

**Safety Data Sheet**  
according to OSHA HCS

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**1 Identification**

- **Product name**
- **Trade name:** Tetraoctylphosphonium bromide (45-55 wt% in toluene)
- **Item number:** 15-7630
- **Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet**
- **Manufacturer/Supplier:**  
Strem Chemicals, Inc.  
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NEWBURYPORT, MA 01950  
USA  
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- **Information department:** Technical Department
- **Emergency telephone number:**  
EMERGENCY: CHEMTREC: + 1 (800) 424-9300  
During normal opening times: +1 (978) 499-1600

**2 Hazard(s) identification**

- **Classification of the substance or mixture**



GHS02 Flame

Flam. Liq. 2 H225 Highly flammable liquid and vapor.



GHS08 Health hazard

Repr. 2 H361 Suspected of damaging fertility or the unborn child.  
STOT RE 2 H373 May cause damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure.  
Asp. Tox. 1 H304 May be fatal if swallowed and enters airways.



GHS05 Corrosion

Skin Corr. 1C H314 Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.



GHS07

Eye Irrit. 2A H319 Causes serious eye irritation.  
STOT SE 3 H335-H336 May cause respiratory irritation. May cause drowsiness or dizziness.

- **Label elements**
- **GHS label elements** The product is classified and labeled according to the Globally Harmonized System (GHS).
- **Hazard pictograms**



GHS02



GHS05



GHS07



GHS08

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· **Signal word** *Danger*

· **Hazard-determining components of labeling:**

*toluene*

*Tetraoctylphosphonium bromide, min. 95%*

· **Hazard statements**

*H225 Highly flammable liquid and vapor.*

*H314 Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.*

*H361 Suspected of damaging fertility or the unborn child.*

*H335-H336 May cause respiratory irritation. May cause drowsiness or dizziness.*

*H373 May cause damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure.*

*H304 May be fatal if swallowed and enters airways.*

· **Precautionary statements**

*P231 Handle under inert gas.*

*P301+P310 IF SWALLOWED: Immediately call a POISON CENTER/ doctor.*

*P303+P361+P353 If on skin (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/shower.*

*P305+P351+P338 If in eyes: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.*

*P403+P233 Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed.*

*P422 Store contents under inert gas.*

*P501 Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local/regional/national/international regulations.*

· **Classification system:**

· **NFPA ratings (scale 0 - 4)**



*Health = 3*

*Fire = 3*

*Reactivity = 0*

· **HMIS-ratings (scale 0 - 4)**



*Health = \*4*

*Fire = 3*

*Reactivity = 0*

· **Other hazards**

· **Results of PBT and vPvB assessment**

· **PBT:** *Not applicable.*

· **vPvB:** *Not applicable.*

### 3 Composition/information on ingredients

· **Chemical characterization: Mixtures**

· **Description:** *Mixture of the substances listed below with nonhazardous additions.*

· **Dangerous components:**

23906-97-0	Tetraoctylphosphonium bromide, min. 95%	55.0%
108-88-3	toluene	45.0%

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**4 First-aid measures**

- **Description of first aid measures**
- **General information:**  
Immediately remove any clothing soiled by the product.  
Symptoms of poisoning may even occur after several hours; therefore medical observation for at least 48 hours after the accident.
- **After inhalation:** Supply fresh air; consult doctor in case of complaints.
- **After skin contact:** Immediately rinse with water.
- **After eye contact:**  
Rinse opened eye for several minutes under running water. If symptoms persist, consult a doctor.
- **After swallowing:** If symptoms persist consult doctor.
- **Information for doctor:**
- **Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed** No further relevant information available.
- **Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed**  
No further relevant information available.

**5 Fire-fighting measures**

- **Extinguishing media**
- **Suitable extinguishing agents:**  
CO2, extinguishing powder or water spray. Fight larger fires with water spray or alcohol resistant foam.
- **For safety reasons unsuitable extinguishing agents:** Water with full jet
- **Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture**  
During heating or in case of fire poisonous gases are produced.
- **Advice for firefighters**
- **Protective equipment:** Mouth respiratory protective device.

**6 Accidental release measures**

- **Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures**  
Mount respiratory protective device.  
Wear protective equipment. Keep unprotected persons away.
- **Environmental precautions:** Do not allow to enter sewers/ surface or ground water.
- **Methods and material for containment and cleaning up:**  
Absorb with liquid-binding material (sand, diatomite, acid binders, universal binders, sawdust).  
Use neutralizing agent.  
Dispose contaminated material as waste according to item 13.  
Ensure adequate ventilation.
- **Reference to other sections**  
See Section 7 for information on safe handling.  
See Section 8 for information on personal protection equipment.  
See Section 13 for disposal information.
- **Protective Action Criteria for Chemicals**

· <b>PAC-1:</b>		
108-88-3	toluene	67 ppm
· <b>PAC-2:</b>		
108-88-3	toluene	560 ppm

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· **PAC-3:**

108-88-3 toluene

3700\* ppm

**7 Handling and storage**

- **Handling:** Handle under inert gas.
- **Precautions for safe handling**  
Ensure good ventilation/exhaustion at the workplace.  
Open and handle receptacle with care.  
Prevent formation of aerosols.
- **Information about protection against explosions and fires:**  
Keep ignition sources away - Do not smoke.  
Protect against electrostatic charges.  
Keep respiratory protective device available.
- **Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities**
- **Storage:** Store contents under inert gas.
- **Requirements to be met by storerooms and receptacles:** Store in a cool location.
- **Information about storage in one common storage facility:** Not required.
- **Further information about storage conditions:**  
Keep receptacle tightly sealed.  
Store in cool, dry conditions in well sealed receptacles.
- **Specific end use(s)** No further relevant information available.

**8 Exposure controls/personal protection**

- **Additional information about design of technical systems:** No further data; see item 7.
- **Control parameters**
- **Components with limit values that require monitoring at the workplace:**  
The following constituent is the only constituent of the product which has a PEL, TLV or other recommended exposure limit.  
At this time, the remaining constituent has no known exposure limits.

**108-88-3 toluene**

PEL	Long-term value: 200 ppm Ceiling limit value: 300; 500* ppm *10-min peak per 8-hr shift
REL	Short-term value: 560 mg/m <sup>3</sup> , 150 ppm Long-term value: 375 mg/m <sup>3</sup> , 100 ppm
TLV	Long-term value: 75 mg/m <sup>3</sup> , 20 ppm BEI

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**· Ingredients with biological limit values:**

**108-88-3 toluene**

**BEI** 0.02 mg/L  
Medium: blood  
Time: prior to last shift of workweek  
Parameter: Toluene

0.03 mg/L  
Medium: urine  
Time: end of shift  
Parameter: Toluene

0.3 mg/g creatinine  
Medium: urine  
Time: end of shift  
Parameter: o-Cresol with hydrolysis (background)

**· Additional information:** The lists that were valid during the creation were used as basis.

**· Exposure controls**

**· Personal protective equipment:** Wear protective clothing

**· General protective and hygienic measures:**

Keep away from foodstuffs, beverages and feed.  
Immediately remove all soiled and contaminated clothing.  
Wash hands before breaks and at the end of work.  
Store protective clothing separately.  
Avoid contact with the eyes.  
Avoid contact with the eyes and skin.

**· Breathing equipment:** A NIOSH approved respirator in accordance with 29 CFR 1910.134.

**· Protection of hands:**



Protective gloves

The glove material has to be impermeable and resistant to the product/ the substance/ the preparation.  
Due to missing tests no recommendation to the glove material can be given for the product/ the preparation/ the chemical mixture.

Selection of the glove material on consideration of the penetration times, rates of diffusion and the degradation

**· Material of gloves**

The selection of the suitable gloves does not only depend on the material, but also on further marks of quality and varies from manufacturer to manufacturer. As the product is a preparation of several substances, the resistance of the glove material can not be calculated in advance and has therefore to be checked prior to the application.

**· Penetration time of glove material**

The exact break through time has to be found out by the manufacturer of the protective gloves and has to be observed.

**· Eye protection:**



Tightly sealed goggles

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### 9 Physical and chemical properties

· **Information on basic physical and chemical properties**

· **General Information**

· **Appearance:**

· <b>Form:</b>	Liquid
· <b>Color:</b>	Colorless
· <b>Odor:</b>	Characteristic
· <b>Odor threshold:</b>	Not determined.

· **pH-value:** Not determined.

· **Change in condition**

· <b>Melting point/Melting range:</b>	Undetermined.
· <b>Boiling point/Boiling range:</b>	Undetermined.

· **Flash point:** 6 °C (43 °F)

· **Flammability (solid, gaseous):** Not determined.

· **Ignition temperature:** 535 °C (995 °F)

· **Decomposition temperature:** Not determined.

· **Auto igniting:** Product is not selfigniting.

· **Danger of explosion:** Product is not explosive. However, formation of explosive air/vapor mixtures are possible.

· **Explosion limits:**

· <b>Lower:</b>	1.2 Vol %
· <b>Upper:</b>	7.0 Vol %

· **Vapor pressure at 20 °C (68 °F):** 29 hPa (22 mm Hg)

· **Density:** Not determined.

· **Relative density** Not determined.

· **Vapor density** Not determined.

· **Evaporation rate** Not determined.

· **Solubility in / Miscibility with**

· **Water:** Not miscible or difficult to mix.

· **Partition coefficient (n-octanol/water):** Not determined.

· **Viscosity:**

· <b>Dynamic:</b>	Not determined.
· <b>Kinematic:</b>	Not determined.

· **Solvent content:**

· <b>Organic solvents:</b>	45.0 %
· <b>VOC content:</b>	45.0 %
	450.0 g/l / 3.76 lb/gl

· **Solids content:** 100.0 %

· **Other information** No further relevant information available.

### 10 Stability and reactivity

· **Reactivity** No further relevant information available.

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- **Chemical stability**
- **Thermal decomposition / conditions to be avoided:** No decomposition if used according to specifications.
- **Possibility of hazardous reactions** No dangerous reactions known.
- **Conditions to avoid** No further relevant information available.
- **Incompatible materials:** No further relevant information available.
- **Hazardous decomposition products:** No dangerous decomposition products known.

**11 Toxicological information**

· **Information on toxicological effects**

· **Acute toxicity:**

· **LD/LC50 values that are relevant for classification:**

**108-88-3 toluene**

Oral	LD50	5000 mg/kg (rat)
Dermal	LD50	12124 mg/kg (rabbit)
Inhalative	LC50/4 h	5320 mg/l (mouse)

· **Primary irritant effect:**

- **on the skin:** No irritant effect.
- **on the eye:** Irritating effect.
- **Sensitization:** No sensitizing effects known.

· **Additional toxicological information:**

The product shows the following dangers according to internally approved calculation methods for preparations:  
Irritant

· **Carcinogenic categories**

· **IARC (International Agency for Research on Cancer)**

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· **NTP (National Toxicology Program)**

None of the ingredients is listed.

· **OSHA-Ca (Occupational Safety & Health Administration)**

None of the ingredients is listed.

**12 Ecological information**

· **Toxicity**

- **Aquatic toxicity:** No further relevant information available.
- **Persistence and degradability** No further relevant information available.

· **Behavior in environmental systems:**

- **Bioaccumulative potential** No further relevant information available.
- **Mobility in soil** No further relevant information available.

· **Additional ecological information:**

· **General notes:**

Water hazard class 1 (Self-assessment): slightly hazardous for water  
Do not allow undiluted product or large quantities of it to reach ground water, water course or sewage system.  
Must not reach bodies of water or drainage ditch undiluted or unneutralized.

· **Results of PBT and vPvB assessment**

- **PBT:** Not applicable.
- **vPvB:** Not applicable.

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· **Other adverse effects** No further relevant information available.

**13 Disposal considerations**

- **Waste treatment methods**
- **Recommendation:**  
Must not be disposed of together with household garbage. Do not allow product to reach sewage system.
- **Uncleaned packagings:**
- **Recommendation:** Disposal must be made according to official regulations.

**14 Transport information**

- **UN-Number**
- **DOT, IMDG, IATA** UN2924
- **UN proper shipping name**
- **DOT** Flammable liquids, corrosive, n.o.s.
- **IMDG, IATA** FLAMMABLE LIQUID, CORROSIVE, N.O.S.
- **Transport hazard class(es)**
- **DOT**
- 
- **Class** 3 Flammable liquids
- **Label** 3, 8
- **IMDG**
- 
- **Class** 3 Flammable liquids
- **Label** 3/8
- **IATA**
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- **Class** 3 Flammable liquids
- **Label** 3 (8)
- **Packing group**
- **DOT, IMDG, IATA** II
- **Environmental hazards:** Not applicable.
- **Special precautions for user** Warning: Flammable liquids
- **EMS Number:** F-E,S-C

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- **Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL73/78 and the IBC Code** Not applicable.
- **UN "Model Regulation":** UN 2924 FLAMMABLE LIQUIDS, CORROSIVE, N.O.S., 3 (8), II

**15 Regulatory information**

- **Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture**
- **Sara**

· **Section 355 (extremely hazardous substances):**

None of the ingredients is listed.

· **Section 313 (Specific toxic chemical listings):**

108-88-3 toluene

· **TSCA (Toxic Substances Control Act):**

108-88-3 toluene

· **Proposition 65**

· **Chemicals known to cause cancer:**

None of the ingredients is listed.

· **Chemicals known to cause reproductive toxicity for females:**

None of the ingredients is listed.

· **Chemicals known to cause reproductive toxicity for males:**

None of the ingredients is listed.

· **Chemicals known to cause developmental toxicity:**

108-88-3 toluene

· **Carcinogenic categories**

· **EPA (Environmental Protection Agency)**

108-88-3 toluene

II

· **TLV (Threshold Limit Value established by ACGIH)**

108-88-3 toluene

A4

· **NIOSH-Ca (National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health)**

None of the ingredients is listed.

· **GHS label elements** The product is classified and labeled according to the Globally Harmonized System (GHS).

· **Hazard pictograms**



GHS02 GHS05 GHS07 GHS08

· **Signal word** Danger

· **Hazard-determining components of labeling:**

toluene

Tetraoctylphosphonium bromide, min. 95%

· **Hazard statements**

H225 Highly flammable liquid and vapor.

H314 Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.

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- P422 Store contents under inert gas.
- P501 Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local/regional/national/international regulations.

**National regulations:**

- Water hazard class:** Water hazard class 1 (Self-assessment): slightly hazardous for water.
- Chemical safety assessment:** A Chemical Safety Assessment has not been carried out.

**16 Other information**

This information is based on our present knowledge. However, this shall not constitute a guarantee for any specific product features and shall not establish a legally valid contractual relationship.

- Department issuing SDS:** Technical Department.
- Contact:** Technical Director
- Date of preparation / last revision** 07/16/2021 / -
- Abbreviations and acronyms:**

ADR: Accord européen sur le transport des marchandises dangereuses par Route (European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road)

IMDG: International Maritime Code for Dangerous Goods

DOT: US Department of Transportation

IATA: International Air Transport Association

ACGIH: American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists

EINECS: European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances

ELINCS: European List of Notified Chemical Substances

CAS: Chemical Abstracts Service (division of the American Chemical Society)

NFPA: National Fire Protection Association (USA)

HMIS: Hazardous Materials Identification System (USA)

VOC: Volatile Organic Compounds (USA, EU)

LC50: Lethal concentration, 50 percent

LD50: Lethal dose, 50 percent

PBT: Persistent, Bioaccumulative and Toxic

vPvB: very Persistent and very Bioaccumulative

NIOSH: National Institute for Occupational Safety

OSHA: Occupational Safety & Health

TLV: Threshold Limit Value

PEL: Permissible Exposure Limit

REL: Recommended Exposure Limit

BEI: Biological Exposure Limit

Flam. Liq. 2: Flammable liquids – Category 2

Skin Corr. 1C: Skin corrosion/irritation – Category 1C

Eye Irrit. 2A: Serious eye damage/eye irritation – Category 2A

Repr. 2: Reproductive toxicity – Category 2

STOT SE 3: Specific target organ toxicity (single exposure) – Category 3

STOT RE 2: Specific target organ toxicity (repeated exposure) – Category 2

Asp. Tox. 1: Aspiration hazard – Category 1