to contaminate ground water system. Should not be released into the environment. Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so. Prevent product from entering drains.  
**Methods for Containment** Flush into sewer with plenty of water. Pick up and arrange disposal without creating dust. Shovel into a dry metal container.  
**Methods for Cleaning Up** Wear suitable protective equipment. Soak up with inert absorbent material (e.g. sand, silica gel, acid binder, universal binder, sawdust). Take up mechanically and collect in suitable container for disposal. Clean contaminated surface thoroughly. After cleaning, flush away

Neutralizing Agent traces with water.  
Neutralize with hydrochloric acid.

## 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

**Handling** Avoid contact with skin, eyes and clothing. Wear personal protective equipment. Ensure adequate ventilation. Handle product only in closed system or provide appropriate exhaust ventilation at machinery. In case of insufficient ventilation, wear suitable respiratory equipment.

**Storage** Keep container tightly closed in a dry and well-ventilated place. Keep out of the reach of children. Keep containers tightly closed in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place. Keep in properly labelled containers.

**Storage Temperature** Minimum 35 °F / 2 °C Maximum 120 °F / 49 °C

**Storage Conditions** Indoor X Outdoor Heated Refrigerated

## 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 hydroxide	: 2 mg/m <sup>3</sup> Ceiling	: 2 mg/m <sup>3</sup> TWA	: 10 mg/m <sup>3</sup> IDLH : 2 mg/m <sup>3</sup> Ceiling

## Engineering Measures

Ensure adequate ventilation, especially in confined areas

## Personal Protective Equipment

## Eye/Face Protection

Tightly fitting safety goggles. Face-shield.

## Skin Protection

Impervious clothing, Impervious gloves, Boots, Chemical resistant apron.

## Respiratory Protection

Use NIOSH approved respiratory protection.

## General Hygiene Considerations

Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Wear suitable gloves and eye/face protection. When using, do not eat, drink, or smoke. Remove and wash contaminated clothing before re-use. Keep away from food, drink and animal feeding stuffs. Contaminated work clothing should not be allowed out of the workplace. Regular cleaning of equipment, work area and clothing. For environmental protection remove and wash all contaminated protective equipment before re-use.

## 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

<b>Physical State</b>	Liquid	<b>Viscosity</b>	Non viscous
<b>Color</b>	Pale Yellow	<b>Odor</b>	Ammoniacal
<b>Appearance</b>	Transparent	<b>pH</b>	13.2
<b>Specific Gravity</b>	1.06	<b>Evaporation Rate</b>	0.55 (Butyl acetate=1)
<b>Percent Volatile (Volume)</b>	No information available	<b>VOC Content (%)</b>	No information available
<b>Vapor Pressure</b>	16.07 mmHg @ 70°F	<b>Vapor Density</b>	0.6
<b>Solubility</b>	Completely soluble	<b>Boiling Point/Range</b>	212 °F / 100 °C

## 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

**Chemical Stability** Stable under normal conditions

**Conditions to Avoid** Exposure to air or moisture over prolonged periods

**Incompatible Products** Incompatible with strong acids and bases, Incompatible with oxidizing agents.

**Hazardous Decomposition Products** Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating gases and vapors , Hydrogen.

**Possibility of Hazardous Reactions** None under normal processing

## 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

**Product Information** No information available.

## 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 hydroxide	no data available	1350 mg/kg ( Rabbit )	no data available	no data available	no data available

## Chronic Toxicity

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 hydroxide	no data available	no data available	no data available	no data available	eyes, respiratory system, skin

## Carcinogenicity

There are no known carcinogenic chemicals in this product.

Component	ACGIH	IARC	NTP	OSHA	Other
Sodium nitrite	not applicable	not applicable	not applicable	not applicable	not applicable
Sodium hydroxide	not applicable	not applicable	not applicable	not applicable	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	-3.7 at 25 °C
Sodium hydroxide	no data available	LC50 = 45.4 mg/L Oncorhynchus mykiss 96 h	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** Caustic alkali liquids, n.o.s.  
**Hazard Class** 8  
**UN-No** UN1719  
**Packing Group** III  
**Reportable Quantity (RQ)** Sodium nitrite, RQ kg = 672.5946  
**Description** Caustic alkali liquids, n.o.s.(Sodium Hydroxide),8,UN1719,PG III

## TDG

**Proper shipping name** Caustic alkali liquid, n.o.s.  
**Hazard Class** 8  
**UN-No** UN1719  
**Packing Group** III  
**Description** CAUSTIC ALKALI LIQUID, N.O.S., (Sodium hydroxide),8,UN1719,PG III

## ICAO

**UN-No** UN1719  
**Proper Shipping Name** Caustic alkali liquid, n.o.s.  
**Hazard Class** 8  
**Packing Group** III

## IATA

**UN-No** UN1719  
**Proper Shipping Name** Caustic alkali liquid, n.o.s.\*  
**Hazard Class** 8  
**Packing Group** III  
**ERG Code** 8L  
**Shipping Description** UN1719,Caustic alkali liquid, n.o.s., (Sodium hydroxide),8,PG III

## IMDG/IMO

**Proper Shipping Name** Caustic alkali liquid, n.o.s.  
**Hazard Class** 8  
**UN-No** UN1719  
**Packing Group** III  
**EmS No.** F-A, S-B  
**Shipping Description** UN1719, Caustic alkali liquid, n.o.s., (Sodium hydroxide),8,PG III

## 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 40n of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 372

Component	CAS-No	Weight %	SARA 313 - Threshold Values
Sodium nitrite	7632-00-0	5-10	1.0 % de minimis concentration

## 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	Not applicable	Not applicable
Sodium hydroxide	Not applicable	Not applicable

## 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

E Corrosive material, D2B Toxic materials.



## 16. OTHER INFORMATION

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