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**2-BUTENEDIOIC ACID (E)-DIETHYL ESTER**  
**(DIETHYL FUMARATE)**  
**CAS N°:623-91-6**

# SIDS Initial Assessment Report

SIAM 4 Tokyo, 20-22 May 1996

**Chemical Name:** 2-Butenedioic acid (*E*)-, diethyl ester  
(Diethyl fumarate)

**CAS No:** 623-91-6

**Sponsor Country:** Japan

**National SIDS Contact Point in Sponsor Country:**

Mr. Yasuhisa Kawamura, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Japan

**History:** As a high priority chemical for initial assessment, diethyl fumarate was selected in the framework of the OECD HPV Programme.  
At SIAM-4, the conclusion was approved with comments.  
Comments at SIAM-4: Rearrangement of the documents.

**Deadline for circulation:**

**Date of Circulation:**

**SIDS INITIAL ASSESSMENT PROFILE**

<b>CAS No.</b>	623-91-6
<b>Chemical Name</b>	2-Butenedioic acid (E)-, diethyl ester (Diethyl fumarate)
<b>Structural Formula</b>	$  \begin{array}{c}  \text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{OOC} \quad \text{H} \\  \quad \quad \quad \diagdown \quad \diagup \\  \quad \quad \quad \text{C} = \text{C} \\  \quad \quad \quad \diagup \quad \diagdown \\  \text{H} \quad \quad \quad \text{COOC}_2\text{H}_5  \end{array}  $

**CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

A potential hazard to the environment due to moderate toxicity to fish and algae, and also a potential hazard to man due to a low no-effect-level in repeated dose animal studies are identified, but exposure is considered to be low.

Unless further information from other Member countries presents evidence to the contrary, it is currently considered of low potential risk and low priority for further work.

**SHORT SUMMARY WHICH SUPPORTS THE REASONS FOR THE CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS****Exposure**

Diethyl fumarate is not produced in Japan, and there are no imported volumes. However, this chemical is registered in TSCA and EINECS. This chemical is stable in acidic solution, but unstable in neutral (half-life: 10 days) or alkaline solutions, and is considered as "readily biodegradable".

**Environment**

For the environment, various NOEC and LC<sub>50</sub> values were gained from test results; 72h LC<sub>50</sub> = 2.4 mg/l (acute fish); 24h EC<sub>50</sub> = 11 mg/l (acute daphnia); 72h EC<sub>50</sub> = 1.1 mg/l (acute algae); 72h NOEC < 0.56 mg/l (acute algae); 21d NOEC = 1.8 mg/l (long-term daphnia reproduction). As the lowest toxicity data to algae, acute-NOEC of *Selenastrum capricornutum* (0.56 mg/l) was adopted. Using an assessment factor of 100, the PNEC of the chemical is 0.0056 mg/l.

**Human Health**

Although positive results were obtained from a chromosomal aberration test *in vitro*, negative results were obtained in a bacterial mutation assay. In an oral combined repeated dose and reproductive/developmental toxicity test at doses of 0, 11, 30 and 100 mg/kg/day [OECD TG 422], no effects were observed on clinical signs, body weight, food consumption, urinalysis, haematology or blood chemistry examinations. Histopathological examination of the forestomach revealed thickening of the mucosal layer in both sexes of all treated groups, hyperkeratosis in males of all treated groups and in females of the 30 and 100 mg/kg groups. These changes were dose-dependent. In addition, edema in the submucosal tissue as well as ulcer and focal edema in lamina propria mucosae were noted in males and females of the 30 mg/kg groups, and vesiculation in the superficial zone of the mucosal layer was apparent in males of the 30 and 100 mg/kg groups. Absolute or relative organ weights of the kidney and liver increased in both sexes of the 100 mg/kg groups, and atrophy of the thymus was noted in females of the 30 and 100 mg/kg groups. Therefore, NOEL was considered to be less than 11 mg/kg/day. As the reproductive/developmental endpoints, no effects were observed on the following items: reproductive ability, organ weights and histopathological appearance of the reproductive organs, parturition and maternal behavior, viability, clinical signs, body weight change and autopsy findings for offspring. Therefore, NOEL was more than 100 mg/kg/day for reproductive toxicity. For human health, NOEL is estimated as less than 11 mg/kg/day for repeated dose toxicity and 100 mg/kg/day for reproductive toxicity. In conclusion, no further testing is needed at present considering its toxicity and exposure levels.

**NATURE OF FURTHER WORK RECOMMENDED**

## FULL SIDS SUMMARY

CAS NO: 623-91-6	SPECIES	PROTOCOL	RESULTS
<b>PHYSICAL-CHEMICAL</b>			
2.1	Melting Point		0.2 °C
2.2	Boiling Point		218 – 219 °C
2.3	Density		1.052 at 20 °C
2.4	Vapour Pressure	OECD TG 104	260 Pa at 25 °C
2.5	Partition Coefficient (Log Pow)	OECD TG 107	2.12 at 25 °C
2.6 A.	Water Solubility	OECD TG 105	3.1 g/l at 25 °C
B.	pH		No data available.
	pKa		No data available
2.12	Oxidation: Reduction Potential		No data available.
<b>ENVIRONMENTAL FATE AND PATHWAY</b>			
3.1.1	Photodegradation	Calculated	Half-life: 7.72 years
3.1.2	Stability in Water	OECD TG 111	Stable (pH 4.0). Unstable at pH 7, 9. Half-life: 10.2 days at pH 7 Half-life: 3.52 days at pH 9
3.2	Monitoring Data		No data available
3.3	Transport and Distribution	Calculated (Fugacity Level III)	100% released to water, In Air 8.10 % In Water 90.9 4% In Soil 0.51 % In Sediment 0.44 %
3.5	Biodegradation	OECD TG 301C	Readily biodegradable: 92 - 95 % (BOD) in 28 days, 93 – 98% (TOC), 100% (GC) in 28 days
3.6	Bioaccumulation		No data available
<b>ECOTOXICOLOGY</b>			
4.1	Acute/Prolonged Toxicity to Fish	<i>Oryzias latipes</i> OECD TG 203	LC <sub>50</sub> (24hr): 5.3 mg/L LC <sub>50</sub> (72hr): 2.4 mg/L
4.2	Acute Toxicity to Aquatic Invertebrates ( <i>Daphnia</i> )	<i>Daphnia magna</i> OECD TG 202	EC <sub>50</sub> (24hr): 11 mg/l
4.3	Toxicity to Aquatic Plants e.g. Algae	<i>Selenastrum capricornutum</i> OECD TG 201	EC <sub>50</sub> (72hr): 1.1 mg/l NOEC: < 0.56 mg/l
4.5.2	Chronic Toxicity to Aquatic Invertebrates ( <i>Daphnia</i> )	<i>Daphnia magna</i> OECD TG 202	EC <sub>50</sub> (21d, Immobility): 1.5 mg/l EC <sub>50</sub> (21d, Reproduction): 2.0 mg/l NOEC(21d, Reproduction): 1.8 mg/l
4.6.1	Toxicity to Soil Dwelling Organisms		No data available.

CAS NO: 623-91-6	SPECIES	PROTOCOL	RESULTS
4.6.2 Toxicity to Terrestrial Plants			No data available.
(4.6.3) Toxicity to Other Non-Mammalian Terrestrial Species (Including Birds)			No data available
<b>TOXICOLOGY</b>			
5.1.1 Acute Oral Toxicity	Rat	OECD TG 401	LD <sub>50</sub> : 1,367 mg/kg (female) LD <sub>50</sub> : 1,500 – 2,000 mg/kg (male)
5.1.2 Acute Inhalation Toxicity			No data available.
5.1.3 Acute Dermal Toxicity			No data available
5.4 Repeated Dose Toxicity	Rat	OECD Combined Test	NOEL = < 11 mg/kg/day
5.5 Genetic Toxicity In Vitro			
A. Bacterial Test (Gene mutation)	<i>S. typhimurium</i> <i>E. coli</i>	OECD Guidelines No.471 and 472 and Japanese Guideline	Negative with and without metabolic activation
B. Non-Bacterial In Vitro Test (Chromosomal aberrations)	CHL cells	OECD Guideline No.473 and Japanese Guideline	Positive (Without metabolic activation) Negative (With metabolic activation)
5.6 Genetic Toxicity In Vivo			No data available
5.8 Toxicity to Reproduction	Rat	OECD Combined Test	NOEL Parental = 100 mg/kg/day NOEL F1 offspring = 100 mg/kg/day
5.9 Developmental Toxicity/ Teratogenicity			
5.11 Experience with Human Exposure			

## SIDS Initial Assessment Report

### 1. Identity

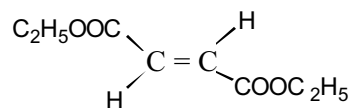
**OECD Name:** 2-Butenedioic acid (E)-, diethyl ester

**Synonym** Diethyl fumarate

**CAS Number:** 623-91-6

**Empirical Formula:** C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>12</sub>O<sub>4</sub>

**Structural Formula:**



**Degree of Purity:** Unknown (Tests were performed using reagent grade: 95 %)

**Major Impurities:** Unknown

**Essential Additives:** Unknown

## 2. Exposure

### 2.1 General discussion

Diethyl fumarate is not produced in Japan, and there are no imported volumes. However, this chemical is registered in TSCA and EINECS. This chemical is stable in acidic solution, but unstable in neutral (half-life: 10 days) or alkaline solutions, and is considered as “readily biodegradable”.

### 2.2 Environmental exposure

#### a) Biodegradability:

If released into water, this substance is readily biodegraded. In a MITI (I) test, corresponding to OECD TG 301C, 92 -95 % was degraded during 28 days based on BOD, 93 -98 % based on TOC and 100% on GC analysis).

#### b) Hydrolysis as a function to pH:

The chemical is stable in water at pH 4, but unstable at pH 7 (half-life: 10 days) and pH 9 (half-life: 3.52 days) at 25 °C (OECD TG 111).

#### c) Photodegradability (estimation)

The half-life time of 7.22 years is estimated for the direct photodegradation of diethyl fumarate in water by absorption of UV light (MITI, Japan).

#### d) Bioaccumulation:

No data are available.

#### e). Global exposure

The potential environmental distribution of diethyl fumarate obtained from a generic level III fugacity model is shown in Table 1. The results show that if diethyl fumarate is released mainly to air, water or soil, it is unlikely to be transported to other compartments.

Table 1. Environmental distribution diethyl fumarate using a generic level III fugacity model.

Compartment	Release: 100% to air	Release: 100% to water	Release: 100% to soil
Air	80.98%	8.10%	4.05%
Water	13.81%	90.94%	7.85%
Soil	5.14%	0.51%	88.07%
Sediment	0.07%	0.44%	0.04%

**f) Local exposure**

No information available

**2.3 Consumer Exposure**

No information available

**2.4 Exposure via the environment**

No information available

**2.5 Occupational exposure**

No information available



### 3. Toxicity

#### 3.1 Ecotoxicity

Diethyl fumarate has been tested in a limited number of aquatic species (*Selenastrum capricornutum*, *Daphnia magna* and *Oryzias latipes*), under OECD test guidelines [OECD TG 201, 202, 203, 204 and 211]. Acute and chronic toxicity data to test organisms for diethyl fumarate are summarized in Table 2. No other ecotoxicological data are available.

Various NOEC and LC<sub>50</sub> values were gained from above tests; 72h LC<sub>50</sub> = 2.4 mg/l (acute fish); 24h LC<sub>50</sub> = 11 mg/l (acute daphnia); 72h EC<sub>50</sub> = 1.1 mg/l (acute algae); 72h NOEC < 0.56 mg/l (algae); 21d NOEC = 1.8 mg/l (long-term daphnia reproduction). Therefore, the chemical is considered to be moderately toxic to fish, daphnids and algae. Using the lowest toxicity data (NOEC of *Selenastrum capricornutum* < 0.56 mg/l) and applying an assessment factor of 100, a PNEC of 0.0056 mg/l is derived.

Table 2. Acute and chronic toxicity data of diethyl fumarate to aquatic organisms.

Species	Endpoint <sup>*1</sup>	Conc. (mg/L)	Reference
<i>Selenastrum capricornutum</i> (algae)	Biomass: EC <sub>50</sub> (72h) NOEC	1.1 mg/L < 0.56 mg/L	MOE, Japan. (1994)
<i>Daphnia magna</i> (water flea)	Mor: LC <sub>50</sub> (24h) Imm: EC <sub>50</sub> (21d) Rep: EC <sub>50</sub> (21d) NOEC(21d)	11 mg/L 1.5 mg/L 2.0 mg/L 1.8 mg/L	
<i>Oryzias latipes</i> (fish, Medaka)	Mor: LC <sub>50</sub> (24h) Mor: LC <sub>0</sub> (72h)	5.3 mg/L 2.4 mg/L	

Notes: <sup>\*1</sup> Mor; mortality, Rep; reproduction, Imm; Immobility

#### 3.2 Human Toxicity

##### a) Acute toxicity

LD<sub>50</sub> values from acute oral toxicity studies in rats were reported as 1,500–2,000 mg/kg for males and 1,367 mg/kg for female s. LD<sub>50</sub> and LC<sub>50</sub> values from acute inhalation and dermal toxicity study are not available.

##### b) Repeated toxicity

There is only one key study on repeated dose toxicity of diethyl fumarate. This chemical was studied for oral toxicity in rats according to the OECD combined repeated dose and reproductive/developmental toxicity test [OECD TG 422]. As the study was well controlled and conducted under GLP, this was appropriate to regard as a key study. Male and female SD rats were orally administered (gavage) at doses of 0, 11, 30 and 100 mg/kg/day. In male rats, the administration period was two weeks prior to mating, 2 weeks of mating and 2 weeks after the completion of mating period. In female, in addition to maximum four weeks pre-mating and mating period, they were given through pregnant period until day 3 of post

delivery. Histopathological examination of the forestomach revealed thickening of the mucosal layer in both sexes of all treated groups, hyperkeratosis in males of all treated groups and in females of the 30 and 100 mg/kg groups. These changes were dose-dependent. In addition, edema in the submucosal tissue as well as ulcer and focal edema in lamina propria mucosae were noted in males and females of the 30 mg/kg groups, and vesiculation in the superficial zone of the mucosal layer was apparent in males of the 30 and 100 mg/kg groups. Absolute or relative organ weights of the kidney and liver increased in both sexes of the 100 mg/kg groups, and atrophy of the thymus was noted in females of the 30 and 100 mg/kg groups. No effects were observed on clinical signs, body weight, food consumption, urinalysis. NOEL was considered to be less than 11 mg/kg/day.

### c) Reproductive toxicity

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### d) Genetic toxicity

#### Bacterial test

A reverse gene mutation assay was conducted in line with Guidelines for Screening Mutagenicity Testing of Chemicals (Japan) and OECD Test Guidelines 471 and 472, using the pre-incubation method. This study was well controlled and regarded as a key study.

Diethyl fumarate showed negative results in *Salmonella typhimurium* TA100, TA1535, TA98, TA1537 and *Escherichia coli* WP2 *uvrA* at concentrations up to 5 mg/plate with or without metabolic activation system (MHW, 1994).

#### Non-bacterial test *in vitro*

A chromosomal aberration test in line with Guidelines for Screening Mutagenicity Testing of Chemicals (Japan) and OECD Test Guideline 473 was conducted using cultured Chinese Hamster lung (CHL/IU) cells. This study was well controlled and regarded as a key study. The maximum concentration of the chemical was used with no apparent cytotoxic effect in continuous treatment. In short term treatment, it was set to 0.083 mg/ml. Although chromosomal aberrations were not recognized up to a maximum concentration of 0.083 mg/ml under conditions of both continuous treatment and short-term treatment with an exogenous metabolic activation system, a positive result was obtained without metabolic activation (MHW, 1994).

#### *in vivo* test

No data are available on *in vivo* genotoxic effects.

### e) Other human health related information

None

## 4. Initial assessment

### 4.1 Ecotoxicity

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**5. Recommendation**

A potential hazard to the environment due to moderate toxicity to fish and algae, and also a potential hazard to man due to a low no-effect-level in repeated dose animal studies are identified, but exposure is considered to be low.

Unless further information from other Member countries presents evidence to the contrary, it is currently considered of low potential risk and low priority for further work.

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MITI, Japan (1994b) Unpublished report (HPV/SIDS test conducted by MITI, Japan. Test was performed in Chemicals Inspection and Testing Institute, Japan)

# ***SIDS DOSSIER***

## ***2-Butenedioic acid, (E)-, diethyl ester (Diethyl fumarate)***

***CAS No. 623-91-6***

***Sponsor country: Japan***

***DATE: April, 2002***

## SIDS PROFILE

1.01 A.	<b>CAS No.</b>	623-91-6
1.01 C.	<b>CHEMICAL NAME ( OECD Name)</b>	2-Butenedioic acid ( <i>E</i> )-, diethyl ester
1.01 D.	<b>CAS DESCRIPTOR</b>	Not applicable
1.01 G.	<b>STRUCTURAL FORMULA</b>	$  \begin{array}{c}  \text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{OOC} \quad \text{H} \\  \quad \quad \quad \diagdown \quad \diagup \\  \quad \quad \quad \text{C} = \text{C} \\  \quad \quad \quad \diagup \quad \diagdown \\  \text{H} \quad \quad \quad \text{COOC}_2\text{H}_5  \end{array}  $
	<b>OTHER CHEMICAL IDENTITY INFORMATION</b>	
1.5	<b>QUANTITY</b>	No production in Japan
1.7	<b>USE PATTERN</b>	Intermediate for plasticizer, pesticides, flavoring agents and surface coatings in Europe
1.9	<b>SOURCES AND LEVELS OF EXPOSURE</b>	Unknown
<b>ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION (IDENTIFY, IF ANY)</b>		

## Diethyl fumarate

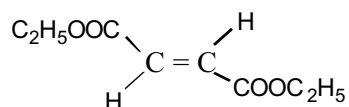
## SIDS SUMMARY

CAS NO: 623-91-6		Information	OECD Study	GLP	Other Study	Estimation Method	Acceptable	SIDS Testing Required
STUDY		Y/N	Y/N	Y/N	Y/N	Y/N	Y/N	Y/N
<b>PHYSICAL-CHEMICAL DATA</b>								
2.1	Melting Point	Y	N	N	Y	N	Y	N
2.2	Boiling Point	Y	N	N	Y	N	Y	N
2.3	Density	Y	N	N	Y	N	Y	N
2.4	Vapour Pressure	N						Y
2.5	Partition Coefficient	N						Y
2.6	Water Solubility	N						Y
	pH and pKa values	N						N
OTHER P/C STUDIES RECEIVED								
<b>ENVIRONMENTAL FATE and PATHWAY</b>								
3.1.1	Photodegradation	N						Y
3.1.2	Stability in water	N						Y
3.2	Monitoring data	N						N
3.3	Transport and Distribution	N						N
3.5	Biodegradation	N						Y
3.6	Bioaccumulation	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N
OTHER ENV FATE STUDIES RECEIVED								
<b>ECOTOXICITY</b>								
4.1	Acute toxicity to Fish	N						Y
4.2	Acute toxicity to Daphnia	N						Y
4.3	Toxicity to Algae	N						Y
4.5.2	Chronic toxicity to Daphnia	N						Y
4.6.1	Toxicity to Soil dwelling organisms	N						N
4.6.2	Toxicity to Terrestrial plants	N						N
4.6.3	Toxicity to Birds	N						N
OTHER ECOT OXICITY STUDIES RECEIVED								
<b>TO XICITY</b>								
5.1.1	Acute Oral	N						Y
5.1.2	Acute Inhalation	N						N
5.1.3	Acute Dermal	N						N
5.4	Repeated Dose	N						Y
5.5	Genetic Toxicity <i>in vitro</i>							
	. Gene mutation	N						Y
	. Chromosomal aberration	N						Y
5.6	Genetic Toxicity <i>in vivo</i>	N						N
5.8	Reproduction Toxicity	N						Y
5.9	Development / Teratogenicity	N						Y
5.11	Human experience	N						N
OTHER TOXICITY STUDIES RECEIVED								



**1. GENERAL INFORMATION****1.01 SUBSTANCE INFORMATION**

- A. CAS-Number** 623-91-6
- B. Name (IUPAC name)** Diethyl fumarate
- C. Name (OECD name)** 2-Butenedioic acid (*E*-), diethyl ester
- D. CAS Descriptor** Not applicable
- E. EINECS-Number** 210-819-7
- F. Molecular Formula** C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>12</sub>O<sub>4</sub>
- G. Structural Formula**



- H. Substance Group** Not applicable
- I. Substance Remark** None
- J. Molecular Weight** 172.20

**1.02 OECD INFORMATION**

- A. Sponsor Country:** Japan
- B. Lead Organization:**

Name of Lead Organization:

Ministry of Health and Welfare (MHW)  
 Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI)  
 Environment Agency (EA)  
 Ministry of Labor (MOL)

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C. **Name of responder** Same as above contact person

### 1.1 GENERAL SUBSTANCE INFORMATION

#### A. Type of Substance

element [ ]; inorganic [ ]; natural substance [ ];  
organic [X]; organometallic [ ]; petroleum product [ ]

B. **Physical State** gaseous [ ]; liquid [X]; solid [ ]

C. **Purity** Unknown

1.2 **SYNONYMS** Diethyl fumarate

1.3 **IMPURITIES** Unknown

1.4 **ADDITIVES** None

1.5 **QUANTITY** Location Production (tonnes) Date

Japan 0 /year 1994

Reference: MITI, Japan (1994a)

### 1.6 LABELLING AND CLASSIFICATION

None

### 1.7 USE PATTERN

A. **General** **Type of Use:** **Category:**

(1) None  
(2) Industrial use Plasticizer  
Intermediate for plasticizer,  
pesticides, flavoring agents,  
surface coatings

Reference: (1) MITI, Japan (1994a)  
(2) ECDIN database (1994)

#### B. Uses in Consumer Products

None

**1.8 OCCUPATIONAL EXPOSURE LIMIT VALUE**

Unknown

**1.9 SOURCES OF EXPOSURE**

Source: Media of release: Water from a production site  
Quantities per media: 0 tonnes/year  
Reference: MITI, Japan (1994a)

**1.10 ADDITIONAL REMARKS****A. Options for disposal** Unknown**B. Other remarks** None

**2. PHYSICAL-CHEMICAL DATA****2.1 MELTING POINT**

Value: 0.2 °C  
 Decomposition: Yes  No  Ambiguous   
 Sublimation: Yes  No  Ambiguous   
 Method:  
 GLP: Yes  No  ?   
 Reference: Dictionary of Organic Compounds (1985)

**2.2 BOILING POINT**

Value: 218 - 219 °C  
 Pressure: 1013 hPa  
 Decomposition: Yes  No  Ambiguous   
 Method:  
 GLP: Yes  No  ?   
 Reference: Dictionary of Organic Compounds (1985)

**2.3 DENSITY (Relative density)**

Type: Bulk density ; Density ; Relative Density   
 Value: 1.052  
 Temperature: 20 °C  
 Method: Unknown  
 GLP: Yes  No  ?   
 Reference: ECDIN Database (1994)

**2.4 VAPOUR PRESSURE**

Value: 260 Pa  
 Temperature: 25 °C  
 Method: calculated ; measured   
 OECD Test Guideline 104 Static method  
 GLP: Yes  No  ?   
 Reference: MITI, Japan (1994b)

**2.5 PARTITION COEFFICIENT  $\log_{10}P_{ow}$** 

Log Pow: 2.12  
 Temperature: 25 °C  
 Method: calculated ; measured   
 OECD Test Guideline 107  
 GLP: Yes  No  ?   
 Reference: MITI, Japan (1994b)

**2.6 WATER SOLUBILITY****A. Solubility**

Value: 3.1 g/l  
Temperature: 25 °C  
Description: Miscible [ ]; Of very high solubility [ ];  
Of high solubility [ ]; Soluble [X]; Slightly soluble [ ];  
Of low solubility [ ]; Of very low solubility [ ];  
Not soluble [ ]  
Method: OECD Test Guideline 105  
GLP: Yes [X] No [ ] ? [ ]  
Reference: MITI, Japan (1994b)

**B. pH Value, pKa Value**

No data available

**2.7 FLASH POINT**

Value: 104 °C  
Type of Test: Closed cup [ ]; Open cup [ ]; Other [ ]  
Method: Unknown  
GLP: Yes [ ] No [ ] ? [X]  
Reference: ECDIN Database

**2.8 AUTO FLAMMABILITY**

No data available

**2.9 FLAMMABILITY**

No data available

**2.10 EXPLOSIVE PROPERTIES**

No data available

**2.11 OXIDIZING PROPERTIES**

No data available

**2.12 OXIDATION: REDUCTION POTENTIAL**

No data available

**2.13 ADDITIONAL DATA****A. Partition co-efficient between soil/sediment and water (Kd)**

No data available

**B. Other data**

None

**3. ENVIRONMENTAL FATE AND PATHWAYS****3.1 STABILITY****3.1.1 PHOTODEGRADATION**

Type: Air [ ]; Water [X]; Soil; Other [ ]  
 Light source: Sunlight [X]; Xenon lamp [ ]; Other [ ]  
 Spectrum of substance: epsilon = 5.74 x 10 at 300 nm

Estimated parameter for calculation:

	Quantum yield	0.01
	Concentration	5 x 10 <sup>-5</sup> M
	Depth of water body	500 cm
	Conversion constant	6.023 x 10 <sup>-20</sup>
Result:	Degradation rate	1.42 x 10 <sup>-13</sup> mol/l/s
	Half life	7.72 years
Reference:	W. J. Lyman, W. F. Reehl and D. H. Rosenblatt, "Handbook of Chemical Property Estimation Method", McGraw Hill Book Co., 1981.	

**3.1.2 STABILITY IN WATER**

Type: Abiotic (hydrolysis) [X]; biotic (sediment) [ ]  
 Result: Stable at pH4  
 Half life: 10.2 days at pH 7  
 3.52 days at pH 9 at 25 °C  
 Method: OECD Test guideline 111  
 GLP: Yes [X] No [ ] ? [ ]  
 Test substance: Diethyl fumarate  
 Reference: MITI, Japan (1994b)

**3.1.3 STABILITY IN SOIL**

No data available

**3.2 MONITORING DATA (ENVIRONMENT)**

No studies located

**3.3 TRANSPORT AND DISTRIBUTION BETWEEN ENVIRONMENTAL COMPARTMENTS INCLUDING ESTIMATED ENVIRONMENTAL CONCENTRATIONS AND DISTRIBUTION PATHWAYS**

**3.3.1 TRANSPORT** No data available

### 3.3.2 THEORETICAL DISTRIBUTION (FUGACITY CALCULATION)

The potential environmental distribution of Diethyl fumarate obtained from a generic level III fugacity model is shown in Table. The results show that if Diethyl fumarate is released mainly to air, water or soil, it is unlikely to be transported to other compartments.

Environmental distribution Diethyl fumarate using a generic level III fugacity model.

Compartment	Release: 100% to air	Release: 100% to water	Release: 100% to soil
Air	80.98%	8.10%	4.05%
Water	13.81%	90.94%	7.85%
Soil	5.14%	0.51%	88.07%
Sediment	0.07%	0.44%	0.04%

Reference: EA & MITI (1994)

### 3.4 IDENTIFICATION OF MAIN MODE OF DEGRADABILITY IN ACTUAL USE

No studies located.

### 3.5 BIODEGRADATION

Type: aerobic [**X**]; anaerobic [ ]  
 Inoculum: adapted [ ]; non-adapted [**X**];  
 Concentration of the chemical: 100 mg/l related to Test Substance [**X**]  
 Medium: water [ ]; water-sediment [ ]; soil [ ]; sewage treatment [ ]  
 other [Japanese standard activated sludge]  
 Degradation: Degree of degradation after 28 days  
 93, 95 and 92 % from BOD  
 95, 93 and 98 % from TOC analysis  
 100, 100 and 100 % from GC analysis  
 Results: Readily biodeg. [**X**]; Inherently biodeg. [ ]; under test condition  
 no biodegradation observed [ ]  
 Method: OECD Test Guideline 301 C  
 GLP: Yes [**X**] No [ ] ? [ ]  
 Test substance: Diethyl fumarate  
 Reference: MITI, Japan (1994b)

### 3.6 BOD<sub>5</sub>, COD OR RATIO BOD<sub>5</sub>/COD

Not applicable



**3.7 BIOACCUMULATION**

No data available

**3.8 ADDITIONAL REMARKS**

**A. Sewage treatment** None

**B. Other information** None

**4. ECOTOXICOLOGICAL DATA****4.1 ACUTE/PROLONGED TOXICITY TO FISH**

Type of test: static ; semi-static ; flow-through ; other   
 open-system ; closed-system

Species: *Oryzias latipes*

Exposure period: 96 hr

Results: LC<sub>50</sub> (24h) = 5.3 mg/l (95% confidence limits: 4.4-6.4 mg/l)  
 LC<sub>50</sub> (48h) = 3.5 mg/l (95% confidence limits: 3.0-4.3 mg/l)  
 LC<sub>50</sub> (72h) = 2.4 mg/l (95% confidence limits: 1.9-3.0 mg/l)  
 LC<sub>50</sub> (96h) = 2.4 mg/l (95% confidence limits: 1.9-3.0 mg/l)  
 NOEC =  
 LOEC =

Analytical monitoring: Yes  No  ?

Method: OECD Test Guideline 203 (1981)

GLP: Yes  No  ?

Test substance: Diethyl fumarate, purity = 95 %

Remarks: A group of 10 fish were exposed to each of 5 nominal concentrations (1.0-10 mg/l). Stock solution was prepared with DMSO:HCO-40=4:1 (1.0-10 mg/l). Controls with and without this vehicle were taken for test.

Reference: EA, Japan (1994)

**4.2 ACUTE TOXICITY TO AQUATIC INVERTEBRATES****A. Daphnia**

Type of test: static ; semi-static ; flow-through ; other   
 open-system ; closed-system

Species: *Daphnia magna*

Exposure period: 24 hr

Results: EC<sub>50</sub> (24h) = 11 mg/l (95% confidence limits: 8.8-13 mg/l)  
 EC<sub>50</sub> (48h) =  
 NOEC =  
 LOEC =

Analytical monitoring: Yes  No  ?

Method: OECD Test Guideline 202 (1984)

GLP: Yes  No  ?

Test substance: Diethyl fumarate, purity = 95 %

Remarks: 20 daphnids (4 replicates; 5 organisms per replicate) were exposed to each of 5 nominal concentrations (5.6-56 mg/l). Stock solution was prepared with DMSO:HCO-40=9:1 (5.6-56 mg/l). Controls with and without this vehicle were taken for test.

Reference: EA, Japan (1994)

**B. Other aquatic organisms**

No data available

**4.3 TOXICITY TO AQUATIC PLANTS e.g. Algae**

Species: *Selenastrum capricornutum* ATCC 22662  
End-point: Biomass [X]; Growth rate [ ]; Other [ ]  
Exposure period: 72 hours  
Results: Biomass: EC<sub>30</sub> (24h) =  
EC<sub>50</sub> (72h) = 1.1 mg/l  
NOEC < 0.56 mg/l (p < 0.05)  
LOEC =  
Analytical monitoring: Yes [ ] No [X] ? [ ]  
Method: open-system [X]; closed-system [ ]  
OECD Test Guideline 201 (1984)  
GLP: Yes [ ] No [X] ? [ ]  
Test substance: Diethyl fumarate, purity = 95 %  
Remarks: The EC<sub>30</sub> values for biomass were calculated based on 5 nominal concentrations (0.56-5.6 mg/l). Stock solution was prepared with DMSO:HCO-40=9:1(0.56-5.6 mg/l). Controls with and without This vehicle were taken for test.  
Reference: EA, Japan (1994)

**4.4 TOXICITY TO BACTERIA**

No data available

**4.5 CHRONIC TOXICITY TO AQUATIC ORGANISMS****4.5.1. CHRONIC TOXICITY TO FISH**

No data available

**4.5.2. CHRONIC TOXICITY TO AQUATIC INVERTEBRATES**

Type of test: static [ ]; semi-static [X]; flow-through [ ]; other [ ];  
open-system [X]; closed-system [ ]  
Species: *Daphnia magna*  
End-point: Mortality [ ]; Reproduction rate [X]; Other [X]  
Exposure period: 21 day  
Results:  
Immobility: EC<sub>50</sub> (48 h) = 5.6 mg/l  
EC<sub>50</sub> (21 d) = 1.5 mg/l (95% confidence limits: 1.3-1.7 mg/l)  
NOEC =  
LOEC =  
Reproduction: EC<sub>50</sub> (21 d) = 2.0 mg/l (95% confidence limits: 1.9-2.1 mg/l)  
NOEC = 1.8 mg/l (p < 0.05)  
LOEC = 3.2 mg/l (p < 0.05)  
Analytical monitoring: Yes [ ] No [X] ? [ ]  
Method: OECD Test Guideline 202 (1984)  
GLP: Yes [ ] No [X] ? [ ]  
Test substance: Diethyl fumarate purity = 95 %

Remarks: 40 daphnids (4 replicates; 10 organisms per replicate) were exposed to each of 5 nominal concentrations (0.56-5.6 mg/l) Stock solution was prepared with DMSO:HCO-40=9:1(0.56-5.6 mg/l). Controls with and without this vehicle were taken for test.

Reference: EA, Japan (1994)

#### **4.6 TOXICITY TO TERRESTRIAL ORGANISMS**

##### **4.6.1 TOXICITY TO SOIL DWELLING ORGANISMS**

No data available

##### **4.6.2 TOXICITY TO TERRESTRIAL PLANTS**

No data available

##### **4.6.3 TOXICITY TO OTHER NON MAMMALIAN TERRESTRIAL SPECIES (INCLUDING AVIAN)**

No data available

#### **4.7 BIOLOGICAL EFFECTS MONITORING (INCLUDING BIOMAGNIFICATION)**

No data available

#### **4.8 BIOTRANSFORMATION AND KINETICS IN ENVIRONMENTAL SPECIES**

No data available

#### **4.9 ADDITIONAL REMARKS**

None

**5. TOXICITY****5.1 ACUTE TOXICITY****5.1.1 ACUTE ORAL TOXICITY**

(a)

Type : LD<sub>0</sub> [ ]; LD<sub>100</sub> [ ]; LD<sub>50</sub> [X]; LDL<sub>0</sub> [ ]; Other [ ]

Species/strain: Rat/Crj:CD(SD)

Value : 1,500 - 2000 mg/kg for male  
1367 mg/kg for female

Method: OECD Test Guideline 401

GLP: Yes [X] No [ ] ? [ ]

Test substance: purity: 98 %

Remarks:

Reference: MHW, Japan (1994a)

(b)

Type : LD<sub>0</sub> [ ]; LD<sub>100</sub> [ ]; LD<sub>50</sub> [X]; LDL<sub>0</sub> [ ]; Other [ ]

Species/strain: Rat

Value : 1780 mg/kg

Method: Unknown

GLP: Yes [ ] No [ ] ? [X]

Test substance: Purity: unknown

Remarks: None

Reference: American Industrial Hygiene Association Journal, 23, 95 (1962)

**5.1.2 ACUTE INHALATION TOXICITY**

No data available

**5.1.3 ACUTE DERMAL TOXICITY**

No data available

**5.1.4 ACUTE TOXICITY, OTHER ROUTES OF ADMINISTRATION**

No data available

**5.2 CORROSIVENESS/IRRITATION****5.2.1 SKIN IRRITATION/CORROSION**

No data available

**5.2.2 EYE IRRITATION/CORROSION**

No data available

**5.3 SKIN SENSITIZATION**

No data available

#### 5.4 REPEATED DOSE TOXICITY

Species/strain: Rat (Crj:CD(SD))  
 Sex: Female [ ]; Male [ ]; Male/Female [X]; No data [ ]  
 Route of Administration: oral gavage  
 Exposure period:Males: 46 days including 14 days before mating  
 Females: from 14 days before mating to day 3 of lactation  
 Frequency of treatment: 7 days/week  
 Post exposure observation period:  
 Dose: 0, 11, 30 or 100 mg/kg (12 animals/group)  
 Control group: Yes [X]; No [ ]; No data [ ];  
 Concurrent no treatment [ ]; Concurrent vehicle [X]; Historical [ ]  
 NOEL: < 11 mg/kg/day  
 LOEL: 11 mg/kg/day  
 Results: Histopathological examination of the forestomach revealed thickening of the mucosal layer in both sexes of all treated groups, hyperkeratosis in males of all treated groups and in females of the 30 and 100 mg/kg groups. These changes were dose-dependent. In addition, edema in the submucosal tissue as well as ulcer and focal edema in lamina propria mucosae were noted in males and females of the 30 mg/kg groups, and vesiculation in the superficial zone of the mucosal layer was apparent in males of the 30 and 100 mg/kg groups. Absolute or relative organ weights of the kidney and liver increased in both sexes of the 100 mg/kg groups, and atrophy of the thymus was noted in females of the 30 and 100 mg/kg groups. No effects were observed on clinical signs, body weight, food consumption, urinalysis, hematology or blood chemistry.  
 Method: OECD Combined Repeat dose and reproductive/Developmental Toxicity Test (1992)  
 GLP: Yes [X] No [ ] ? [ ]  
 Test substance: Diethyl fumarate, purity: 98 %  
 Reference: MHW, Japan (1994b)

#### 5.5 GENETIC TOXICITY IN VITRO

##### A. BACTERIAL TEST

Type : Bacterial reverse mutation assay  
 System of testing:  
 Species/strain: *S. typhimurium* TA 98, TA 100, TA 1535, TA1537,  
*E. coli* WP2 uvrA  
 Concentration: Without metabolic activation  
 0, 9.375, 18.75, 37.5, 75, 150, 300 µg/plate (TA100)  
 0, 78.13, 156.3, 312.5, 625, 1250, 2500 µg/plate  
 (TA1535, TA98, TA1537)  
 0, 156.3, 312.5, 625, 1250, 2500, 5000 µg/plate (WP2)  
 With metabolic activation  
 0, 312.5, 625, 1250, 2500, 5000 µg/plate

Metabolic activation: With [ ]; Without [ ]; With and Without [X]; No data [ ]

Results:

Cytotoxicity conc: With metabolic activation: 5000 µg/plate  
Without metabolic activation: 300 µg/plate

Genotoxic effects:

*S. typhimurium* TA 100, TA1535, TA98, TA 1537

+ ? -

With metabolic activation: [ ] [ ] [X]

Without metabolic activation: [ ] [ ] [X]

*E. coli* WP2 uvrA

+ ? -

With metabolic activation: [ ] [ ] [X]

Without metabolic activation: [ ] [ ] [X]

Method: Japanese Guideline for Screening Mutagenicity testing of chemicals

GLP: Yes [X] No [ ] ? [ ]

Test substance: Diethyl fumarate, purity: 93.3 %

Remarks: Procedure: Plate incorporation method

Plates/test: 3

Activation system: Liver S-9 fraction from phenobarbital  
and 5,6-benzoflavone pretreated male SD rats with NADPH-  
generating system

Media: Histidine selective

No. replicates: 2

Reference: MHW, Japan (1994c)

## B. NON-BACTERIAL IN VITRO TEST

Type : Cytogenetics Assay

System of testing:

Species/strain: Chinese hamster lung (CHL/IU) cells

Concentration: -S9 (continuous treatment) 0, 0.003, 0.007, 0.013 mg/ml  
-S9 (short-term treatment) 0, 0.008, 0.015, 0.030 mg/ml  
+S9 (short-term treatment) 0, 0.021, 0.042, 0.083 mg/ml

Metabolic activation: With [ ]; Without [ ]; With and Without [X]; No data [ ]

Results:

Cytotoxicity conc: With metabolic activation: > 0.083 mg/ml  
Without metabolic activation: 0.013 mg/ml

Precipitation conc:

Genotoxic effects: + ? -

With metabolic activation: [ ] [ ] [X]

Without metabolic activation: [X] [ ] [ ]

Method: Japanese Guideline for Screening Mutagenicity testing of chemicals

GLP: Yes [X] No [ ] ? [ ]

Test substance: Diethyl fumarate, purity 93.3 %

Remarks: Plates/test: 2

Activation system: S-9 fraction from the liver of Phenobarbital  
and 5,6-Benzoflavone induced male SD derived rats with NADPH-  
generating system

Media: RPMI 1640 medium plus 10% foetal calf serum plus  
phytohaemagglutinin

Reference: No. replicates: 1  
MHW, Japan (1994c)

## 5.6 GENETIC TOXICITY IN vivo

No data available

## 5.7 CARCINOGENICITY

No data available

## 5.8 TOXICITY TO REPRODUCTION

Type: Fertility [ ]; One generation study [ ]; Two generation study [ ];  
Other [X]

Species/strain: Rat Crj:CD(SD)

Sex: Female [ ]; Male [ ]; Male/Female [X]; No data [ ]

Route of Administration: Oral, gavage

Exposure period: Males: 46 days including 14 days before mating  
Females: from 14 days before mating to day 3 of lactation.

Frequency of treatment: 7 days/week

Postexposure observation period:

Premating exposure period: male: 14 days, female: 14 days

Duration of the test;

Doses: 0, 11, 30, or 100 mg/kg (12 animals/sex/group)

Control group: Yes [X]; No [ ]; No data [ ];  
Concurrent no treatment [ ]; Concurrent vehicle [X];  
Historical [ ]

NOEL Parental : 100 mg/kg/day

NOEL F1 Offspring: 100 mg/kg/day

NOEL F2 Offspring: N/A

Results: No effects were observed on the following items: reproductive ability, organ weights and histopathological appearance of the reproductive organs, parturition and maternal behavior, viability, clinical signs, body weight change and autopsy findings for offspring.

Method: OECD Combined Repeat Dose and Reproductive/Developmental Toxicity Test (1992)

GLP: Yes [X] No [ ] ? [ ]

Test substance: Diethyl fumarate, purity 98 %

Remarks:

Reference: MHW, Japan (1994b)

## 5.9 DEVELOPMENTAL TOXICITY/ TERATOGENICITY

See 5.8



**5.10 OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION****A. Specific toxicities**

No studies located

**B. Toxicodynamics, toxicokinetics**

No data available

**5.11 EXPERIENCE WITH HUMAN EXPOSURE**

None

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