



SAFETY DATA SHEET  
CALCIUM BENTONITE

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1. IDENTIFICATION OF THE SUBSTANCE / PREPARATION AND THE COMPANY	
Trade Name:	Calcium bentonite
Usage:	Manufacture of fertilisers, insecticides, seed coat pelletising applications and the primary treatment of industrial effluent.
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2. HAZARD IDENTIFICATION	
Bentonite is not flammable, combustible or explosive, and has no known adverse environmental effects. However it should be noted (<5%) of quartz (CAS 14808-60-7). Quartz dust is injurious to the lungs.	
Potential Health Effects	
Inhalation:	Respirable crystalline silica can cause chronic silicosis, a fibrosis of the lungs.
Eye Contact:	May cause abrasion of the cornea.
Skin Contact:	May cause abrasion to skin.
Ingestion:	No known health effect.

3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS	
A natural hydrated aluminosilicate mineral with typical empirical formula: (Al, Fe <sub>0.67</sub> Mg <sub>0.33</sub> ) Si <sub>4</sub> O <sub>10</sub> (OH) <sub>2</sub> Na,Ca <sub>0.33</sub>	
Typical mineralogical composition: >95% Bentonite (CAS No. 14808-60-7).	CAS No. 1302-78-9), <5% Quartz

4. FIRST-AID MEASURES	
Eyes:	May cause mechanical irritation which can result in redness, itching and lachrymation. If contact with the eye occurs, wash with copious amounts of water for approximately 15 minutes. Seek medical help if irritation persists.
Skin:	May cause mechanical irritation in contact with the skin. Wash thoroughly with water. Wash clothes before re-use.
Ingestion:	Material is biologically inert. It is however highly adsorbent and could have a dehydrating effect if ingested in large amounts. Wash out mouth with water, and then give plenty of water to drink. See medical attention if irritation or other symptoms develop.
Inhalation:	May cause irritation of mucous membranes and upper airways. Symptoms may include sneezing, coughing and breathing difficulties. Move victim to fresh air and have the victim blow nose to remove excess dust. Ensure airways are clear. If breathing is difficult, a qualified person should give oxygen via a face mask. If irritation develops and persists, seek medical help. Silicosis may result from excessive inhalation over an extended period.

5. FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES	
Extinguishing Media:	Use appropriate media to surrounding fire. Bentonite is compatible with all extinguishing media.
Special Exposure Hazards:	None known.
Protective Equipment for Fire Fighting:	Wear Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) and full protective clothing.
Hazardous Combustion Products:	None.

6. ACCIDENTIAL RELEASE MEASURES	
Personal Precautions:	Use personal protection appropriate to the situation and quantity handled. The use of a dust mask, nitrile gloves and either goggles or safety glasses is recommended. If large amounts of dust are likely to be generated, use a respirator. Product is slippery when wet.
Environmental Precautions:	No known adverse environmental effects.
Spillages:	Scoop up spillages and place in a container. Avoid creating dusts. Wear appropriate respiratory protection, safety goggles and overalls as a precaution. When used to absorb a hazardous substance, handle as per that substance. Product is slippery when wet.

7. HANDLING AND STORAGE	
Handling:	Irritation to the skin or eyes is likely to be of a mechanical nature. No known toxicology due to accidental ingestion. Where dust is generated, the use of a mechanical exhaust ventilation system is recommended.
Storage:	Store in original packs/containers in a cool, dry, well ventilated area.

8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION	
Occupational Exposure Limit (OEL):	Respirable silica 0.1 mg/m <sup>3</sup> TWA OEL Total respirable dust 4 mg/m <sup>3</sup> TWA OEL Total inhalable dust 10 mg/m <sup>3</sup> TWA OEL
Respiratory Protection:	The use of a dust mask is recommended. If large amounts of dust are likely to be generated, use a respirator.
Hand Protection:	Nitrile gloves should be worn.
Eye Protection:	Goggles or safety glasses should be worn.

9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES	
Physical State:	Free flowing powdered solid
Colour:	White or beige
Odour:	Odourless
PH:	6
Explosion Limits (%):	No known explosion hazards
Density:	Bulk density = 800-900 Kg/m <sup>3</sup>
Flammability:	Not flammable
Specific Gravity:	2.5

<b>10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY</b>	
Stability:	Stable.
<b>11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION</b>	
Inhalation:	Silicosis of the lung may result from excessive inhalation over an extended period.
Skin and Eye Contact:	Irritation to the skin or eyes is likely to be of a mechanical nature.
Ingestion:	No known toxicology due to accidental ingestion.
<b>12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION</b>	
Non toxic to aquatic life; persistent in the environment; does not bioaccumulate; immobile.	
<b>13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS</b>	
Product Disposal:	Disposal should be via landfill. Care should be taken to ensure that product is covered to stop any dust particles becoming airborne. It should be noted that contamination may occur during use and it is the responsibility of the user to assess an appropriate disposal method in this situation.
<b>14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION</b>	
Calcium bentonite is not a hazardous material for purposes of transportation.	
<b>15. REGULATORY INFORMATION</b>	
Risk & Safety:	Not classified as hazardous under the CHIP Regulations 2002 Not classified as hazardous according to EC/2001/58 & EEC/67/548.
Other Regulations:	Health & Safety At Work Act 1974; Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations 2004 as amended; Environmental Protection Act 1990; EC Safety Data Sheet Directive EC/91/55.
<b>16. OTHER INFORMATION</b>	
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