

Material Safety Data Sheet

CELLULOSE NANOCRYSTALS (aqueous suspension)

Section 1. Product Identification

Name: Cellulose nanocrystals (CNC)

Synonyms: Nanocrystalline cellulose (NCC), cellulose crystallites, cellulose whiskers

Molecular Weight: Not applicable.

Chemical Formula: $[(C_6H_{10}O_5)_x(C_6H_9O_4SO_4Na)_y]_n$ such that weight sulfur is 0-2 percent

Section 2. Composition/Information on Ingredients

Ingredient	CAS No	Percent
Cellulose Nanocrystals	N/A	1-5%
Water	7789-20-0	95-99%

Section 3. Hazards Identification

Estimate of SAF-T-DATA(tm) Ratings (Provided here for your convenience)

Health Rating: 1 – Irritant

Flammability Rating: 0 – None

Reactivity Rating: 0 – None

Contact Rating: 0 – None

Lab Protective Equip: GOGGLES; LAB COAT; VENT HOOD; PROPER GLOVES

Storage Color Code: Green (General Storage)

Potential Health Effects

Inhalation: No adverse health effects expected. Treat similarly to a nuisance dust.

Ingestion: Large doses may cause gastro-intestinal upset.

Skin Contact: No adverse effects expected.

Eye Contact: No adverse effects expected but may cause irritation.

Chronic Exposure: No information found.

Aggravation of Pre-existing Conditions: No information found.

Section 4. First Aid Measures

Inhalation: Remove to fresh air. Get medical attention for any breathing difficulty.

Ingestion: If large amounts were swallowed, give water to drink and get medical advice. May have laxative-like effects.

Skin Contact: Wash exposed area with soap and water. Get medical advice if irritation develops. Wash contaminated clothing before reusing.

Eye Contact: In case of contact, immediately flush eyes with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes, lifting upper and lower eyelids occasionally. Call a physician if irritation persists.

Section 5. Fire Fighting Measures

Fire: As an aqueous suspension, the material will not burn. However, upon drying, as with most organic solids, fire is possible at elevated temperatures, contact with an ignition source or contact with strong oxidizers may cause fire.

Section 5. Fire Fighting Measures (continued)

Explosion: Fine mist dispersed in air may dry to dust, which in sufficient concentrations, and in the presence of an ignition source is a potential dust explosion hazard. For Cellulose: Minimum ignition temperature, dust cloud: 410°C. Minimum explosible concentration: 0.045 g/L.

Fire Extinguishing Media: Water, dry chemical, foam or carbon dioxide. CAUTION: Pressure from the extinguishing media may cause severe dusting. Dispersed powder in air can create a severe explosion hazard.

Special Information: In the event of a fire, wear full protective clothing and NIOSH-approved self-contained breathing apparatus with full face piece operated in the pressure demand or other positive pressure mode.

Section 6. Accidental Release Measures

Turn off and disconnect electrical systems in the area to prevent electrical shock. Remove all sources of ignition. Ventilate area of leak or spill. Wear appropriate personal protective equipment as specified in Section 8. Use appropriate tools to put the spilled material into a convenient waste disposal container. Reduce airborne dust and prevent scattering by moistening with water. Finish cleaning by spreading water on the contaminated surface and dispose according to local and regional authority requirements.

Section 7. Handling and Storage

Avoid mist formation and control electrical equipment and ignition sources. Employ grounding, venting and explosion relief provisions in accord with accepted engineering. Containers of this material may be hazardous when empty since they retain product residues (dust, solids); observe all warnings and precautions listed for the product.

Section 8. Exposure Controls / Personal Protection

Airborne Exposure Limits: Not available

Ventilation System: A system of local and/or general exhaust is recommended to keep employee exposures as low as possible. Local exhaust ventilation is generally preferred because it can control the emissions of the contaminant at its source, preventing dispersion of it into the general work area. Please refer to the ACGIH document, Industrial Ventilation, A Manual of Recommended Practices, most recent edition, for details.

Personal Respirators (NIOSH Approved): If the exposure limit is exceeded and engineering controls are not feasible, a half face piece particulate respirator (NIOSH type N95 or better filters) may be worn for up to ten times the exposure limit or the maximum use concentration specified by the appropriate regulatory agency or respirator supplier, whichever is lowest. A full-face piece particulate respirator (NIOSH type N100 filters) may be worn up to 50 times the exposure limit, or the maximum use concentration specified by the appropriate regulatory agency, or respirator supplier, whichever is lowest. If oil particles (e.g. lubricants, cutting fluids, glycerine, etc.) are present, use a NIOSH type R or P filter. For emergencies or instances where the exposure levels are not known, use a full-face piece positive-pressure, air-supplied respirator. WARNING: Air-purifying respirators do not protect workers in oxygen-deficient atmospheres.

Skin Protection: Wear protective gloves and clean body-covering clothing.

Eye Protection: Use chemical safety goggles and/or full-face shield where dusting or splashing of solutions is possible. Maintain eye wash fountain and quick-drench facilities in work area.

Section 9. Physical and Chemical Properties

Appearance: Opaque viscous liquid.

Section 9. Physical and Chemical Properties (continued)

Odor: Odorless.

Solubility: Colloidal suspension in water.

Bulk Density: 1 g/cc

pH: Approximately neutral as sodium form. As acid form pH near 2-3.

% Volatiles by volume @ 21°C (70°F): No information found.

Boiling Point: No information found.

Melting Point: No information found.

Vapor Density (Air=l): No information found.

Vapor Pressure (mm Hg): No information found.

Evaporation Rate (BuAc=l): No information found.

Section 10. Stability and Reactivity

Stability: Stable under ordinary conditions of use and storage.

Hazardous Decomposition Products: Carbon dioxide and carbon monoxide may form when dried materials heated to decomposition. Sulfuric acid may be present upon thermal decomposition.

Hazardous Polymerization: Will not occur.

Incompatibilities: Strong oxidizing agents.

Conditions to Avoid: Heat, flame, ignition sources, electrical equipment, misting, dusting, air, and incompatibles.

Section 11. Toxicological Information

Not available.

Section 12. Ecological Information

Environmental Fate: No information found.

Environmental Toxicity: No information found.

Section 13. Disposal Considerations

Whatever cannot be saved for recovery or recycling should be managed in an appropriate and approved waste disposal facility. Processing, use or contamination of this product may change the waste management options. State and local disposal regulations may differ from federal disposal regulations. Dispose of container and unused contents in accordance with federal, state and local requirements.

Section 14. Transport Information

Not regulated.

Section 15. Regulatory Information

Not available.

Section 16. Other Information

NFPA Ratings: Health: 0 Flammability: 1 Reactivity: 0 (estimated)

Label Hazard Warning: WARNING! AVOID MISTING, RESULTING POWDERED MATERIAL MAY FORM EXPLOSIVE DUST-AIR MIXTURES. COMBUSTIBLE SOLID.

Label Precautions: Minimize mist generation and accumulation.

Keep away from electrical equipment, heat, sparks and flame.

Section 16. Other Information (continued)

Keep container closed.

Use only with adequate ventilation.

Label First Aid: Not applicable.

Product Use: Laboratory Reagent.

Revision Information: No Changes.

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