



# SAFETY DATA SHEET

## AGAR AGAR POWDER

### SECTION 1: IDENTIFICATION OF THE SUBSTANCE/MIXTURE AND OF THE COMPANY/UNDERTAKING

#### 1.1. PRODUCT IDENTIFIER

Product name: Agar Agar Powder  
Product No.: AGAR  
CAS-No.: 9002-18-0  
EC No.: 232-658-1  
Synonym: Agar  
Chemical Formula:  $C_{14}H_{24}O_9$

#### 1.2. RELEVANT IDENTIFIED USES OF THE SUBSTANCE OR MIXTURE AND USES ADVISED AGAINST

Recommended use: In kitchen with E number E406;  
In photography;  
In pharmacy;  
In chemistry;  
In dentistry as an impression material;  
In biotechnology laboratories;  
Highly swelling substance;  
Is a natural gelling substance;  
Is a neutral primer for bacterial cultivation.

#### 1.3. DETAILS OF THE SUPPLIER OF THE SAFETY DATA SHEET

HD Chemicals LTD  
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### SECTION 2: HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

#### 2.1. CLASSIFICATION OF THE SUBSTANCE OR MIXTURE

Classification 67/548/EEC: Not classified

Classification – EC 1272/2008: Not classified

## 2.2. LABEL ELEMENTS

No labelling requirements

### SIGNAL WORDS

Not classified

### RISK PHRASES

Not classified

### HAZARD PHRASES

Not classified

### PROTECTION PHRASES

P305+P351+P338 IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing

### SAFETY PHRASES

Not classified

## SECTION 3: COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

67/548/EEC/1999/45/EC

### Composition information – main constituents

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## SECTION 4: FIRST AID MEASURES

### 4.1. DESCRIPTION OF FIRST AID MEASURES

**First-aid measures general:** Consult a physician when you feel unwell. Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance.

**Inhalation:** Remove victim to fresh air immediately and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. Get medical attention.

**Ingestion:** Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Clean mouth with water and drink afterwards plenty of water (2-4 glasses). Do not induce vomiting. Get medical attention if any discomfort continues.

**Skin contact:** Remove contaminated clothing. Wash off immediately with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. If skin irritation persists, call a physician.

**Eye contact:** Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids, for at least 15 minutes. If symptoms persist, call a physician.

### 4.2. MOST IMPORTANT SYMPTOMS AND EFFECTS, BOTH ACUTE AND DELAYED

**Inhalation:** May cause respiratory tract irritation. Low hazard for usual industrial handling.

**Ingestion:** Ingestion of large amounts may cause gastrointestinal irritation. Expected to be a low ingestion hazard.

**Skin contact:** May cause skin irritation. Low hazard for usual industrial handling.

**Eye contact:** Dust may cause mechanical irritation.

### 4.3. INDICATION OF ANY IMMEDIATE MEDICAL ATTENTION AND SPECIAL TREATMENT NEEDED

Treat symptomatically.

## SECTION 5: FIREFIGHTING MEASURES

### 5.1. EXTINGUISHING MEDIA

**Suitable extinguishing media:** Use extinguishing measures that are appropriate to local circumstances and the surrounding environment. Adjust extinguishing media to the surrounding fire. Use alcohol resistant foam, dry powder, carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) or water spray.

**Unsuitable extinguishing media:** Do not use extinguishing media containing water.



## **5.2. SPECIAL HAZARDS ARISING FROM THE SUBSTANCE OR MIXTURE**

During a fire, irritating and highly toxic gases may be generated by thermal decomposition or combustion.

## **5.3. ADVICE FOR FIRE-FIGHTERS**

As in any fire, wear self-contained breathing apparatus pressure-demand, MSHA/NIOSH (approved or equivalent) and full protective clothing.

## **SECTION 6: ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES**

### **6.1. PERSONAL PRECAUTIONS, PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT AND EMERGENCY PROCEDURES**

Wear suitable protective equipment (splash goggles, protective suit, boots, gloves and self-contained breathing apparatus) to prevent any contamination of skin, eyes and personal clothing. Ensure adequate ventilation of the working area. Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Avoid breathing vapours, mist or gas. Avoid formation of dust. Keep unprotected persons away. Evacuate personnel to a safe area.

For personal protection see section 8.1.

### **6.2. ENVIRONMENTAL PRECAUTIONS**

Avoid release to the environment. Do not allow to enter sewers/ surface or ground water. Do not allow to enter into soil/subsoil. Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so. Use appropriate container to avoid environmental contamination. Local authorities should be advised if significant spillages cannot be contained.

### **6.3. METHODS AND MATERIAL FOR CONTAINMENT AND CLEANING UP**

Vacuum or sweep up material and place in a designated labelled waste container. Wash contaminated place. Avoid generate dust. Provide ventilation.

## **SECTION 7: HANDLING AND STORAGE**

### **7.1. PRECAUTIONS FOR SAFE HANDLING**

Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice. Avoid formation of dust and spilling. Do not inhale dust/smoke/mist. Ensure adequate ventilation of the working area. Wear personal protective equipment. Avoid contact with eyes and skin. Do not eat or drink during the process, washing hands afterwards with suitable cleaning products. Remove contaminated clothing and shoes. Wash clothing before re-using.

## 7.2. CONDITIONS FOR SAFE STORAGE, INCLUDING ANY INCOMPATIBILITIES

Keep in a cool, dry, well ventilated area. Keep in original tightly closed containers. Keep away from food, drink and animal feeding stuffs. Avoid heat and other sources of ignition. Avoid exposure to light and air. Keep away from incompatible materials: strong oxidizing agents.

## 7.3. SPECIFIC END USE(S)

See section 1.2.

## SECTION 8: EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

### 8.1. CONTROL PARAMETERS/EXPOSURE GUIDELINES

Occupational Exposure Limit Values (Agar Agar Powder):

CAS NO	Exposure limit	Value	Name of Agent
9002-18-0	TWA – 8 Hrs	N/A	N/A
9002-18-0	STEL – 15 Min	N/A	N/A

**Engineering controls:** Ensure adequate ventilation, especially in confined areas. Ensure that eyewash stations and safety showers are close to the workstation location. Wash hands before breaks and at the end of the working day.



EYE PROTECTION



FACE SHIELD



RESPIRATOR



PROTECTION WEAR



HAND PROTECTION

### Protective equipment:

Use protective chemical safety goggles (European standard - EN 166), face shield, gloves (European standard - EN 374), long sleeved clothing to prevent skin, body and eyes exposure.



- Respiratory equipment:** Respiratory protection not required in normal conditions, but when vapours or aerosols are generated must use appropriate certified respirators, which are NIOSH/MSHA or European Standard EN 149 approved respirator.
- Skin and body protection:** Wear appropriate protective gloves and clothing to prevent skin exposure. Wear impervious protective clothing (long sleeved clothing, chemical resistant apron, anti static boots). Wear appropriate protective work gloves when handling material to prevent skin contact. The glove material has to be impermeable and resistant to the product. Protective gloves should be replaced at first signs of wear. Use proper glove removal technique (without touching glove's outer surface) to avoid skin contact. Wash and dry hands.
- Eye/Face protection:** Approved chemical goggles or safety glasses and/or face protection.

## SECTION 9: PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

### 9.1. INFORMATION ON BASIC PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Appearance:	Powder Solid
Colour:	Beige
Odour:	Odourless
Initial boiling point (°C):	No data available
Melting point (°C):	90-100 °C
Freezing point:	No data available
Relative density:	No data available
Specific gravity / density:	Not data available
Vapour density:	Not data available
Vapour pressure:	Not data available
Flash point (°C):	Not data available
Molecular mass:	Not data available
Auto-ignition temperature:	Not data available
Oxidizing properties:	Not data available
Decomposition temperature:	Not data available
Molecular formula:	C <sub>14</sub> H <sub>24</sub> O <sub>9</sub>



## SECTION 10: STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

### 10.1. REACTIVITY

Agar Agar is stable under normal conditions of use, storage and transport.

### 10.2. CHEMICAL STABILITY

This product is stable under normal conditions and under recommended usage and storage.

### 10.3. POSSIBILITY OF HAZARDOUS REACTIONS

When heated can decompose. May liberate toxic gases.

### 10.4. CONDITIONS TO AVOID

Keep away from food, drink and animal feeding stuffs. Avoid heat and other sources of ignition. Avoid exposure to light and air.

### 10.5. INCOMPATIBLE MATERIALS

May liberate toxic gases. Keep away from incompatible materials: strong oxidizing agents.

### 10.6. HAZARDOUS DECOMPOSITION

Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating gases and vapours: carbon monoxide (CO), carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>).

## SECTION 11: TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### 11.1. INFORMATION ON TOXICOLOGICAL EFFECTS

#### TOXIC DOSE

**LD50 Oral – Rat – 11000 mg/kg**

**LD50 Oral – Rabbit – 5800 mg/kg**

**LD50 Oral – Mouse – 16000 mg/kg**

#### Inhalation:

May cause respiratory tract irritation. Low hazard for usual industrial handling.

#### Ingestion:

Ingestion of large amounts may cause gastrointestinal irritation. Expected to be a low ingestion hazard.

#### Skin contact:

May cause skin irritation. Low hazard for usual industrial handling.

#### Eye contact:

Dust may cause mechanical irritation.



## SECTION 12: ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### 12.1. TOXICITY

No information available.

### 12.2. PERSISTENCE AND DEGRADABILITY

Readily biodegradable.

### 12.3. BIOACCUMULATIVE POTENTIAL

No bioaccumulation potential.

### 12.4. MOBILITY

The product is water soluble, and may spread in water systems Will likely be mobile in the environment due to its water solubility. Highly mobile in soils.

### 12.5. RESULTS OF PBT AND vPvB ASSESSMENT

This substance is not a PBT or vPvB.

### 12.6. OTHER ADVERSE EFFECTS

No data available.

## SECTION 13: DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

**Waste disposal recommendations:** Disposal of Agar Agar should be in accordance with local and national legislation. Processing, use or contamination of this product may change the waste management options. Should not be released into the environment. Do not discharge into waterways or sewer systems. Mixing with other materials or other alterations to pure product may significantly change the characteristics of the material. Empty packaging can have residues and are subject to proper waste disposal. Do not re-use empty containers. Keep product and empty container away from heat and sources of ignition.

Chemical waste generators must determine whether a discarded chemical is classified as a hazardous waste. Consult local, regional, and national hazardous waste regulations to ensure complete and accurate classification.

**Uncleaned packaging:** Disposal must be made according to official regulations.



**SECTION 14: TRANSPORT INFORMATION****IMDG**

UN number	N/A
UN proper shipping name	N/A
Transport hazard class(es)	N/A
Packing group	N/A

**ADR/RID**

UN number	N/A
UN proper shipping name	N/A
Transport hazard class(es)	N/A
Packing group	N/A

**IATA**

UN number	N/A
UN proper shipping name	N/A
Transport hazard class(es)	N/A
Packing group	N/A

**SECTION 15: REGULATORY INFORMATION****15.1. SAFETY, HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATIONS/LEGISLATION SPECIFIC FOR THE SUBSTANCE OR MIXTURE**

Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 December 2006 concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH).

Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 December 2008 on classification, labelling and packaging of substances and mixtures.

**15.2 CHEMICAL SAFETY ASSESSMENT**

A Chemical Safety Assessment has not been carried out.

**SECTION 16: OTHER INFORMATION****General information**

The information contained in this safety data sheet is provided in accordance with the requirements of the regulations. The product should not be used for purposes other than those shown in section 1 without first referring to the supplier and obtaining written handling instruction. As the specific



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conditions of use of the product are outside the suppliers control, the user is responsible for ensuring that the requirements of relevant legislation are complied with.

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#### **DISCLAIMER:**

If this product is re-distributed and re-formulated for sale, details of its hazards and recommended methods for safe handling must be passed to customers. Customers are urged to ensure that the product is entirely suitable for their own purpose. It is the customer's responsibility to ensure that a suitable and sufficient assessment of the risks created by a work activity using this product is undertaken before this product is used.

#### **NOTE:**

The information contained in this Safety Data Sheet does not constitute the users own assessment of workplace risk as required by other Health & Safety Legislation (e.g. the Health and Safety at Work Act,1974;the control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations,1988). The data given here is based on current knowledge and experience. The purpose of this data sheet is to describe the products in terms of their safety requirements. The data does not signify any warranty with regard to the product's properties.