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**MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET**

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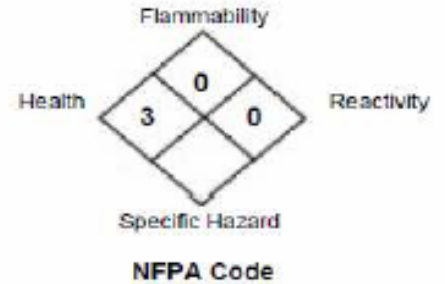
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**1. CHEMICAL PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION**

COMMERCIAL PRODUCT NAME: Phosphoric Acid 65-80% Food Grade  
 COMPANY/SUPPLIER: Vitusa Products, Inc.  
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Common Name: Phosphoric Acid    Formula: H<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>    Synonym: DCMA75, FG65LS, FG75, FG76, FG80, FG80LS    Use: Industrial, Food Grade

**2. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS**

Chemical Name(s)	CAS No.	Exposure Limits						% by Weight		
		OSHA PEL		TLV - TWA		STEL			CEIL	
		mg/m <sup>3</sup>	ppm	mg/m <sup>3</sup>	ppm	mg/m <sup>3</sup>	ppm	mg/m <sup>3</sup>	ppm	
Phosphoric Acid	7664-38-2	1		1		3				65-80

**3. HAZARD IDENTIFICATION**

**Potential Acute Health Effects:**

**Eyes and Skin:** Contact causes eye irritation, may cause burns or blindness. Substance is corrosive. May cause skin burns.  
**Inhalation:** Inhalation can cause irritation or corrosive burns to the upper respiratory system, including nose, mouth, and throat. Lung irritation and pulmonary edema can also occur.  
**Ingestion:** Ingestion causes irritation and can cause corrosive burns to mouth, throat and stomach. Can be fatal if swallowed.  
**Potential Chronic Health Effects:** Long-term exposure may cause upper respiratory disease and irritation of the skin.

**Carcinogenicity Lists:**    IARC Monograph: No    NTP: No    OSHA: No

**4. FIRST AID MEASURES**

**Eyes:** Immediately flush eyes (holding eyelids apart) with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Get medical attention.  
**Skin:** Immediately flush skin with plenty of water while removing contaminated clothing. Get medical attention if irritation develops or persists.  
**Ingestion:** Do not induce vomiting. Drink large amounts of water (or milk if available) to dilute the acid. Get medical attention immediately.  
**Inhalation:** Remove to fresh air. If breathing has stopped, give artificial respiration. If breathing with difficulty, give oxygen. Observe for possible delayed reaction.

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### 5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

Flash Point:	Non-flammable	Autoignition Temperature:	Not Applicable
Lower Explosive Limit:	Non-flammable	Upper Explosive Limit:	Not Applicable
Unusual Fire and Explosion Hazards:	Phosphoric Acid is not flammable however the following hazards can occur during a fire: release of phosphorus oxides and/or phosphine from thermal decomposition and hydrogen from reaction with metals.		
Extinguishing Media:	Chemical type foam, CO <sub>2</sub> (Carbon Dioxide), dry chemical, water fog.		
Special Firefighting Procedures and Equipment:	Keep personnel removed from and upwind of fire. Wear full fire-fighting turn-out gear (full Bunker gear) and respiratory protection (SCBA). Cool containers containing phosphoric acid with water spray to prevent rupture.		

### 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Small Spill:	Neutralize acid spill with alkali such as soda ash, sodium bicarbonate, limestone or lime. Absorb material with an inert material such as sand, vermiculite, diatomaceous earth or other absorbent material and place in chemical waste container to be disposed at an appropriate waste disposal facility according to current applicable laws and regulations and product characteristics at time of disposal. Adequate ventilation is required for soda ash due to the release of carbon dioxide gas. No smoking in spill area.
Large Spill:	Contain spill with dikes and transfer the material to appropriate containers for reclamation or disposal. Absorb remaining spill with an inert material such as sand, vermiculite or other absorbent material and place in chemical waste container to be disposed at an appropriate waste disposal facility according to current applicable laws and regulations and product characteristics at time of disposal. Neutralize residue with alkali such as soda ash, sodium bicarbonate, limestone or lime. Adequate ventilation is required for soda ash due to the release of carbon dioxide gas. No smoking in spill area.
Release Notes:	If spill could potentially enter any waterway, including intermittent dry creeks, contact the local authorities. If in the U.S., contact the US COAST GUARD NATIONAL RESPONSE CENTER toll free number 800-424-8802. In case of accident or road spill notify: CHEMTREC IN USA at 800-424-9300; CANUTEC in Canada at 613-996-6666 CHEMTREC in other countries at (International code)+1-703-527-3887.
Comments:	See Section XIII for disposal information and Section XV for regulatory requirements. Large and small spills may have a broad definition depending on the user's handling system. Therefore, the spill category must be defined at the point of release by technically qualified personnel.

### 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

Ventilation:	Use with adequate ventilation.
Handling:	Use appropriate personal protective equipment as specified in Section VIII. Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Avoid inhalation and ingestion.
Storage:	Store in unopened container in cool, well ventilated area, away from potential sources of heat and fire. Keep away from combustible materials, strong bases and metals. Large storage tanks should be bermed and electrically grounded. Avoid using unprotected steel containers.

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### 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/ PERSONAL PROTECTION

Engineering Controls:	Good ventilation should be sufficient to control airborne levels.
Personal Protection:	
Eye Protection:	Wear chemical splash goggles and face shield (ANSI Z87.1 or approved equivalent) when eye and face contact is possible due to splashing or spraying of material.
Protective Clothing:	Where contact is likely, wear chemical-resistant gloves, a chemical suit, rubber boots and chemical safety goggles plus a face shield.
Respiratory Protection:	Wear NIOSH approved respiratory protective equipment when vapor or mists may exceed applicable concentration limits.
Other Protective Clothing or Equipment:	Facilities storing or utilizing this material should be equipped with an eyewash facility and a safety shower.

### 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Appearance/Color/Odor:	Clear, colorless liquid with no odor	Boiling Point:	158°C (85% H <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub> )
Melting Point/Range:	-17.5°C (75% H <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub> ) 4.6°C (80% H <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub> )	Boiling Point Range:	121-144°C (65-80% H <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub> )
Solubility in Water:	750-850 g/L (high solubility) (75-85% H <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub> )	Vapor Pressure (mmHg):	11-4 mm Hg @ 25°C (low volatility)
Specific Gravity:	1.5-1.6 @ 25°C/15.5°C	Molecular Weight:	98
Vapor Density:	Not applicable	%Volatiles:	Not applicable
Bulk Density:	13 lbs/gal	Evaporation Rate:	Not applicable
pH:	1-1.5 at 1-10 g/L	Freezing Point:	-17.5°C (75% H <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub> ), 4.6°C (80% H <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub> )
Viscosity:	12-33 cp @ 20°C, 7.2-16 cp @ 40°C	Density:	1.47-1.63 g/ml @250C

### 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Stability:	This product is stable under normal conditions of storage, handling and use.
Hazardous Polymerization:	Will not occur
Conditions to Avoid:	High temperatures
Materials to Avoid (Incompatibilities):	Bases, aluminum, copper, mild steel, brass and bronze
Hazardous Decomposition Products:	Phosphorus oxides and/or phosphine from thermal decomposition and hydrogen gas from reaction with metals.

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**11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

<b>Significant Routes of Exposure:</b>	Eyes, Skin, Respiratory System, Digestive Tract
<b>Toxicity to Animals:</b>	<p><b>Acute Oral Toxicity:</b> (Rat) LD50 = 1,530 mg/kg bw.</p> <p><b>Acute Inhalation Toxicity:</b> (Guinea pig, mouse, rat, rabbit ) 1-hr: LC<sub>50</sub> = 61 – 1,689 mg/m<sup>3</sup> P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub></p> <p><b>Acute Toxicity: Other Routes:</b> No data available</p> <p><b>Acute Dermal Toxicity:</b> (Rabbit) 24-hr: LD<sub>50</sub> (85-75% H<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>) = &gt;1,260 – &gt;3,160 mg/kg bw.</p> <p><b>Repeated Dose Toxicity:</b> No data available</p> <p><b>Eye &amp; Skin Irritation/Corrosion:</b> Eye: (Rabbit) OECD Guideline 405: Not irritating at 17% solution but severe irritation at higher concentration. Skin: (Rabbit) 24-hr: Highly irritating to corrosive.</p> <p><b>Developmental Toxicity/Teratogenicity:</b> No data available</p> <p><b>Bacterial Genetic Toxicity In-Vitro: Gene Mutation:</b> (S. typhimurium) Bacterial reverse mutation assay: Negative</p> <p><b>Non-Bacterial Genetic Toxicity In-Vitro: Chromosomal Aberration:</b> (Sea urchin) Embryo and sperm assays: Aberrations caused at pH 6.5.</p> <p><b>Toxicity to Reproduction:</b> (Rat) One-generation: 375 mg/kg bw did not affect offspring growth in rats.</p> <p><b>Carcinogenicity:</b> No data available</p>
<b>Special Remarks on Toxicity to Animals:</b>	
<b>Other Effects on Humans:</b>	Inhalation: 10,000 mg/m <sup>3</sup> is immediately dangerous to life (IDLH). Dermal contact: May irritate eyes and skin.
<b>Special Remarks on Chronic Effects on Humans:</b>	No data available
<b>Special Remarks on Other Effects on Humans:</b>	No data available

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### 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

	<b>EPA Ecological Toxicity rating :</b>	High
	<b>Acute Toxicity to Fish:</b>	( <i>L. macrochirus</i> (bluegill sunfish)) 96-hr static: LC <sub>50</sub> = pH 3.0–3.5.
	<b>Chronic Toxicity to Fish:</b>	No data available
Ecotoxicity:	<b>Acute Toxicity to Aquatic Invertebrates:</b>	( <i>Daphnia magna</i> ) 12-hr static: EC <sub>50</sub> = pH 4.6; ( <i>Daphnia pulex</i> ) 12-hr static: EC <sub>50</sub> = pH 4.1; ( <i>Gammarus pulex</i> ) 12-hr static: LC <sub>50</sub> = pH 3.4.
	<b>Chronic Toxicity to Aquatic Invertebrates:</b>	No data available
	<b>Toxicity to Aquatic Plants:</b>	No data available
	<b>Toxicity to Bacteria:</b>	(Activated sludge): EC <sub>50</sub> = pH 2.55.
	<b>Toxicity to Soil Dwelling Organisms:</b>	No data available
	<b>Toxicity to Terrestrial Plants:</b>	(Peas, beans, beets, rapeseed and weeds) Sprayed with 15-20% solution of H <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub> : Foliage was destroyed on all plants.
	<b>Stability in Water:</b>	Ionic dissociation in water.
Environmental Fate:	<b>Stability in Soil:</b>	Dissolves some soil material (carbonates).
	<b>Transport and Distribution:</b>	Under acidic soil conditions, sparsely soluble phosphates tend to solubilize and may migrate to water.
Toxicity:	Inorganic phosphates have the potential to increase the growth of freshwater algae, whose eventual death will reduce the available oxygen for aquatic life.	
Degradation Products:	<b>Biodegradation:</b>	Under anaerobic conditions, microorganisms may degrade the product to phosphine.
	<b>Photodegradation:</b>	No data available

### 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Product Disposal:	Dispose of waste at an appropriate waste disposal facility according to applicable laws and regulations. Neutralize with lime or other base. Collect in appropriate containers. Dispose of at an appropriate waste disposal facility in accordance with current applicable laws and regulations and product characteristics at time of disposal.
General Comments:	None

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### 14. TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

	USDOT	TDG - Canada
Proper Shipping Name:	Phosphoric Acid, Solution	Phosphoric Acid, Solution
Hazard Class:	8	8
Identification Number:	UN1805	UN1805
Packing Group (Technical Name):	III	III
Labeling/ Placarding:	Corrosive	Corrosive

Authorized Packaging: Rail: Class DOT 103, 104, 105, 109, 111, 112, 114, 115, or 120 tank car tanks; Class 106 or 110 multi-unit tank car tanks and AAR Class 203W, 206W, and 211W tank car tanks.  
Truck: DOT specification MC 300, MC 301, MC 302, MC 303, MC 304, MC 305, MC 306, MC 307, MC 310, MC 311, MC 312, MC 330, MC 331, DOT 406, DOT 407, and DOT 412 cargo tank motor vehicles.

Notes: TDG Note (Canada): If product exceeds the CERCLA Reportable Quantity, the notation "RQ" shall be added before or after the basic shipping description.

### 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

#### UNITED STATES:

This product has been reviewed according to the EPA Hazard Categories promulgated under Section 311 and 312 of the Superfund Amendment and reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA title III) and is considered, under applicable definitions, to meet the following categories:

#### UNITED STATES:

SARA Hazard Category:

Fire: No Pressure Generating: No Reactivity: No Acute: Yes Chronic: No

40 CFR Part 355 - Extremely Hazardous Substances:

None

40 CFR Part 370 - Hazardous Chemical Reporting:

Applicable

All intentional ingredients listed on the TSCA inventory.

SARA Title III Information:

This product contains the following substances subject to the reporting requirements of Title III (EPCRA) of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 and 40 CFR Part 372:

Chemical	CAS No.	Percent by Weight	CERCLA RQ	SARA (1986) Reporting		
			(lbs.)	311	312	313
Phosphoric Acid	7664-38-2	65-80	5,000	Yes	Yes	No

CERCLA/Superfund, 40 CFR Parts 117,302:

If this product contains components subject to substances designated as CERCLA reportable Quantity (RQ) Substances, it will be designated in the above table with the RQ value in pounds. If there is a release of RQ Substance to the environment, notification to the National response Center, Washington D.C. (1-800-424-8802) is required.



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### 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION - CONTINUED

**WHMIS Hazard Symbol and Classification:** This product is WHMIS controlled. Category E.

**CANADA:** **Ingredient Disclosure List:** This product does contain ingredient(s) on this list.  
**Environmental Protection:** All intentional ingredients are listed on the DSL (Domestic Substance List).

**EINECS#:** (Phosphoric Acid) 231-633-2

**California: Prop 65:** This is not a chemical known to cause cancer, nor is it listed.

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### 16. OTHER INFORMATION

**NFPA Hazard Rating:** Health 3 Fire 0 Reactivity 0 Special Hazards  
0 = Insignificant 1 = Slight 2 = Moderate 3 = High 4 = Extreme

**Comments:**

**Section(s) changed since last revision:** I, XV

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