

MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET**AGAROSE**

PRODUCT CODE NUMBER(S): 0760-5, 0761-5, 0762-5, 0763-5, 0764-5

PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION**Chemical Name and Synonyms:** Agarose**Chemical Family:** Colloid**Chemical Formula:** Not applicable, mixture**Product Use:** Laboratory reagent**Manufacturer's Name and Address:**Caledon Laboratories Ltd.
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Georgetown, Ontario L7G 4R9**Telephone No:** (905) 877-0101**Fax No:** (905) 877-6666**Emergency Telephone No:** CANUTEC (613) 996-6666**HAZARDOUS INGREDIENTS OF MATERIALS**

Ingredients	%	TLV Units	CAS No.
Agarose	~99	10 mg/m ³ (total dust)	9012-36-6

PHYSICAL DATA**Physical State:** Solid**Odour and Appearance:** White powder, odourless**Odour Threshold (ppm):** Not applicable**Vapour Pressure (mm Hg):** Not available**Vapour Density (Air = 1):** Not available**Evaporation Rate:** Not applicable**Boiling Point (degrees C):** Not available**Melting Point (degrees C):** Not available**pH:** Not available**Specific Gravity:** Not available**Coefficient of Water/Oil distribution:** Not available**SHIPPING DESCRIPTION****UN:** Not regulated**T.D.G. Class:** Not regulated**Pkg. Group:** Not regulated**REACTIVITY DATA****Chemical Stability:** Stable under normal temperatures and pressures.**Incompatibility with other substances:** May react violently with strong oxidizers.**Reactivity:** Avoid excessive heat, ignition sources, generation of dust, incompatible materials.**Hazardous Decomposition Products:** CO_x**FIRE AND EXPLOSION DATA****Flammability:** May be combustible if strongly heated or as dust. As with most organic compounds, fine dust dispersed

in air in the presence of an ignition source is a potential dust explosion hazard.

Extinguishing Media: Use extinguisher appropriate to the surrounding material that is burning. Use water as spray or fog to cool containers, prevent dust formation, flush chemical away from fire. Fight fire from upwind, from a safe distance. Firefighters should wear protective equipment and clothing sufficient to prevent inhalation of dust or fumes, and contact with skin and eyes.**Flash Point (Method Used):** Not applicable**Autoignition Temperature:** Not applicable**Upper Flammable Limit (% by volume):** Not applicable**Lower Flammable Limit (% by volume):** Not applicable**Hazardous Combustion Products:** Toxic fumes, CO_x**Sensitivity to Impact:** None identified**Sensitivity to Static discharge:** As with most organic powders, mixtures of dust with air may be sensitive under certain conditions, when ignited by an electrostatic or other high-voltage spark, or other ignition source.**TOXICOLOGICAL PROPERTIES AND HEALTH DATA**

To the best of our knowledge the physical, chemical and toxicological properties of this substance have not yet been thoroughly investigated.

Toxicological Data:**LD₅₀:** Not available**LC₅₀:** Not available**Effects of Acute Exposure to Product:****Inhaled:** May be irritating, causing coughing. Not expected to be harmful**In contact with skin:** May cause mild mechanical irritation. Not expected to be harmful**In contact with eyes:** May cause mild mechanical irritation.**Ingested:** May be irritating to gastrointestinal tract. Very large doses may cause nausea, vomiting, diarrhea.**Effects of Chronic Exposure to Product:****Carcinogenicity:** No information available**Teratogenicity:** No information available**Reproductive Effects:** No information available**Mutagenicity:** Insufficient information available**Synergistic Products:** None known**PREVENTIVE MEASURES****Engineering Controls:** Normal ventilation for standard manufacturing procedures is generally adequate. Local exhaust should be used when large amounts are released or when dust is present.**Respiratory Protection:** Dust mask. NIOSH/MSHA approved respirator for dusty conditions. For high or unknown

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concentrations, as in fire or spill conditions, positive-pressure, full face-piece self contained breathing apparatus.

Eye Protection: Chemical safety glasses.

Skin Protection: Rubber gloves. Lab coat or apron with sleeves.

Other Personal Protective Equipment: Eyewash fountain and safety shower in work area.

Leak and Spill Procedure: Gather up in a manner that does not raise dust (wet if necessary). Flush to sewer with plenty of water, or if amount is very large, transfer into containers and arrange removal by disposal company. Wash site of spillage thoroughly with water and detergent. For large spill, cleanup personnel should wear protective equipment and clothing sufficient to prevent inhalation and contact.

Waste Disposal: Follow all federal, provincial and local regulations for disposal.

Handling Procedures and Equipment: Follow routine safe handling and good housekeeping procedures. Wear appropriate protective clothing and equipment. Use the smallest amount possible for the purpose, in a designated area with adequate ventilation. Avoid inhalation of dust and unnecessary contact. If dust is present, observe explosion prevention measures, use non-sparking tools, keep away from heat, sparks, and all sources of ignition; avoid the accumulation of static charge, ground and bond equipment and containers.

Storage Requirements: Store in suitable, labelled containers, in a cool, dry, well-ventilated area, out of direct sunlight. Keep containers tightly closed when not in use and when empty. Protect from damage. Store away from incompatible materials.

Proposed WHMIS Designation: Not controlled. Not required to be updated every three years (WHMIS 1992, B-40, Section 29,2)

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FIRST AID MEASURES

Specific Measures:

Eyes: Flush eyes thoroughly with gently running water, holding eyelids open while flushing, for five to ten (5-10) minutes, or until no trace of chemical remains. Get medical advice if irritation develops.

Skin: Remove contaminated clothing. Brush or wipe off dry material. Flush skin with plenty of running water until no evidence of chemical remains. Get medical advice if irritation develops.

Inhalation: Remove to fresh air. Give oxygen and get medical attention for any breathing difficulty.

Ingestion: Rinse mouth thoroughly with water and give 2 to 4 glasses of water to drink to dilute. If victim feels unwell, or if a very large amount has been ingested, get medical attention.

REFERENCES USED

CCINFO disc: MSDS's, April 2007

Sax, Lewis: Hawley's Condensed Chemical Dictionary, 11th ed., 1987

Sax: Dangerous Properties of Industrial Materials, 5th ed., 1979

Suppliers' Material Safety Data Sheets

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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