

# SAFETY DATA SHEET (SDS)

## Potato dextrose agar

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### Section 1: Product Identifier and Chemical Identity

Product Identifier	
Product Name:	Potato dextrose agar
Product Codes:	MED2.60, MED2.61
Other means of identification:	
Chemical formula, alternative names:	Potato dextrose agar powder Potato dextrose agar plates
Recommended use of the chemical and restrictions on use	
Recommended Use:	For laboratory use only.
Suppliers name, address and phone number	
Supplier's Name:	Southern Biological
Supplier's ABN:	94 630 703 810
Supplier's Address:	168 Fulham Road Alphington Victoria 3078 Australia
Supplier's Phone No.:	1300 138 561
Emergency Phone number (BH)	1300 138 561

### Section 2: Hazard Identification

Classification of the Hazardous Chemical	
Hazard Category	Not classified as hazardous according to criteria of Safe Work Australia
Label elements	
Hazard Pictograms:	None
Signal Word:	None
Hazard Statements:	Not classified as a hazardous substance
Precautionary Statements:	Use personal protective equipment. Ensure adequate ventilation. Avoid contact with skin, eyes and clothing. Do not ingest.
Other Hazards	
Results of PBT and vPvB assessment:	PBT: Not applicable VPvB: Not applicable

### Section 3: Composition/information on ingredients

Ingredients		
Name	CAS	Proportion
Components deemed to be non-hazardous		100%

### Section 4: First Aid Measures

Necessary first aid measures	
After inhalation:	Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing. If experiencing respiratory symptoms; call a doctor.
After skin contact:	Wash with water and soap and rinse thoroughly. If skin irritation occurs: Get medical advice/ attention.
After eye contact:	Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.
After swallowing:	Wash out mouth with water. Obtain emergency medical attention. Call a doctor/physician if you feel unwell.
Medical attention and special treatment	
Indications of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed	Treat symptomatically

### Section 5: Firefighting measures

Extinguishing media	
Suitable extinguishing equipment:	Water spray, carbon dioxide, dry chemical powder or appropriate foam. If safe to do so, move undamaged containers from the fire area. Cool containers with flooding quantities of water until well after fire is out.
Specific hazards arising from the chemical:	Carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide, irritating and toxic fumes and gases, sulphur oxides and compounds of nitrogen. Material does not burn. Runoff may pollute waterways. Fire or heat may produce irritating, poisonous and/or corrosive fumes. Containers may explode when heated.
Advice for firefighters	
Special protective equipment and precautions:	Do not enter the fire area without proper protective equipment including respiratory equipment.

### Section 6: Accidental release measures

General Information	
Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures:	No health effects expected from the clean-up of this material if contact can be avoided. Prevent the formation of dusts. Follow personal protective equipment recommendations found in Section 8 of this SDS. Prevent the spread of any spill to minimise harm to human health and the environment if safe to do so. Wear complete and proper personal protective equipment following the recommendation of Section 8 at a minimum.
Environmental precautions:	Prevent entry to sewers and public waters. Avoid release to the environment. Notify authorities if spill to sewers or public waters.
Methods and material for containment and cleaning up:	Dispose of contaminating material as waste according to item 13. Ensure adequate ventilation.
Reference to other sections:	See Section 7 for information on safe handling. See Section 8 for information on protective equipment. See Section 13 for disposal information.

## Section 7: Handling and Storage

General Information	
Precautions for safe handling:	Prevent the formation of dusts. Ensure good ventilation/exhaustion at the workplace. Wash hands after use. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. Wash contaminated clothing and protective equipment prior to entering eating area.
Information about fire – and explosion protection:	No special measures required.
Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities.	
Storage:	Store in cool dry area out of direct sunlight and incompatible materials. Keep containers closed when not in use. Store in suitably labelled containers.
Requirements to be met by storerooms and receptacles:	No special requirements.
Information about storage in one common storage facility:	Not required.
Further information about storage conditions:	Keep container tightly sealed. Keep out of direct sunlight.

## Section 8: Exposure controls/personal protection.

General information	
Additional information about design of technical facilities:	No further data: see section 7
Control parameters:	
Ingredients with limit values that require monitoring at the workplace: None	
Exposure Controls:	
General protective and hygienic measures:	Use only in systems, processes and procedures in which effective ventilation has been provided. Keep away from foodstuffs, beverages and feed. Immediately remove all soiled and contaminated clothing Wash hands before breaks and at the end of work. Avoid contact with eyes.
Respiratory protection:	In case of significant exposure use respiratory filter device. Not normally required.
Clothing / Foot-wear and equipment	No special requirements.
Protection of hands:	PVC or rubber gloves
Eye protection:	Tightly sealed goggles
Skin protection:	Laboratory Coat

## Section 9: Physical and chemical properties

Appearance:	
Form:	Powder or gel
Colour:	Buff to brown
Odour:	Not determined
Odour Threshold:	Not determined
pH value:	5.6 ± 0.2 (when prepared according to instructions)

<b>Change in Condition:</b>	
Melting point/Melting range:	Not determined
Boiling point/Boiling range:	Not determined
Flash point:	Not determined
Flammability (solid / gaseous)	Not determined
<b>Ignition Temperature</b>	
Decomposition temperature:	Not determined
Self-igniting:	Not determined
Danger of explosion:	Not determined
<b>Explosion limits</b>	
Lower:	Not determined
Upper:	Not determined
Vapour pressure:	Not determined
Density:	Not determined
<b>General Info</b>	
Relative density:	Not determined
Vapour density:	Not determined
Evaporation rate:	Not determined
Solubility in/ Miscibility with water:	Soluble under heat
Partition coefficient (n-octanol/water):	Not determined
Viscosity:	Not determined
Other information:	Not determined

## Section 10: Stability and reactivity

<b>Reactivity</b>	
General	No further relevant information available.
<b>Chemical Stability</b>	
Thermal decomposition / conditions to be avoided:	No decomposition if used according to specifications.
Possibility of hazardous reactions:	No dangerous reactions known.
Conditions to avoid:	Excess heat
Incompatible materials:	No data available
Hazardous decomposition products:	None known

## Section 11: Toxicological information

Information on toxicological effects			
Skin corrosion/irritation	May cause mild skin blemishing after prolonged or repeated exposure in some individuals		
Serious eye damage/irritation:	May cause transient discomfort due to the presence of dust particle in eye(s)		
Inhalation:	Inhalation of large amounts of dust may cause respiratory tract discomfort.		
Germ cell mutagenicity:	No evidence of a mutagenic effect		
Carcinogenicity:	No data available		
Reproductive toxicity:	No evidence of negative reproductive effects		
Specific target organ toxicity (STOT) – single exposure:	No data available		
Specific target organ toxicity (STOT) – repeated exposure:	No data available		
Toxicology data for the components:			
Component	LD50 oral	LD50 dermal	LC50 inhalation
Agar CAS 9002-18-0	Mouse 16000 mg/kg	No data	No data

## Section 12. Ecological information

Ecotoxicity	
This material is not expected to be harmful to the ecology	
Persistence and degradability:	No further relevant information available.
Behaviour in environmental systems	
Bio-accumulative potential:	No further relevant information available.
Mobility in soil:	No further relevant information available.
Additional ecological information	
Results of PBT and vPvB assessment	PBT: Not applicable vPvB: Not applicable
Other adverse effects:	No further relevant information available.

## Section 13. Disposal Considerations

Waste treatment methods	
Recommendation	Prevent this material from entering waterways, drains and sewers. Comply with official regulations.
Uncleaned packaging:	
Recommendation:	Disposal must be made according to official regulations.
Recommended cleansing agents:	Water, if necessary, together with cleansing agents.

## Section 14. Transport information

General	Not classified as a Dangerous Good according to the Australian Code for the Transport of Dangerous Goods by Road and Rail.
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## Section 15. Regulatory Information

Safety health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture	
Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances:	Substances are listed.
Chemical safety assessment:	A Chemical Safety Assessment has not been carried out.

## Section 16. Other information

This information is based on our present knowledge. However, this shall not constitute a guarantee for any specific product features and shall not establish a legally valid contractual relationship.

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