



MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

1. CHEMICAL IDENTIFICATION AND COMPANY INFORMATION

PRODUCT NAME: Agar, Flake, Bacteriological Grade

SYNONYMS: Difco® Bacto® Agar

PRODUCT NUMBER: A178

CAS NO: 9002-18-0

NIOSH/RTECS NO: AW7950000

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2. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Ingredient	CAS Number	Percent	Hazardous
Agar	9002-18-0	100 %	No exposure limits established by OSHA or ACGIH

3. PHYSICAL & CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Product Description: Agar, Flake, Bacteriological Grade

Formula: N/A

Molecular Weight: N/A

Storage Temperature: RT

pH (8.00 g/L): 6.0 – 8.0

Vapor Density: N/A

Melting Point: 83-89 C

Specific Gravity: N/A

Solubility: Partially soluble in water

Appearance: Off-white to cream powder

Odor: Slight seaweed odor

4. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

Label Hazard Warnings: Irritating to eyes, respiratory system, and skin

Label Precautionary Statements: Wear suitable protective clothing.

Laboratory Protective Equipment: Safety glasses, protective gloves, lab coat, and an appropriate dusk mask

HMIS Rating:	Health	Flammability	Reactivity	Personal Protection Equipment
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
NFPA Rating:	Health	Flammability	Reactivity	Special Hazards
	0	0	0	-

Storage and Handling Precautions: Keep in a tightly closed container, stored in a cool, dry, ventilated area. Avoid incompatible substances. Wash thoroughly after use.

5. POTENTIAL HEALTH HAZARDS/ TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Toxicity:	LD ₅₀ (Oral-Rat)(mg/Kg):	11000
	LD ₅₀ (Oral-Mouse)(mg/Kg):	16000
	LD ₅₀ (Oral-Rabbit)(mg/Kg):	5800
Carcinogenicity:	NTP:	No
	IARC:	No
	Z List:	No
	OSHA Reg:	No
Effects of Overexposure:	Irritation, sneezing, gastrointestinal upset	
Target Organs:	None identified	
Medical Conditions Aggravated By Exposure:	None identified	
Routes of Entry:	Inhalation	

The toxicological properties of this product have not been thoroughly investigated

6. EMERGENCY AND FIRST AID

Route of Entry	Symptoms	First Aid Procedures
Ingestion	May cause irritation if swallowed	If swallowed, wash out mouth with water. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Get medical attention.
Inhalation	May cause irritation to respiratory tract	Safely remove victim to fresh air. If not breathing, institute cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR). If breathing is difficult, ensure clear airway and give oxygen. Get medical attention.
Eye Contact	Direct contact may cause irritation. May cause redness, tearing, or blurred vision.	Flush immediately with large amounts of water for at least 15 minutes. Eyelids should be held away from the eyeball to ensure thorough rinsing. Get medical attention if irritation persists.
Skin Contact	Irritating. May cause reddening, itching or inflammation.	Wash area thoroughly with soap and water. Remove and wash contaminated clothing. Get medical attention if irritation persists.

7. FIRE HAZARDS & FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

Flash Point (Closed Cup):	N/A	
Flammable Limits:	Upper – N/A %	Lower – N/A %
Fire Extinguishing Media:	Water spray, carbon dioxide, dry chemical powder, or appropriate foam. Use extinguishing media suitable for surrounding fire.	
Special Fire-Fighting Procedures:	In the event of a fire, wear full protective clothing and NIOSH approved self-contained breathing apparatus. Evacuate the area and fight fire from a safe distance.	
Unusual Fire & Explosion Hazards:	May emit toxic fumes under fire conditions.	
Toxic Gases Produced:	Carbon dioxide, carbon monoxide	

8. REACTIVITY & CONDITIONS TO AVOID

Stability: Stable under normal conditions of use
Hazardous Polymerization: Will not occur
Conditions to Avoid: Moisture
Incompatibles: Strong oxidizing agents
Hazardous Decomposition Products: Carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide

9. SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS/PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

Ventilation: Ventilation hood recommended
Respiratory Protection: A NIOSH/MSHA approved air purifying respirator is recommended where airborne concentrations are expected to exceed exposure limits. Protection provided by purifying respirators is limited.
Eye/Skin Protection: Have eye-washing facilities readily available where eye contact can occur. Wear chemical safety goggles. Use appropriate chemical protective gloves when handling. Showering and changing into street clothes after work is recommended.

10. SPILLS & LEAKS

Spill or Discharge: Wear suitable protective clothing and a self-contained breathing apparatus if available. Carefully sweep up and remove. Place material in a dry container and cover. Remove from the area. Flush spill area with water.
Disposal Procedure: Dispose in accordance with all applicable federal, state, and local environmental regulations.
EPA Hazardous Waste Number: N/A

11. TRANSPORTATION DATA

Domestic (D.O.T.):
Proper Shipping Name: CHEMICALS, N.O.S. (NON-REGULATED)
Hazard Class: N/A
UN/NA: N/A
Labels: N/A
International (I.M.O.):
Proper Shipping Name: CHEMICALS, N.O.S. (NON-REGULATED)
Hazard Class: N/A
UN/NA: N/A
Labels: N/A

12. REGULATORY INFORMATION

U.S. Federal Regulatory Information

TSCA: Yes
SARA TITLE III:
Section 302 (EHS) Ingredients: No
Section 313 Ingredients: No
Section 304 (EHS/CERCLA) Ingredients: No

SARA TITLE III NOTIFICATION INFORMATION

Acute Health Hazard: No
Chronic Health Hazard: No
Fire Hazard: No
Sudden Release of Pressure Hazard: No

International Regulatory Information

Risk Phrases: 36/37/38 – Irritating to eyes, respiratory system, and skin

Safety Phrases: 36 – Wear suitable protective clothing

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