



# Safety Data Sheet

## Agar

### 1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

**Product Name:** Agar

**Synonyms/Generic Names:** Agar-Agar; Gum agar

**SDS Number:** 15.00

**Product Use:** For Educational Use Only

**Manufacturer:** Columbus Chemical Industries, Inc.  
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Columbus, WI. 53925

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(800) 962-2660 (Monday-Friday 7:30-7:00 Eastern Time)

**In Case of Emergency Call:** CHEMTREC - 800-424-9300 or 703-527-3887 (24 Hours/Day, 7 Days/Week)

### 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

**OSHA Hazards:** No known OSHA hazards

**Target Organs:** None

**Signal Words:** None

**Pictograms:** None

**GHS Classification:**

Not a dangerous substance according to GHS

**GHS Label Elements, including precautionary statements:**

**Hazard Statements:**

None

**Precautionary Statements:**

None

#### Potential Health Effects

<b>Eyes</b>	May cause eye irritation.
<b>Inhalation</b>	May be harmful if inhaled. May cause respiratory tract irritation.
<b>Skin</b>	May be harmful if absorbed through skin. May cause skin irritation.
<b>Ingestion</b>	May be harmful if swallowed.

**NFPA Ratings**

Health	0
Flammability	0
Reactivity	0
Specific hazard	Not Available

**HMIS Ratings**

Health	0
Fire	0
Reactivity	0
Personal	B

**3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS**

Component	Weight %	CAS #	EINECS# / ELINCS#	Formula	Molecular Weight
Agar	100	9002-18-0	232-658-1	(C <sub>12</sub> H <sub>18</sub> O <sub>9</sub> ) <sub>n</sub>	306.27 g/mol

**4. FIRST-AID MEASURES**

<b>Eyes</b>	Rinse with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes.
<b>Inhalation</b>	Move casualty to fresh air and keep at rest. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. If not breathing, give artificial respiration.
<b>Skin</b>	Flush with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes while removing contaminated clothing and wash using soap.
<b>Ingestion</b>	<b>Do Not Induce Vomiting!</b> Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. If conscious, wash out mouth with water.

**5. FIREFIGHTING MEASURES**

<b>Suitable (and unsuitable) extinguishing media</b>	Product is not flammable. Use appropriate media for adjacent fire. Cool containers with water.
<b>Special protective equipment and precautions for firefighters</b>	Wear self-contained, approved breathing apparatus and full protective clothing including eye protection and boots.
<b>Specific hazards arising from the chemical</b>	Emits toxic fumes (carbon oxides) under fire conditions. )See also Stability and Reactivity Section.)

**6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES**

<b>Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures</b>	See section 8 for recommendations on the use of personal protective equipment. Avoid dust formation. Avoid breathing vapors, mist, or gas.
<b>Environmental precautions</b>	Prevent spillage from entering drains. Any release to the environment may be subject to a federal/national or local reporting requirements.
<b>Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up</b>	Cleanup personnel need personal protection from inhalation and skin/eye contact. Evacuate and ventilate the area. Pick up and arrange disposal without creating dust. Sweep up and shovel. Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal. Clean surfaces thoroughly with water to remove residual contamination. Dispose of all waste or cleanup materials in accordance with local regulations.

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## 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

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### Precautions for safe handling

See section 8 for recommendations on the use of personal protective equipment. Provide appropriate exhaust ventilation at places where dust is formed. Wash thoroughly after using. Keep container closed when not in use.

### Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Store in cool, dry well ventilated area. Isolate from oxidizing materials.

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## 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

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**Occupational exposure controls:** Contains no substances with occupational exposure limit values.

### Personal Protection

<b>Eyes</b>	Wear chemical safety glasses.
<b>Inhalation</b>	Use an approved respirator if exposure levels are excessive. Provide adequate exhaust.
<b>Skin</b>	Wear neoprene or nitrile gloves, protective clothing appropriate to the risk of exposure. The type of protective equipment must be selected according to the concentration and amount of the dangerous substance at the specific workplace.
<b>Other</b>	Not Available

### Other Recommendations

Provide eyewash stations, quick-drench showers and washing facilities accessible to areas of use and handling. Have supplies and equipment for neutralization and running water available.

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## 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

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Appearance (physical state, color, etc.)	Pale, beige powder
Odor	No Odor
Odor threshold	Not Applicable
pH	Not Available
Melting point/freezing point	Not Available
Initial boiling point and boiling range	Not Available
Flash point	Not Flammable
Evaporation rate	Not Available
Flammability (solid, gas)	Not Flammable
Upper/lower flammability or explosive limit	Not Explosive
Vapor pressure	Not Available
Vapor density	Not Available
Relative density	Not Available
Solubility (ies)	Completely soluble in water
Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water	Not Available
Auto-ignition temperature	Not Available
Decomposition temperature	Not Available

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## 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

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<b>Chemical Stability</b>	Stable
<b>Possibility of Hazardous Reactions</b>	Will not occur.
<b>Conditions to Avoid</b>	None
<b>Incompatible Materials</b>	Strong oxidizers
<b>Hazardous Decomposition Products</b>	Carbon oxides

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## 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

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### Acute Toxicity

<b>Skin</b>	Not Available
<b>Eyes</b>	Not Available
<b>Respiratory</b>	Not Available
<b>Ingestion</b>	LD50 Oral – rat – 11,000 mg/kg

### Carcinogenicity

<b>IARC</b>	No components of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as probable, possible or confirmed human carcinogen by IARC.
<b>ACGIH</b>	No components of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a carcinogen or potential carcinogen by ACGIH.
<b>NTP</b>	No components of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a known or anticipated carcinogen by NTP.
<b>OSHA</b>	No components of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a carcinogen or potential carcinogen by OSHA.

### Signs & Symptoms of Exposure

<b>Eyes</b>	May cause eye irritation.
<b>Inhalation</b>	May be harmful if inhaled. May cause respiratory tract irritation.
<b>Skin</b>	May be harmful if absorbed through skin. May cause skin irritation.
<b>Ingestion</b>	May be harmful if swallowed.

<b>Chronic Toxicity</b>	Not Available
<b>Teratogenicity</b>	Not Available
<b>Mutagenicity</b>	Not Available
<b>Embryotoxicity</b>	Not Available
<b>Specific Target Organ Toxicity</b>	Not Available
<b>Reproductive Toxicity</b>	Not Available
<b>Respiratory/Skin Sensitization</b>	Not Available

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## 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

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### Ecotoxicity

<b>Aquatic Vertebrate</b>	Not Available
<b>Aquatic Invertebrate</b>	Not Available
<b>Terrestrial</b>	Not Available

<b>Persistence and Degradability</b>	Not Available
<b>Bioaccumulative Potential</b>	Not Available
<b>Mobility in Soil</b>	Not Available
<b>PBT and vPvB Assessment</b>	Not Available
<b>Other Adverse Effects</b>	Not Available

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## 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

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<b>Waste Residues</b>	Users should review their operations in terms of the applicable federal/national or local regulations and consult with appropriate regulatory agencies if necessary before disposing of waste products or residues.
<b>Product Containers</b>	Users should review their operations in terms of the applicable federal/national or

	local regulations and consult with appropriate regulatory agencies if necessary before disposing of waste product container.
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The information offered in section 13 is for the product as shipped. Use and/or alterations to the product may significantly change the characteristics of the material and alter the waste classification and proper disposal methods.

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## 14. TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

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US DOT	Not Dangerous Goods
TDG	Not Dangerous Goods
IMDG	Not Dangerous Goods
Marine Pollutant	No
IATA/ICAO	Not Dangerous Goods

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## 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

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TSCA Inventory Status	All ingredients are listed on the TSCA inventory.
DSCL (EEC)	All ingredients are listed on the DSCL inventory.
California Proposition 65	Not Listed
SARA 302	Not Listed
SARA 304	Not Listed
SARA 311	No SARA Hazards
SARA 312	No SARA Hazards
SARA 313	Not Listed
WHMIS Canada	Not Listed

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## 16. OTHER INFORMATION

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Revision	Date
Revision 1	01/28/2013
Revision 2	06/19/2013

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