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NOTE: CHEMTREC, CANUTEC and National Response Center emergency numbers to be used only in the event of chemical emergencies involving a spill, leak, fire, exposure or accident involving chemicals.

All non-emergency questions should be directed to Customer Service (1-800-582-2537) for assistance.

Silica Gel GF

1. Product Identification

Synonyms: None

CAS No.: Not applicable to mixtures.

Molecular Weight: Not applicable to mixtures.

Chemical Formula: Not applicable to mixtures.

Product Codes: 3408

2. Composition/Information on Ingredients

Ingredient	CAS No	Percent
Hazardous		
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Silica, Amorphous	7631-86-9	89%
Yes		
Calcium Sulfate (anhydrous)	7778-18-9	11%
Yes		

3. Hazards Identification

Emergency Overview

WARNING! CAUSES IRRITATION TO SKIN, EYES AND RESPIRATORY TRACT. MAY BE HARMFUL IF SWALLOWED.

J.T. Baker SAF-T-DATA^(tm) Ratings (Provided here for your convenience)

Health Rating: 2 - Moderate

Flammability Rating: 0 - None

Reactivity Rating: 0 - None

Contact Rating: 1 - Slight

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

Storage Color Code: Orange (General Storage)

Potential Health Effects

This product contains synthetic amorphous silica, not to be confused with crystalline silica such as quartz, cristobalite or tridymite or with diatomaceous earth or other naturally occurring forms of amorphous silica that frequently contain crystalline forms.

Inhalation:

Causes irritation to the respiratory tract. Symptoms may include coughing, shortness of breath.

Ingestion:

May cause obstruction in stomach, as it hardens with moisture. Symptoms include stomach pain, distress.

Skin Contact:

Causes irritation, redness, pain.

Eye Contact:

Causes irritation, redness, and pain.

Chronic Exposure:

Repeated exposure may cause symptoms similar to those listed for acute effects. Synthetic amorphous silica does not produce silicosis.

Aggravation of Pre-existing Conditions:

No information found.

4. First Aid Measures

Inhalation:

Remove to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. Get medical attention.

Ingestion:

Induce vomiting immediately as directed by medical personnel. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Get medical attention.

Skin Contact:

Immediately flush skin with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Remove contaminated clothing and shoes. Get medical attention. Wash clothing before reuse. Thoroughly clean shoes before reuse.

Eye Contact:

Immediately flush eyes with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes, lifting lower and upper eyelids occasionally. Get medical attention immediately.

Note to Physician:

Drinking glycerin, gelatin solutions, or large volumes of water may delay the hardening of calcium sulfate in the stomach. Surgical relief of obstruction, particularly at the pylorus, may be necessary.

5. Fire Fighting Measures

Fire:

Not considered to be a fire hazard.

Explosion:

Not considered to be an explosion hazard.

Fire Extinguishing Media:

Use any means suitable for extinguishing surrounding fire.

Special Information:

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

6. Accidental Release Measures

Ventilate area of leak or spill. Wear appropriate personal protective equipment as specified in Section 8. Spills: Sweep up and containerize for reclamation or disposal. Vacuuming or wet sweeping may be used to avoid dust dispersal.

7. Handling and Storage

Keep in a tightly closed container, stored in a cool, dry, ventilated area. Protect against physical damage. 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.

8. Exposure Controls/Personal Protection

Airborne Exposure Limits:

For Calcium Sulfate:

-OSHA Permissible Exposure Limit (PEL):

15 mg/m³ total dust, 5 mg/m³ respirable fraction

-ACGIH Threshold Limit Value (TLV):

10 mg/m³ total dust containing no asbestos and < 1% free silica.

Silica (synthetic, amorphous):

- OSHA Permissible Exposure Limit (PEL) -

80/(%SiO₂) mg/m³ (TWA) for amorphous silica, including natural diatomaceous earth.

- ACGIH Threshold Limit Value (TLV) -

10 mg/m³ (TWA) for amorphous precipitated silica and amorphous silica gel.

Ventilation System:

A system of local and/or general exhaust is recommended to keep employee exposures below the Airborne Exposure Limits. 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 facepiece 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-facepiece 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. Maintain eye wash fountain and quick-drench facilities in work area.

9. Physical and Chemical Properties

Appearance:

White granular powder.

Odor:

Odorless.

Solubility:

Negligible (< 0.1%)

Specific Gravity:

No information found.

pH:

No information found.

% Volatiles by volume @ 21C (70F):

0

Boiling Point:

No information found.

Melting Point:

No information found.

Vapor Density (Air=1):

Not applicable.

Vapor Pressure (mm Hg):

Not applicable.

Evaporation Rate (BuAc=1):

No information found.

10. Stability and Reactivity

Stability:

Very hygroscopic. Stable under ordinary conditions of use and storage.

Hazardous Decomposition Products:

Burning may produce sulfur oxides. Oxides of silicon.

Hazardous Polymerization:

Will not occur.

Incompatibilities:

Diazomethane, aluminum, phosphorous. Reacts with hydrogen fluoride, strong acids, strong bases.

Conditions to Avoid:

Air, moisture, and incompatibles.

11. Toxicological Information

Toxicological Data:

No LD50/LC50 information found relating to normal routes of occupational exposure.

Carcinogenicity:

IARC category for silica, amorphous (7631-86-9) applies to silicas that may contain crystalline silica. The silica in this product is synthetic and does not contain crystalline silica.

-----\Cancer Lists\-----

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Ingredient Category	---NTP Carcinogen---		IARC
	Known	Anticipated	
Silica, Amorphous (7631-86-9)	No	No	3
Calcium Sulfate (anhydrous) (7778-18-9)	No	No	None

12. Ecological Information

Environmental Fate:

No information found.

Environmental Toxicity:

No information found.

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.

14. Transport Information

Not regulated.

15. Regulatory Information

-----\Chemical Inventory Status - Part 1\-----				
Ingredient	TSCA	EC	Japan	
Australia				
Silica, Amorphous (7631-86-9)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Calcium Sulfate (anhydrous) (7778-18-9)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
-----\Chemical Inventory Status - Part 2\-----				
Ingredient	Korea	DSL	Phil.	---Canada---

Silica, Amorphous (7631-86-9)	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Calcium Sulfate (anhydrous) (7778-18-9)	Yes	Yes	No	Yes

-----\Federal, State & International Regulations - Part 1\-----

Ingredient Catg.	-SARA 302-		-----SARA 313-----	
	RQ	TPQ	List	Chemical
Silica, Amorphous (7631-86-9)	No	No	No	No
Calcium Sulfate (anhydrous) (7778-18-9)	No	No	No	No

-----\Federal, State & International Regulations - Part 2\-----

Ingredient	CERCLA	-RCRA-	-TSCA-
		261.33	8 (d)
Silica, Amorphous (7631-86-9)	No	No	No
Calcium Sulfate (anhydrous) (7778-18-9)	No	No	No

Chemical Weapons Convention: No TSCA 12(b): No CDTA: No
 SARA 311/312: Acute: Yes Chronic: Yes Fire: No Pressure: No
 Reactivity: No (Mixture / Solid)

Australian Hazchem Code: None allocated.

Poison Schedule: None allocated.

WHMIS:

This MSDS has been prepared according to the hazard criteria of the Controlled Products Regulations (CPR) and the MSDS contains all of the information required by the CPR.

16. Other Information

NFPA Ratings: Health: 1 Flammability: 0 Reactivity: 0

Label Hazard Warning:

WARNING! CAUSES IRRITATION TO SKIN, EYES AND RESPIRATORY TRACT. MAY BE HARMFUL IF SWALLOWED.

Label Precautions:

- Avoid breathing dust.
- Keep container closed.
- Use only with adequate ventilation.
- Wash thoroughly after handling.
- Avoid contact with eyes, skin and clothing.

Label First Aid:

If swallowed, induce vomiting immediately as directed by medical personnel. Never give

anything by mouth to an unconscious person. If inhaled, remove to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. In case of contact, immediately flush eyes or skin with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Remove contaminated clothing and shoes. Wash clothing before reuse. In all cases, get medical attention.

Product Use:

Research and Development Use Only.

Revision Information:

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