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### SECTION 1: Identification

#### 1.1. Product Identifier

**Trade Name or Designation:** Digestion Reagent, with Copper Catalyst  
for Kjeldahl Nitrogen Analysis

**Product Number:** 2551

**Other Identifying Product Numbers:** 2551-1, 2551-16, 2551-32

#### 1.2. Recommended Use and Restrictions on Use

General Laboratory Reagent

#### 1.3. Details of the Supplier of the Safety Data Sheet

**Company:** Ricca Chemical Company

**Address:** 448 West Fork Drive  
Arlington, TX 76012 USA

**Telephone:** 888-467-4222

#### 1.4. Emergency Telephone Number (24 hr)

CHEMTREC (USA) 800-424-9300  
CHEMTREC (International) 1+ 703-527-3887

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## SECTION 2: Hazard(s) Identification

### 2.1. Classification of the Substance or Mixture (in accordance with OSHA HCS 29 CFR 1910.1200)

For the full text of the Hazard and Precautionary Statements listed below, see Section 16.

Hazard Class	Category	Hazard Statement	Precautionary Statements
Acute Toxicity - Inhalation	Category 2	H330	P260, P271, P285, P304+P340, P310, P320, P403+P233, P405, P501
Skin Corrosion / Irritation	Category 1	H314	P260, P264, P280, P301+P330+P331, P303+P361+P353, P363, P304+P340, P310, P321, P305+P351+P338, P405, P501
Eye Damage / Irritation	Category 1	H318	P280, P305+P351+P338, P310
Skin Sensitizer	Category 1	H317	P261, P272, P280, P302+P352, P332+P313, P321, P363, P501
Carcinogenicity	Category 1	H350	P201, P202, P280, P308+P313, P405, P501
Reproductive Toxicity	Category 2	H361	P201, P202, P280, P308+P313, P405, P501
Specific Target Organs/Systemic Toxicity Following Single Exposure	Category 1	H370	P260, P264, P270, P307+P311, P321, P405, P501
Specific Target Organs/Systemic Toxicity Following Repeated Exposure	Category 1	H372	P260, P264, P270, P314, P501
Corrosive to Metals	Category 1	H290	P234, P390, P406
Hazardous to the Aquatic Environment (Acute)	Category 1	H400	P273, P501
Hazardous to the Aquatic Environment (Chronic)	Category 3	H402	P273, P501

### 2.2. GHS Label Elements

Pictograms:



Signal Word: **Danger**



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### Hazard Statements:

Hazard Number	Hazard Statement
H290	May be corrosive to metals.
H314	Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.
H317	May cause an allergic skin reaction.
H318	Causes serious eye damage.
H330	Fatal if inhaled.
H350	May cause cancer.
H361	Suspected of damaging fertility or the unborn child.
H370	Causes damage to organs.
H372	Causes damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure.
H400	Very toxic to aquatic life.
H402	Harmful to aquatic life.



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### Precautionary Statements:

Precautionary Number	Precautionary Statement
P201	Obtain special instructions before use.
P202	Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood.
P234	Keep only in original container.
P260	Do not breathe dust, fumes or mist.
P261	Avoid breathing dust, fumes or mist.
P264	Wash arms, hands and face thoroughly after handling.
P270	Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.
P271	Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area.
P272	Contaminated work clothing must not be allowed out of the workplace.
P273	Avoid release to the environment.
P280	Wear protective gloves and eye protection.
P285	In case of inadequate ventilation wear respiratory protection.
P301+P330+P331	IF SWALLOWED: rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting.
P302+P352	IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water.
P303+P361+P353	IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water.
P304+P340	IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing.
P305+P351+P338	IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.
P307+P311	IF exposed: Call a POISON CENTER or physician.
P308+P313	IF exposed or concerned: Get medical attention.
P310	Immediately call a POISON CENTER or physician.
P314	Get medical attention if you feel unwell.
P320	Specific treatment is urgent (Wash areas of contact with water. If possible, wipe off areas of contact with dry cloth before flushing with water).
P321	Specific treatment (Wash areas of contact with water. If possible, wipe off areas of contact with dry cloth before flushing with water).
P332+P313	If skin irritation occurs: Get medical attention.
P363	Wash contaminated clothing before reuse.
P390	Absorb spillage to prevent material damage.
P403+P233	Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed.
P405	Store locked up.
P406	Store in corrosive resistant container with a resistant inner liner.
P501	Dispose of contents in accordance with local, state, federal and international regulations.

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### 2.3. WHMIS Classification

WHMIS classification is not included based on the recommended option (Option 4) found in the Canada Gazette Part II, Vol. 149, No.3, page 458

### 2.4. Hazards not Otherwise Classified or Covered by GHS

Data not available.

## SECTION 3: Composition / Information on Ingredients

### 3.1. Components of Substance or Mixture

Chemical Name	Formula	Molecular Weight	CAS Number	Weight%
Water	H <sub>2</sub> O	18.01 g/mol	7732-18-5	63.08%
Sulfuric Acid	H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>	98.07 g/mol	7664-93-9	26.55%
Potassium Sulfate	K <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>	174.25 g/mol	7778-80-5	9.77%
Copper Sulfate Pentahydrate	CuSO <sub>4</sub> ·5H <sub>2</sub> O	249.68 g/mol	7758-99-8	0.59%

## SECTION 4: First-Aid Measures

### 4.1. General First Aid Information

**Eye Contact:** IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. Eye contact causes tissue damage and blindness.

**Inhalation:** IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing.

**Skin Contact:** IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water. Skin contact causes burns, blistering, local necrosis, and membrane ulceration. Burns may be 2nd or 3rd degree.

**Ingestion:** IF SWALLOWED: rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting. Do not induce vomiting. Give large quantity of water. Call a physician immediately.

### 4.2. Most Important Symptoms and Effects, Acute and Delayed

DANGER! Causes severe burns. May be fatal if swallowed. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. If swallowed, do not induce vomiting. Give large quantity of water and call a physician. Wash areas of contact with plenty of water for 15 minutes. For eyes, get medical attention. EYE CONTACT: Eye contact causes tissue damage and blindness. SKIN CONTACT: Skin contact causes burns, blistering, local necrosis, and membrane ulceration. Burns may be 2nd or 3rd degree. CHRONIC EFFECTS / CARCINOGENICITY: May affect the skin, liver, kidneys and blood.

### 4.3. Medical Attention or Special Treatment Needed

Immediately call a POISON CENTER or physician. Specific treatment is urgent (Wash areas of contact with water. If possible, wipe off areas of contact with dry cloth before flushing with water). Specific treatment (Wash areas of contact with water. If possible, wipe off areas of contact with dry cloth before flushing with water).

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### SECTION 5: Fire-Fighting Measures

#### 5.1. Extinguishing Media

Dry chemical, foam, or carbon dioxide. Reacts with water producing heat and toxic fumes.

#### 5.2. Specific Hazards Arising from the Substance or Mixture

Not combustible. Strong dehydrating agent, which may cause ignition of finely divided materials on contact. Reaction with metals may produce hydrogen gas. Oxides of sulfur may be produced in fire.

#### 5.3. Special Protective Equipment for Firefighters

Wear special protective clothing and positive pressure self-contained breathing apparatus. Butyl rubber, natural rubber, Neoprene, polyethylene, polyvinyl chloride, Teflon, Viton, or Saranex barrier recommended.

### SECTION 6: Accidental Release Measures

#### 6.1. Personal Precautions, Protective Equipment and Emergency Procedures

Wear protective gloves and eye protection. In case of inadequate ventilation wear respiratory protection.

#### 6.2. Cleanup and Containment Methods and Materials

Keep water away from release. Stop or control the leak, if this can be done without undue risk. Control runoff and isolate discharged material for proper disposal.

### SECTION 7: Handling and Storage

#### 7.1. Precautions for Safe Handling and Storage Conditions

Store in corrosive resistant container with a resistant inner liner. As with all chemicals, wash hands thoroughly after handling. Avoid contact with eyes and skin. Protect from freezing and physical damage. Do not mix with bases. Contact with water will generate a large amount of heat. Store above 20°C to prevent crystallization.

### SECTION 8: Exposure Controls / Personal Protection

#### 8.1. Control Parameters

Chemical Name	Limit Type	Country	Exposure Limit	Information Source
Copper Sulfate Pentahydrate (7758-99-8)	TLV-TWA	USA	1 mg/m <sup>3</sup> TWA (dust and mist, as Cu)	ACGIH - Threshold Limit Values - Time Weighted Averages (TLV-TWA)
Sulfuric Acid (7664-93-9)	TWA	USA	1 mg/m <sup>3</sup> TWA	U.S. - OSHA - Final PELs - Time Weighted Averages (TWAs)
Sulfuric Acid (7664-93-9)	TLV-TWA	USA	0.2 mg/m <sup>3</sup> TWA (thoracic fraction)	ACGIH - Threshold Limit Values - Time Weighted Averages (TLV-TWA)

#### 8.2. Exposure Controls

**Engineering Controls:** Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area. No specific controls are needed. Normal room ventilation is adequate.

**Respiratory Protection:** In case of inadequate ventilation wear respiratory protection. Normal room ventilation is adequate.



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**Skin Protection:** Wear protective gloves and eye protection. Chemical resistant gloves.

**Eye Protection:** Wear protective gloves and eye protection. Safety glasses or goggles.

### 8.3. Personal Protective Equipment

Wear protective gloves and eye protection. In case of inadequate ventilation wear respiratory protection. Normal room ventilation is adequate. Chemical resistant gloves. Safety glasses or goggles.

## SECTION 9: Physical and Chemical Properties

### 9.1. Basic Physical and Chemical Properties

**Appearance:** Light blue liquid

**Physical State:** Liquid

**Odor:** Data not available.

**Odor Threshold:** Data not available.

**pH:** Data not available.

**Melting/Freezing Point:** Data not available.

**Initial Boiling Point /Range:** Approximately 102°C - Approximately 102°C

**Flash Point:** Data not available.

**Evaporation Rate:** Data not available.

**Flammability:** Data not available.

**Flammability/Explosive Limits:** Data not available.

**Vapor Pressure:** Data not available.

**Vapor Density:** Data not available.

**Relative Density:** 1.33

**Solubility:** Miscible

**Partition Coefficient (n-Octanol/Water):** Data not available.

**Auto-Ignition Temperature:** Data not available.

**Decomposition Temperature:** Data not available.

**Viscosity:** Data not available.

**Explosive Properties:** Data not available.

**Oxidizing Properties:** Data not available.

## SECTION 10: Stability and Reactivity

### 10.1. Reactivity and Chemical Stability

Stable under normal conditions of use and storage.



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### 10.2. Possibility of Hazardous Reactions

Data not available.

### 10.3. Conditions to Avoid and Incompatible Materials

Keep only in original container. Organics, chlorates, carbides, fulminates, picrates, alkalines, reducing agents, nitrates, Acetic Acid, oxidizing agents,

### 10.4. Hazardous Decomposition Products

Will not occur.

## SECTION 11: Toxicological Information

### 11.1. Information on Toxicological Effects

#### Acute Toxicity - Oral Exposure:

Not applicable.

#### Acute Toxicity - Dermal Exposure:

Not applicable.

#### Acute Toxicity - Inhalation Exposure:

Fatal if inhaled. Do not breathe dust, fumes or mist. Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area. In case of inadequate ventilation wear respiratory protection. IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing. Immediately call a POISON CENTER or physician. Specific treatment is urgent (Wash areas of contact with water. If possible, wipe off areas of contact with dry cloth before flushing with water). Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed. Store locked up. Dispose of contents in accordance with local, state, federal and international regulations.

#### Acute Toxicity - Other Information:

LD50, Oral, Rat: 2140 mg/kg (Sulfuric Acid), 300 mg/kg (Copper Sulfate), 6600 mg/kg (Potassium Sulfate), details of toxic effects not reported other than lethal dose value.

#### Skin Corrosion and Irritation:

Causes severe skin burns and eye damage. Do not breathe dust, fumes or mist. Wash arms, hands and face thoroughly after handling. Wear protective gloves and eye protection. IF SWALLOWED: rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting. IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water. Wash contaminated clothing before reuse. IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing. Immediately call a POISON CENTER or physician. Specific treatment (Wash areas of contact with water. If possible, wipe off areas of contact with dry cloth before flushing with water). IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. Store locked up. Dispose of contents in accordance with local, state, federal and international regulations.

#### Serious Eye Damage and Irritation:

Causes serious eye damage. Wear protective gloves and eye protection. IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. Immediately call a POISON CENTER or physician.

#### Respiratory Sensitization:

Not applicable.





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### **Skin Sensitization:**

May cause an allergic skin reaction. Avoid breathing dust, fumes or mist. Contaminated work clothing must not be allowed out of the workplace. Wear protective gloves and eye protection. IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water. If skin irritation occurs: Get medical attention. Specific treatment (Wash areas of contact with water. If possible, wipe off areas of contact with dry cloth before flushing with water). Wash contaminated clothing before reuse. Dispose of contents in accordance with local, state, federal and international regulations.

### **Germ Cell Mutagenicity:**

Not applicable.

### **Carcinogenicity:**

May cause cancer. Obtain special instructions before use. Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood. Wear protective gloves and eye protection. IF exposed or concerned: Get medical attention. Store locked up. Dispose of contents in accordance with local, state, federal and international regulations.

### **Reproductive Toxicity:**

Suspected of damaging fertility or the unborn child. Obtain special instructions before use. Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood. Wear protective gloves and eye protection. IF exposed or concerned: Get medical attention. Store locked up. Dispose of contents in accordance with local, state, federal and international regulations.

### **Specific Target Organ Toxicity from Single Exposure:**

Causes damage to organs. Do not breathe dust, fumes or mist. Wash arms, hands and face thoroughly after handling. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. IF exposed: Call a POISON CENTER or physician. Specific treatment (Wash areas of contact with water. If possible, wipe off areas of contact with dry cloth before flushing with water). Store locked up. Dispose of contents in accordance with local, state, federal and international regulations.

### **Specific Target Organ Toxicity from Repeated Exposure:**

Causes damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure. Do not breathe dust, fumes or mist. Wash arms, hands and face thoroughly after handling. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. Get medical attention if you feel unwell. Dispose of contents in accordance with local, state, federal and international regulations.

### **Aspiration Hazard:**

Not applicable.

### **Additional Toxicology Information:**

Data not available.

## SECTION 12: Ecological Information

### **12.1. Ecotoxicity**

Very toxic to aquatic life. Avoid release to the environment. Dispose of contents in accordance with local, state, federal and international regulations. Harmful to aquatic life. Avoid release to the environment. Dispose of contents in accordance with local, state, federal and international regulations.

### **12.2. Persistence and Degradability**

Data not available.

### **12.3. Bioaccumulative Potential**

Data not available.

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### 12.4. Mobility in Soil

Data not available.

### 12.5. Other Adverse Ecological Effects

Data not available.

## SECTION 13: Disposal Considerations

### 13.1. Waste Treatment Methods

Data not available.

## SECTION 14: Transportation Information

### 14.1. Transportation by Land - Department of Transportation (DOT, United States of America)

**UN Number:** UN2796

**Proper Shipping Name:** Sulphuric Acid Solution

**Hazard Class:** 8

**Packing Group:** II

**Hazard Placard Labels:**



### 14.2. Transportation by Air - International Air Transport Association (IATA)

**UN Number:** UN2796

**Proper Shipping Name:** Sulphuric Acid Solution

**Hazard Class:** 8

**Packing Group:** II

**Hazard Placard Labels:**



## SECTION 15: Regulatory Information

### 15.1. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) Hazards

Not listed.

### 15.2. Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) 302 Extremely Hazardous Substances

Sulfuric Acid (CAS # 7664-93-9): 1000 lb EPCRA RQ

Sulfuric Acid (CAS # 7664-93-9): 1000 lb TPQ



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### 15.3. Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) 311/312 Hazardous Chemicals

Sulfuric Acid (CAS # 7664-93-9): 1000 lb final RQ; 454 kg final RQ

Copper Sulfate Pentahydrate (CAS # 7758-99-8): 10 lb final RQ; 4.54 kg final RQ

### 15.4. Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) 313 Toxic Release Inventory (TRI)

Sulfuric Acid (CAS # 7664-93-9): 1.0 % de minimis concentration (acid aerosols including mists, vapors, gas, fog, and other airborne forms of any particle size)

Copper Sulfate Pentahydrate (CAS # 7758-99-8): 1.0 % de minimis concentration (This category does not include CAS numbers 147-14-8, 1328-53-6, or 14302-13-7, or copper phthalocyanine compounds that are substituted with only hydrogen and/or chlorine and/or bromine.)

### 15.5. Massachusetts Right-to-Know Substance List

Sulfuric Acid (CAS # 7664-93-9): Extraordinarily hazardous

Copper Sulfate Pentahydrate (CAS # 7758-99-8): Present

### 15.6. Pennsylvania Right-to-Know Hazardous Substances

Sulfuric Acid (CAS # 7664-93-9): Environmental hazard

Sulfuric Acid (CAS # 7664-93-9): Present

Water (CAS # 7732-18-5): Present

Copper Sulfate Pentahydrate (CAS # 7758-99-8): Environmental hazard

Copper Sulfate Pentahydrate (CAS # 7758-99-8): Present

### 15.7. New Jersey Worker and Community Right-to-Know Components

Sulfuric Acid (CAS # 7664-93-9): carcinogen; corrosive; reactive - second degree

Sulfuric Acid (CAS # 7664-93-9): sn 1761

Sulfuric Acid (CAS # 7664-93-9): SN 1761 TPQ: 500 lb

Copper Sulfate Pentahydrate (CAS # 7758-99-8): sn 0549

Copper Sulfate Pentahydrate (CAS # 7758-99-8): sn 2215

Copper Sulfate Pentahydrate (CAS # 7758-99-8): SN 2215 TPQ: 500 lb (Category Code N100. Includes any unique chemical substance that contains the named metal as part of that chemical structure, except C.I. Pigment Blue 15, C.I. Pigment Green 7, and C.I. Pigment Green 36)

### 15.8. California Proposition 65

Sulfuric Acid (CAS # 7664-93-9): carcinogen, initial date 3/14/03

### 15.9. Canada Domestic Substances List / Non-Domestic Substances List (DSL/NDSL)

Sulfuric Acid (CAS # 7664-93-9): Present

Water (CAS # 7732-18-5): Present

Copper Sulfate Pentahydrate (CAS # 7758-99-8): Present

Potassium Sulfate (CAS # 7778-80-5): Present

### 15.10. United States of America Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) List

Sulfuric Acid (CAS # 7664-93-9): Present

Water (CAS # 7732-18-5): Present

Copper Sulfate Pentahydrate (CAS # 7758-99-8): Present

Potassium Sulfate (CAS # 7778-80-5): Present



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### 15.11. European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances (EINECS), European List of Notified Chemical Substances (ELINCS), and No Longer Polymers (NLP)

Not listed.

## SECTION 16: Other Information

### 16.1. Full Text of Hazard Statements and Precautionary Statements

May be corrosive to metals. Causes severe skin burns and eye damage. May cause an allergic skin reaction. Causes serious eye damage. Fatal if inhaled. May cause cancer. Suspected of damaging fertility or the unborn child. Causes damage to organs. Causes damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure. Very toxic to aquatic life. Harmful to aquatic life.

Obtain special instructions before use. Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood. Keep only in original container. Do not breathe dust, fumes or mist. Wash arms, hands and face thoroughly after handling. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area. Contaminated work clothing must not be allowed out of the workplace. Avoid release to the environment. Wear protective gloves and eye protection. In case of inadequate ventilation wear respiratory protection.

IF SWALLOWED: rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting. IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water. IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water. IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing. IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. IF exposed: Call a POISON CENTER or physician. Get medical attention if you feel unwell. Specific treatment is urgent (Wash areas of contact with water. If possible, wipe off areas of contact with dry cloth before flushing with water). If skin irritation occurs: Get medical attention. Wash contaminated clothing before reuse. Absorb spillage to prevent material damage.

Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed. Store locked up. Store in corrosive resistant container with a resistant inner liner.

Dispose of contents in accordance with local, state, federal and international regulations.

### 16.2. Miscellaneous Hazard Classes

**Canadian Carcinogenicity Hazard Class:** Not Applicable.

**Physical Hazards Not Otherwise Classified (PHNOC):** Not Applicable.

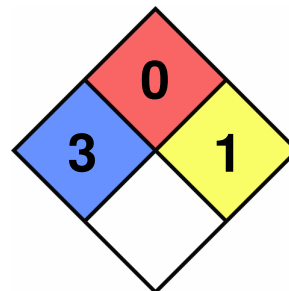
**Health Hazards Not Otherwise Classified (HHNOC):** Not Applicable.

Not Applicable.

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### 16.3. National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Rating

Health: 3  
Flammability: 0  
Reactivity: 1  
Special Hazard:



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### 16.4. Document Revision

**Last Revision Date:** 5/1/2015

### DISCLAIMER

When handled properly by qualified personnel, the product described herein does not present a significant health or safety hazard. Alteration of its characteristics by concentration, evaporation, addition of other substances, or other means may present hazards not specifically addressed herein and which must be evaluated by the user. The information furnished herein is believed to be accurate and represents the best data currently available to us. No warranty, expressed or implied, is made and RICCA CHEMICAL COMPANY assumes no legal responsibility or liability whatsoever resulting from its use.