

## Safety data sheet

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### 1. Substance/preparation and manufacturer/supplier identification

#### Product name:

Ammonium carbonate Food Grade (E503i)

Use: food additive(s)

Recommended use: food additive(s), Raw material

#### Manufacturer/supplier:

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International emergency number:

Telephone: +49 180 2273-112

### 2. Hazard identification

Classification of the substance and mixture:

Acute toxicity: Cat.4 (oral)

Serious eye damage/eye irritation: Cat.2A

Hazardous to the aquatic environment - acute: Cat.3

Label elements and precautionary statement:

Pictogram:

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Signal Word:  
Warning

Hazard Statement:

H319	Causes serious eye irritation.
H302	Harmful if swallowed.
H402	Harmful to aquatic life.

Precautionary Statements (Prevention):

P280	Wear eye protection.
P273	Avoid release to the environment.
P270	Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.
P264	Wash contaminated body parts thoroughly after handling.

Precautionary Statements (Response):

P305 + P351 + P338	IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.
P301 + P312	IF SWALLOWED: Call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician if you feel unwell.
P330	Rinse mouth.
P337 + P313	If eye irritation persists: Get medical attention.

Precautionary Statements (Disposal):

P501	Dispose of contents and container to hazardous or special waste collection point.
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Other hazards which do not result in classification:

If applicable information is provided in this section on other hazards which do not result in classification but which may contribute to the overall hazards of the substance or mixture.  
Irritating to eyes, respiratory system and skin (dust).

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### 3. Composition/information on ingredients

#### Chemical nature

Substance nature: mixture

Preparation based on:

ammonium carbamate, ammonium hydrogencarbonate

 $\text{H}_2\text{CO}_3 \cdot x \text{NH}_3$ 

CAS: 10361-29-2 EINECS: 233-786-0

#### Hazardous ingredients

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ammonium carbamate

Content (W/W): 50 %  
CAS Number: 1111-78-0

Acute Tox.: Cat. 4 (oral)  
Eye Dam./Irrit.: Cat. 1  
Aquatic Acute: Cat. 3

ammonium hydrogencarbonate

Content (W/W): 50 %  
CAS Number: 1066-33-7

Acute Tox.: Cat. 4 (oral)  
Aquatic Acute: Cat. 3

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## 4. First-Aid Measures

If inhaled:

After inhalation of decomposition products: Keep patient calm, remove to fresh air, seek medical attention.

On skin contact:

Wash thoroughly with soap and water

On contact with eyes:

Wash affected eyes for at least 15 minutes under running water with eyelids held open.

On ingestion:

Immediately rinse mouth and then drink 200-300 ml of water, seek medical attention.

Note to physician:

Symptoms: Overexposure may cause: vomiting, dyspnea, nausea, coughing

Treatment: After inhalation of decomposition products: Pulmonary edema prophylaxis. Treat according to symptoms (decontamination, vital functions), no known specific antidote, administer corticosteroid dose aerosol to prevent pulmonary edema.

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## 5. Fire-Fighting Measures

Suitable extinguishing media:

water spray, carbon dioxide, foam

Unsuitable extinguishing media for safety reasons:

water jet

Specific hazards:

ammonia, carbon dioxide

The substances/groups of substances mentioned can be released in case of fire.

Further information:

Product itself is non-combustible; fire extinguishing method of surrounding areas must be considered.

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## 6. Accidental Release Measures

### Personal precautions:

Breathing protection required. Ensure suitable air extract/ventilation during cleaning/emptying of process machinery.

### Environmental precautions:

Do not discharge into drains/surface waters/groundwater.

### Methods for cleaning up or taking up:

For residues: Sweep/shovel up.

Avoid raising dust.

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## 7. Handling and Storage

### Handling

Breathing must be protected when large quantities are decanted without local exhaust ventilation. Processing machines must be fitted with local exhaust ventilation. Avoid dust formation.

### Protection against fire and explosion:

Store in a cool place. If heated the drums can burst due to pressure build-up.

### Storage

Segregate from nitrites and alkaline substances. Storage and transport only combined with food materials or food additives. Separate from flavoring agents.

Do not store with: sodium nitrate, sodium nitrite

Suitable materials for containers: Aluminium, High density polyethylene (HDPE), glass, Low density polyethylene (LDPE), Stainless steel 1.4541, Stainless steel 1.4571, enamelled, rubberized

Further information on storage conditions: Keep container in a well-ventilated place. Keep container dry.

### Storage stability:

Storage temperature: < 30 °C

The stated storage temperature should be noted.

Protect from temperatures above: 30 °C

Changes in the properties of the product may occur if substance/product is stored above indicated temperature for extended periods of time.

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## 8. Exposure controls and personal protection

### Components with occupational exposure limits

No substance specific occupational exposure limits known.

### Personal protective equipment

#### Respiratory protection:

Suitable respiratory protection for lower concentrations or short-term effect: Particle filter with low efficiency for solid particles (e.g. EN 143 or 149, Type P1 or FFP1) Suitable respiratory protection for higher concentrations or long-term effect: Self-contained breathing apparatus.

#### Hand protection:

Chemical resistant protective gloves (EN ISO 374-1)

Suitable materials also with prolonged, direct contact (Recommended: Protective index 6, corresponding > 480 minutes of permeation time according to EN ISO 374-1):

polyvinylchloride (PVC) - 0.7 mm coating thickness

chloroprene rubber (CR) - 0.5 mm coating thickness

Supplementary note: The specifications are based on tests, literature data and information of glove manufacturers or are derived from similar substances by analogy. Due to many conditions (e.g. temperature) it must be considered, that the practical usage of a chemical-protective glove in practice may be much shorter than the permeation time determined through testing.

Manufacturer's directions for use should be observed because of great diversity of types.

#### Eye protection:

Safety glasses with side-shields (frame goggles) (e.g. EN 166)

#### Body protection:

Body protection must be chosen depending on activity and possible exposure, e.g. apron, protecting boots, chemical-protection suit (according to EN 14605 in case of splashes or EN ISO 13982 in case of dust).

#### General safety and hygiene measures:

Do not breathe dust. At the end of the shift the skin should be cleaned and skin-care agents applied.

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## 9. Physical and Chemical Properties

Form:	crystalline, powder	
Colour:	white	
Odour:	strong, ammonia-like	
Odour threshold:	No data available., not determined	
pH value:	9 (100 g/l, 20 °C)	(pH Meter)
Melting point:	not applicable The substance / product decomposes.	
Boiling range:	Study technically not feasible., The substance / product decomposes therefore not determined.	
Flash point:	not applicable, the product is a solid	
Evaporation rate:	negligible, The product is a non- volatile solid.	

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Flammability (solid/gas):	not highly flammable	(Regulation 440/2008/EC, A.10)
Lower explosion limit:	For solids not relevant for classification and labelling.	
Upper explosion limit:		
Ignition temperature:	The substance / product decomposes therefore not determined.	
Thermal decomposition:	> 59 °C To avoid thermal decomposition, do not overheat.	(internal method)
Self ignition:	not self-igniting	
Self heating ability:	It is not a substance capable of spontaneous heating.	
SADT:	No data available.	
Explosion hazard:	not explosive	
Fire promoting properties:	not fire-propagating	
Vapour pressure:	69 mbar (20 °C) Literature data. 188 mbar (30 °C) Literature data.	
Density:	approx. 1.6 g/cm <sup>3</sup> (20 °C)	(OECD Guideline 109)
Relative density:	No data available.	
Bulk density:	780 - 830 kg/m <sup>3</sup>	(other)
Relative vapour density (air):	No data available.	
Solubility in water:	320 g/l (20 °C)	
Partitioning coefficient n-octanol/water (log Pow):	-2.4 - -0.47	
Viscosity, dynamic:	not applicable, the product is a solid	
Viscosity, kinematic:	not applicable, the product is a solid	

Particle characteristics

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Particle size distribution:	300 - 400 µm	(D50, Volumetric Distribution, measured)
	fine particles -	
Specific Surface Area:	No data available.	
Particle Shape:	No data available.	
Dustiness:	No data available.	

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## 10. Stability and Reactivity

Conditions to avoid:  
Avoid heat. See SDS section 7 - Handling and storage.

Thermal decomposition: > 59 °C (internal method)  
To avoid thermal decomposition, do not overheat.

Substances to avoid:  
strong bases

Hazardous reactions:  
Exothermic reaction. Reacts with nitrites. Reacts with nitrates.

Hazardous decomposition products:  
ammonia, carbon dioxide

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## 11. Toxicological Information

### Routes of exposure

#### Acute oral toxicity

Experimental/calculated data:  
LD50rat (oral): > 1,800 - < 2,150 mg/kg (BASF-Test)

#### Acute dermal toxicity

LD50 rat (dermal): > 2,000 mg/kg  
No mortality was observed.

#### Assessment of acute toxicity

Of moderate toxicity after single ingestion.

Information on: ammonium hydrogencarbonate

#### Acute inhalation toxicity

Experimental/calculated data:  
LC50 rat (by inhalation): > 4.74 mg/l 4.5 h (other)  
The product has not been tested. The statement has been derived from substances/products of a similar structure or composition. An aerosol was tested.

Information on: ammonium carbamate

**Acute inhalation toxicity**

Experimental/calculated data:

LC50 rat (by inhalation): 6.6 mg/l 4 h (OECD Guideline 403)

The product has not been tested. The statement has been derived from substances/products of a similar structure or composition. The vapour was tested.

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**Symptoms**

Overexposure may cause: vomiting dyspnea nausea coughing

**Irritation**

Assessment of irritating effects:

Not irritating to the skin. Eye contact causes irritation.

Experimental/calculated data:

Serious eye damage/irritation rabbit: Irritant. (OECD Guideline 405)

Information on: ammonium carbamate

Assessment of irritating effects:

May cause severe damage to the eyes. Not irritating to the skin.

Information on: ammonium hydrogencarbonate

Assessment of irritating effects:

Not irritating to the eyes. Not irritating to the skin. The product has not been fully tested. The statements have been derived in parts from products of a similar structure or composition.

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**Respiratory/Skin sensitization**

Assessment of sensitization:

The chemical structure does not suggest a sensitizing effect.

Experimental/calculated data:

No data available.

**Germ cell mutagenicity**

Assessment of mutagenicity:

No data available concerning mutagenic effects. The chemical structure does not suggest a specific alert for such an effect.

Information on: ammonium hydrogencarbonate

Assessment of mutagenicity:

The substance was not mutagenic in bacteria. The substance was not mutagenic in mammalian cell culture.

Information on: ammonium carbamate

Assessment of mutagenicity:

Mutagenicity tests revealed no genotoxic potential. The product has not been fully tested. The statements have been derived in parts from products of a similar structure or composition.

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**Carcinogenicity**



Information on: ammonium hydrogencarbonate

Assessment of carcinogenicity:

The whole of the information assessable provides no indication of a carcinogenic effect. The product has not been tested. The statement has been derived from substances/products of a similar structure or composition.

Information on: ammonium carbamate

Assessment of carcinogenicity:

Did not show carcinogenic effects in animal experiments. The product has not been tested. The statement has been derived from substances/products of a similar structure or composition.

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### **Reproductive toxicity**

Experimental/calculated data:

No data available.

Information on: ammonium hydrogencarbonate

Assessment of reproduction toxicity:

Study scientifically not justified.

Information on: ammonium carbamate

Assessment of reproduction toxicity:

Study scientifically not justified.

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### **Specific target organ toxicity (single exposure)**

Remarks: No data available.

### **Repeated dose toxicity and Specific target organ toxicity (repeated exposure)**

Assessment of repeated dose toxicity:

No data available.

### **Aspiration hazard**

No data available.

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## **12. Ecological Information**

### **Ecotoxicity**

Assessment of aquatic toxicity:

Acutely harmful for aquatic organisms.

Acutely harmful for aquatic organisms. The inhibition of the degradation activity of activated sludge is not anticipated when introduced to biological treatment plants in appropriate low concentrations. The product has not been tested. The statement has been derived from the properties of the individual components.

Toxicity to fish:

LC50 (96 h) 61 mg/l, *Oncorhynchus mykiss* (Flow through.)

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Literature data.

Aquatic invertebrates:

EC50 (48 h) 63.7 mg/l, *Daphnia magna* (OECD Guideline 202, part 1, static)

Nominal concentration.

Aquatic plants:

EC50 (72 h) 75.9 mg/l (biomass), *Desmodesmus subspicatus* (DIN 38412 Part 9, static)

Microorganisms/Effect on activated sludge:

EC20 (0.5 h) 1,000 mg/l, activated sludge, domestic, non-adapted (OECD Guideline 209, aquatic)

### **Mobility**

Assessment transport between environmental compartments:

Adsorption to solid soil phase is not expected.

### **Bioaccumulation potential**

Bioaccumulation potential:

Accumulation in organisms is not to be expected.

### **Additional information**

Other ecotoxicological advice:

Inhibition of degradation activity in activated sludge is not to be anticipated during correct introduction of low concentrations.

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## **13. Disposal Considerations**

Test for use in agriculture.

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## **14. Transport Information**

### **Domestic transport:**

	Not classified as a dangerous good under transport regulations
UN number or ID number	Not applicable
UN proper shipping name:	Not applicable
Transport hazard class(es):	Not applicable
Packing group:	Not applicable
Environmental hazards:	Not applicable
Special precautions for user	None known

### **Sea transport**

IMDG

	Not classified as a dangerous good under transport regulations
UN number or ID number:	Not applicable
UN proper shipping name:	Not applicable
Transport hazard class(es):	Not applicable
Packing group:	Not applicable

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Environmental hazards:	Not applicable
	Marine pollutant: no
Special precautions for user	None known

**Air transport**

IATA/ICAO

	Not classified as a dangerous good under transport regulations
UN number or ID number	Not applicable
Proper shipping name:	Not applicable
Transport hazard class(es):	Not applicable
Packing group:	Not applicable
Environmental hazards:	Not applicable
Special precautions for user	None known

**Maritime transport in bulk according to IMO instruments**

Maritime transport in bulk is not intended.

**Further information**

Specific national features of transport regulations must be observed. They are to be found in the shipping documents.

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**15. Regulatory Information****Other regulations**

If other regulatory information applies that is not already provided elsewhere in this safety data sheet, then it is described in this subsection.

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**16. Other Information**

Any other intended applications should be discussed with the manufacturer.

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