

Section 1 Chemical Product and Company Information

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CHEMTREC 24 Hour Emergency
Phone Number (800) 424-9300
For laboratory use only.
Not for drug, food or household use.

Product	AGAR
Synonyms	Gelose ; Agar-Agar

Section 2 Hazards Identification

This substance or mixture has not been classified at this time according to the Globally Harmonized System (GHS) of Classification and Labeling of Chemicals.

Signal word: N/A
Pictograms: N/A
Target organs: None known.

GHS Classification: N/A

GHS Label information:
Hazard statement: N/A
Precautionary statement: N/A

Agar is a dried hydrophilic colloidal substance obtained from various species of algae and, as such, presents a low hazard for normal laboratory handling. Dust may cause skin and eye irritation. Use with adequate ventilation. Wash thoroughly after handling. Dust dispersed in air is capable of creating a dust explosion when exposed to an ignition source. Avoid dispersion of dust in air.

Ca Prop 65 - This product does not contain any chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer, birth defects, or any other reproductive harm.

Section 3 Composition / Information on Ingredients

Nommé Chimique	# CAS	%	EINECS
Agar	9002-18-0	100%	232-658-1

Section 4 First Aid Measures

INGESTION: Call physician or Poison Control Center immediately. Induce vomiting only if advised by appropriate medical personnel. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person.

INHALATION: Remove to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. Get medical attention.

EYE CONTACT: May cause transient irritation. Check for and remove contact lenses. Flush thoroughly with water for at least 15 minutes, lifting upper and lower eyelids occasionally. Get immediate medical attention.

SKIN ABSORPTION: Remove contaminated clothing. Flush thoroughly with mild soap and water. If irritation occurs, get medical attention.

Section 5 Fire Fighting Measures

Extinguishing Media: Use any media suitable for extinguishing supporting fire.

General information: In fire conditions, wear a NIOSH/MSHA-approved self-contained breathing apparatus and full protective gear. Use water spray to keep fire-exposed containers cool. Dust dispersed in air is capable of creating a dust explosion when exposed to an ignition source. Avoid dispersion of dust in air.

Section 6 Accidental Release Measures

Evacuate personnel to safe area. Use proper personal protective equipment as indicated in Section 8. Provide adequate ventilation. Recover for use if not contaminated. Sweep or vacuum up and place in a suitable container for proper disposal. Wash spill area with soap and water. Avoid runoff into storm sewers and ditches which lead to waterways.

Section 7 Handling & Storage

Read label on container before using. Do not wear contact lenses when working with chemicals. Keep container tightly closed. Keep out of reach of children. Use with adequate ventilation. Wash thoroughly after handling.

Handling: Use with adequate ventilation. Avoid contact with eyes, skin and clothing. Avoid ingestion. Do not inhale dusts. Wash thoroughly after handling. Remove and wash clothing before reuse.

Storage: Store in a cool, dry, well-ventilated area away from incompatible substances.

Section 8 Exposure Controls / Personal Protection

Exposure Limits:	Chemical Name	ACGIH (TLV)	OSHA (PEL)	NIOSH (REL)
	Agar	None established.	None established.	None established.

Engineering controls: Facilities storing or utilizing this material should be equipped with an eyewash facility and a safety shower and fire extinguishing material. Personnel should wear safety glasses, goggles, or faceshield, lab coat or apron, appropriate protective gloves. Use adequate ventilation to keep airborne concentrations low.

Respiratory protection: None should be needed in normal laboratory handling at room temperatures. If dusty conditions prevail, work in fume hood or wear a NIOSH/MSHA-approved respirator.

Section 9 Physical & Chemical Properties

Appearance: White to light tan powder.

Odor: Characteristic bland odor.

Odor threshold: N/A

pH: N/A

Melting / Freezing point: Decomposes.

Boiling point: Decomposes.

Flash point: Not flammable.

Evaporation rate (= 1): N/A

Flammability (solid/gas): N/A

Explosion limits: Upper: N/A **Lower:** N/A

Vapor pressure (mm Hg): Negligible.

Vapor density (Air = 1): N/A

Relative density (Specific gravity): > 1.0

Solubility(ies): Insoluble in cold water. Soluble in boiling water.

Partition coefficient: (n-octanol / water): N/A

Auto-ignition temperature: N/A

Decomposition temperature: N/A

Viscosity: N/A

Molecular formula: (C₁₂H₁₈O₉)_x

Molecular weight: 3000-9000

Section 10 Stability & Reactivity

Chemical stability: Stable

Hazardous polymerization: Will not occur.

Conditions to avoid: Excessive temperatures and heat. Stable under recommended storage conditions.

Incompatibilities with other materials: Strong oxidizers and alkalies.

Hazardous decomposition products: Carbon oxides and smoke.

Section 11 Toxicological Information

IARC: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as probable, possible or confirmed human carcinogen by IARC.

NTP: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a known or anticipated carcinogen by NTP.

OSHA: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a carcinogen or potential carcinogen by OSHA.

Effects of overexposure: No specific hazard known. Agar is a dried hydrophilic colloidal substance obtained from various species of algae and, as such, presents a low hazard for normal laboratory handling. Contact with eyes may cause transient irritation. Exercise appropriate procedures to minimize potential hazards.

RTECS #: AW7950000

Oral-rat LD50: 11,000 mg/kg

Oral-mouse LD50: 16,000 mg/kg

Oral-rabbit LD50: 5800 gm/kg

Section 12 Ecological Information

Toxicity to fish: No data available

Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates: No data available

Toxicity to algae: No data available

Persistence and degradability: No data available

Bioaccumulative potential: No data available

Mobility in soil: No data available

PBT and vPvB assessment: No data available

Other adverse effects: An environmental hazard cannot be excluded in the event of unprofessional handling or disposal.

Section 13 Disposal Considerations

These disposal guidelines are intended for the disposal of catalog-size quantities only. Federal regulations may apply to empty container. State and/or local regulations may be different. Dispose of in accordance with all local, state and federal regulations or contract with a licensed chemical disposal agency.

Section 14 Transport Information

UN/NA number: None assigned

Shipping name: Not Regulated.

Hazard class: None assigned **Packing group:** None assigned **Reportable Quantity:** No **Marine pollutant:** No **Exceptions:** No

Section 15 Regulatory Information

A chemical is considered to be listed if the CAS number for the anhydrous form is on the Inventory list.

Component	TSCA	CERCLA (RQ)	RCRA code	DSL	NDSL	WHMIS Classification
Agar	Listed	Not listed	Not listed	Listed	Not listed	Uncontrolled product

Section 16 Additional Information

The information contained herein is furnished without warranty of any kind. Employers should use this information only as a supplement to other information gathered by them and must make independent determinations of suitability and completeness of information from all sources to assure proper use of these materials and the safety and health of employees. NTP: National Toxicology Program, IARC: International Agency for Research on Cancer, OSHA: Occupational Safety and Health Administration, STOT: Specific Target Organ Toxicity, SE: Single Exposure, RE: Repeated Exposure.