

β -Carotene

sc-202485

Material Safety Data Sheet



The Power to Question

Hazard Alert Code
Key:

EXTREME

HIGH

MODERATE

LOW

Section 1 - CHEMICAL PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

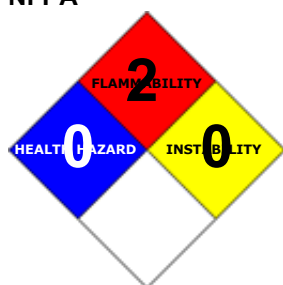
PRODUCT NAME

β -Carotene

STATEMENT OF HAZARDOUS NATURE

CONSIDERED A HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE ACCORDING TO OSHA 29 CFR 1910.1200.

NFPA



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PRODUCT USE

Yellow colouring agent in foods; sunscreen agents; Vitamin A precursor in therapeutics.

SYNONYMS

C40-H56, "synthetic carotene", Solatene, "Natural Yellow 26", carotenoid, "(all-E-1, 1' -(3, 7, 12, 16-tetramethyl-1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13", "(all-E-1, 1' -(3, 7, 12, 16-tetramethyl-1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13", "15, 17-", "octadecanoaene-1, 18-diyl)bis 2, 6, 6-trimethylcyclohexene", "octadecanoaene-1, 18-diyl)bis 2, 6, 6-trimethylcyclohexene"

Section 2 - HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

CANADIAN WHMIS SYMBOLS



EMERGENCY OVERVIEW

RISK

Possible risk of harm to the unborn child.

Flammable.

Toxic to aquatic organisms, may cause long-term adverse effects in the aquatic environment.

Risk of explosion if heated under confinement.

POTENTIAL HEALTH EFFECTS

ACUTE HEALTH EFFECTS

SWALLOWED

- Accidental ingestion of the material may be damaging to the health of the individual.
- Retinoid poisoning, as characterised by Vitamin A intoxication, may occur at high doses and is characterised by sedation, headache, irritability, papilloedema (oedema of the optic disk), and a generalised peeling of the skin. Although vitamin A is useful in preventing and treating chemical sensitivity, many chemically sensitive individuals, especially those who exhibit formaldehyde sensitivity, cannot tolerate it following oral administration.

Retinoids are frequently produced, in the organism, as a result of carotenoid metabolism.

Retinoids such as etretinate and isotretinoin, taken in therapeutic doses, may produce dryness of the mucous membranes, sometimes with erosion, involving the lips (cheilitis), mouth, conjunctiva (sometimes causing conjunctivitis), and nasal mucosa and epistaxis (rarely causing epistaxis). Other symptoms may include flare-up of acne, peeling of the palms, soles and fingertips, rhinorrhoea, nosebleed, gingival bleeding, nail fragility, easy sunburning, fever and mild headache. Ocular defects may include problems with night vision, and alterations in colour perception. Musculoskeletal effects include aching joints and backache. Neurological symptoms include fatigue, minor depression, and insomnia. Decreased libido and menstrual irregularities have been reported in etretinate therapies. Liver and kidney dysfunction has been suggested after abnormal laboratory tests and following the appearance of calcified tendons and ligaments in the ankles, pelvis, and knees; hepatitis has been reported in a significant number of patients (1.5%). Dryness of the skin may result in scaling, thinning, pruritus, exfoliation, and erythema. Thinning of the hair or alopecia may occur by the fourth week of etretinate treatment. Skeletal hyperostosis, benign intracranial hypertension, musculoskeletal pain, gastrointestinal effects and paronychia have also occurred. Serum levels of hepatic enzymes and triglyceride concentrations may be elevated.

Isotretinoin therapy has produced corneal opacities and premature epiphyseal closure. Such therapy has also been associated with skin infection and an inflammatory bowel syndrome.

EYE

- Although the material is not thought to be an irritant, direct contact with the eye may cause transient discomfort characterized by tearing or conjunctival redness (as with windburn). Slight abrasive damage may also result. The material may produce foreign body irritation in certain individuals.

SKIN

- The material is not thought to produce adverse health effects or skin irritation following contact (as classified using animal models). Nevertheless, good hygiene practice requires that exposure be kept to a minimum and that suitable gloves be used in an occupational setting.

- Open cuts, abraded or irritated skin should not be exposed to this material.

- Entry into the blood-stream, through, for example, cuts, abrasions or lesions, may produce systemic injury with harmful effects. Examine the skin prior to the use of the material and ensure that any external damage is suitably protected.

INHALED

- The material is not thought to produce either adverse health effects or irritation of the respiratory tract following inhalation (as classified using animal models). Nevertheless, adverse effects have been produced following exposure of animals by at least one other route and good hygiene practice requires that exposure be kept to a minimum and that suitable control measures be used in an occupational setting.

- Persons with impaired respiratory function, airway diseases and conditions such as emphysema or chronic bronchitis, may incur further disability if excessive concentrations of particulate are inhaled.

CHRONIC HEALTH EFFECTS

- Results in experiments suggest that this material may cause disorders in the development of the embryo or fetus, even when no signs of poisoning show in the mother.

Limited evidence suggests that repeated or long-term occupational exposure may produce cumulative health effects involving organs or biochemical systems.

Long term exposure to high dust concentrations may cause changes in lung function i.e. pneumoconiosis; caused by particles less than 0.5 micron penetrating and remaining in the lung. Prime symptom is breathlessness; lung shadows show on X-ray.

Prolonged overdose of Vitamin A is associated with fatigue, irritability, loss of weight and appetite, mild fever, increased amounts of urine, enlarged liver and spleen, hair loss, bleeding lips, thickening of skin and yellow pigmentation. Bone and joint pain may occur, and growth may be permanently arrested in children. There may be birth defects and loss of bone mineral associated with carotenoids.

Section 3 - COMPOSITION / INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

HAZARD RATINGS

	Min	Max	
Flammability:	2		
Toxicity:	2		
Body Contact:	0		
Reactivity:	1		
Chronic:	3		
		Min/Nil=0 Low=1 Moderate=2 High=3 Extreme=4	 

NAME	CAS RN	%
C.I. Natural Yellow 26; C.I. 75130, as		
beta-carotene	7235-40-7	>98
(all trans)		

Section 4 - FIRST AID MEASURES

SWALLOWED

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- If swallowed do NOT induce vomiting.
- If vomiting occurs, lean patient forward or place on left side (head-down position, if possible) to maintain open airway and prevent aspiration.
- Observe the patient carefully.

- Never give liquid to a person showing signs of being sleepy or with reduced awareness; i.e. becoming unconscious.
- Give water to rinse out mouth, then provide liquid slowly and as much as casualty can comfortably drink.
- Seek medical advice.

EYE

- If this product comes in contact with the eyes:
 - Wash out immediately with fresh running water.
 - Ensure complete irrigation of the eye by keeping eyelids apart and away from eye and moving the eyelids by occasionally lifting the upper and lower lids.
 - If pain persists or recurs seek medical attention.
 - Removal of contact lenses after an eye injury should only be undertaken by skilled personnel.

SKIN

- If skin or hair contact occurs:
 - Flush skin and hair with running water (and soap if available).
 - Seek medical attention in event of irritation.

INHALED

- - If fumes or combustion products are inhaled remove from contaminated area.
 - Other measures are usually unnecessary.

NOTES TO PHYSICIAN

- Treat symptomatically.

Section 5 - FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

Vapour Pressure (mmHG):	Not applicable.
Upper Explosive Limit (%):	Not available.
Specific Gravity (water=1):	1 @ 20 deg C.
Lower Explosive Limit (%):	Not available.

EXTINGUISHING MEDIA

- For SMALL FIRES:
Dry chemical, CO2, water spray or foam.
- For LARGE FIRES:
Water-spray, fog or foam.

FIRE FIGHTING

- - Alert Emergency Responders and tell them location and nature of hazard.
 - Wear breathing apparatus plus protective gloves.
 - Prevent, by any means available, spillage from entering drains or water course.
 - Fight fire from a safe distance, with adequate cover.
 - If safe, switch off electrical equipment until vapor fire hazard removed.
 - Use water delivered as a fine spray to control fire and cool adjacent area.
 - Avoid spraying water onto liquid pools.
 - DO NOT approach containers suspected to be hot.
 - Cool fire exposed containers with water spray from a protected location.
 - If safe to do so, remove containers from path of fire.

GENERAL FIRE HAZARDS/HAZARDOUS COMBUSTIBLE PRODUCTS

- - Flammable solid which burns and propagates flame easily, even when partly wetted with water.
 - Any source of ignition, i.e. friction, heat, sparks or flame, may cause fire or explosion.
 - May burn fiercely
 - May form explosive mixtures with air.
 - May REIGNITE after fire is extinguished.
 - Containers may explode on heating.
 - Solids may melt and flow when heated or involved in a fire.
 - Runoff may pollute waterways.
 - Avoid generating dust, particularly clouds of dust in a confined or unventilated space as dusts may form an explosive mixture with air.
 - Dry dust can be charged electrostatically by turbulence, pneumatic transport, pouring, in exhaust ducts and during transport, thereby providing a source of ignition.
 - Decomposition products may be irritating, poisonous or corrosive.

Combustion products include: carbon dioxide (CO2), other pyrolysis products typical of burning organic material.

FIRE INCOMPATIBILITY

- Avoid contamination with oxidizing agents i.e. nitrates, oxidizing acids, chlorine bleaches, pool chlorine etc. as ignition may result.

PERSONAL PROTECTION

Glasses:
Chemical goggles.
Gloves:
Respirator:
Particulate dust filter.

Section 6 - ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

MINOR SPILLS



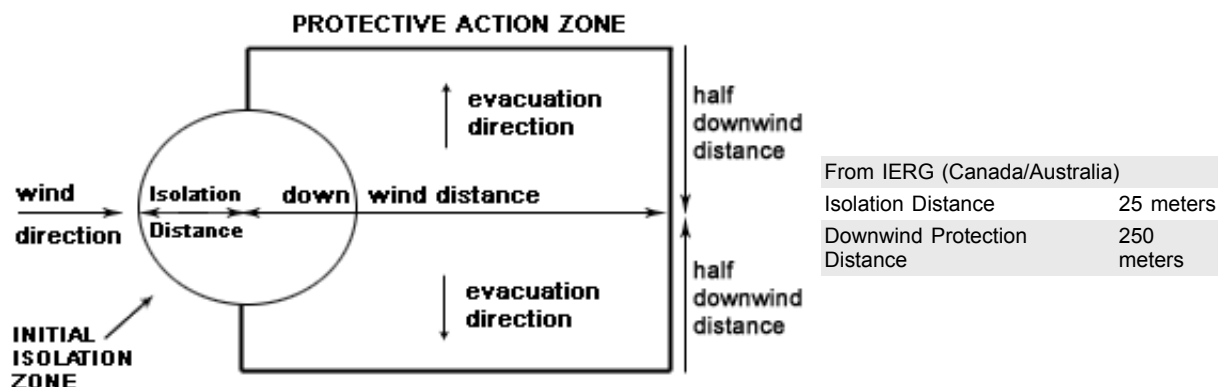
- Remove all ignition sources.
- DO NOT touch or walk through spilled material.
- Clean up all spills immediately.
- Avoid contact with skin and eyes.
- Prevent dust cloud.
- With clean shovel (preferably non-sparking) place material into clean, dry container and cover loosely.
- Move containers from spill area.
- Control personal contact by using protective equipment.

MAJOR SPILLS



- Clear area of personnel and move upwind.
- Alert Emergency Responders and tell them location and nature of hazard.
- DO NOT touch or walk through spilled material.
- Control personal contact by using protective equipment.
- Prevent, by any means available, spillage from entering drains or water course.
- No smoking, naked lights or ignition sources.
- Increase ventilation.
- Stop leak if safe to do so.
- Contain or cover with sand, earth or vermiculite.
- Use only spark-free shovels and explosion proof equipment.
- Collect recoverable product into labeled containers for recycling.
- Collect solid residues and seal in labeled drums for disposal.
- Wash area with water and dike for later disposal; prevent runoff into drains.
- After clean up operations, decontaminate and launder all protective clothing and equipment before storing and re-using.
- If contamination of drains or waterways occurs, advise emergency services.

PROTECTIVE ACTIONS FOR SPILL



FOOTNOTES

1 PROTECTIVE ACTION ZONE is defined as the area in which people are at risk of harmful exposure. This zone assumes that random changes in wind direction confines the vapour plume to an area within 30 degrees on either side of the predominant wind direction, resulting in a crosswind protective action distance equal to the downwind protective action distance.

2 PROTECTIVE ACTIONS should be initiated to the extent possible, beginning with those closest to the spill and working away from the site in the downwind direction. Within the protective action zone a level of vapour concentration may exist resulting in nearly all unprotected persons becoming incapacitated and unable to take protective action and/or incurring serious or irreversible health effects.

3 INITIAL ISOLATION ZONE is determined as an area, including upwind of the incident, within which a high probability of localised wind reversal may expose nearly all persons without appropriate protection to life-threatening concentrations of the material.

4 SMALL SPILLS involve a leaking package of 200 litres (55 US gallons) or less, such as a drum (jerrican or box with inner containers). Larger packages leaking less than 200 litres and compressed gas leaking from a small cylinder are also considered "small spills". LARGE SPILLS involve many small leaking packages or a leaking package of greater than 200 litres, such as a cargo tank, portable tank or a "one-tonne" compressed gas cylinder.

5 Guide 133 is taken from the US DOT emergency response guide book.

6 IERG information is derived from CANUTEC - Transport Canada.

ACUTE EXPOSURE GUIDELINE LEVELS (AEGL) (in ppm)

AEGL 1: The airborne concentration of a substance above which it is predicted that the general population, including susceptible individuals, could experience notable discomfort, irritation, or certain asymptomatic nonsensory effects. However, the effects are not disabling and are transient and reversible upon cessation of exposure.

AEGL 2: The airborne concentration of a substance above which it is predicted that the general population, including susceptible individuals, could experience irreversible or other serious, long-lasting adverse health effects or an impaired ability to escape.

AEGL 3: The airborne concentration of a substance above which it is predicted that the general population, including susceptible individuals, could experience life-threatening health effects or death.

Section 7 - HANDLING AND STORAGE

PROCEDURE FOR HANDLING



- Avoid all personal contact, including inhalation.

- Wear protective clothing when risk of overexposure occurs.
- Use in a well-ventilated area.
- Prevent concentration in hollows and sumps.
- DO NOT enter confined spaces until atmosphere has been checked.
- DO NOT allow material to contact humans, exposed food or food utensils.
- Avoid smoking, naked lights or ignition sources.
- When handling, DO NOT eat, drink or smoke.
- Avoid contact with incompatible materials.
- Keep containers securely sealed when not in used.
- Avoid physical damage to containers.
- Always wash hands with soap and water after handling.
- Working clothes should be laundered separately. Launder contaminated clothing before re-use.
- Use good occupational work practice.
- Observe manufacturer's storing/handling recommendations.
- Atmosphere should be regularly checked against established exposure standards to ensure safe working conditions are maintained.

Empty containers may contain residual dust which has the potential to accumulate following settling. Such dusts may explode in the presence of an appropriate ignition source.

- Do NOT cut, drill, grind or weld such containers
- In addition ensure such activity is not performed near full, partially empty or empty containers without appropriate workplace safety authorisation or permit.

RECOMMENDED STORAGE METHODS

■ For low viscosity materials and solids: Drums and jerricans must be of the non-removable head type. Where a can is to be used as an inner package, the can must have a screwed enclosure. For materials with a viscosity of at least 2680 cSt. (23 deg. C):

- Removable head packaging and
- cans with friction closures may be used.

Where combination packages are used, there must be sufficient inert absorbent material to absorb completely any leakage that may occur, unless the outer packaging is a close fitting molded plastic box and the substances are not incompatible with the plastic. All combination packages for Packing group I and II must contain cushioning material.

STORAGE REQUIREMENTS

■ FOR MINOR QUANTITIES:

- Store in an indoor fireproof cabinet or in a room of noncombustible construction
- Provide adequate portable fire-extinguishers in or near the storage area.

FOR PACKAGE STORAGE:

- Store in original containers in approved flame-proof area.
- No smoking, naked lights, heat or ignition sources.
- DO NOT store in pits, depressions, basements or areas where vapors may be trapped.
- Keep containers securely sealed.
- Store away from incompatible materials in a cool, dry well ventilated area.
- Protect containers against physical damage and check regularly for leaks.
- Protect containers from exposure to weather and from direct sunlight unless: (a) the packages are of metal or plastic construction; (b) the packages are securely closed are not opened for any purpose while in the area where they are stored and (c) adequate precautions are taken to ensure that rain water, which might become contaminated by the dangerous goods, is collected and disposed of safely.
- Ensure proper stock-control measures are maintained to prevent prolonged storage of dangerous goods.
- Observe manufacturer's storing and handling recommendations.

SAFE STORAGE WITH OTHER CLASSIFIED CHEMICALS



X: Must not be stored together

O: May be stored together with specific preventions

+: May be stored together

Section 8 - EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

EXPOSURE CONTROLS

Source	Material	TWA ppm	TWA mg/m ³	STEL ppm	STEL mg/m ³	Peak ppm	Peak mg/m ³	TWA F/CC	Notes
Canada - Alberta Occupational Exposure Limits	beta-carotene (Turpentine and selected monoterpenes)	20	111						
Canada - Saskatchewan Occupational Health and Safety Regulations - Contamination Limits	beta-carotene (Turpentine and selected monoterpenes)	20		30					SEN

MATERIAL DATA

BETA-CAROTENE:

- It is the goal of the ACGIH (and other Agencies) to recommend TLVs (or their equivalent) for all substances for which there

is evidence of health effects at airborne concentrations encountered in the workplace.

At this time no TLV has been established, even though this material may produce adverse health effects (as evidenced in animal experiments or clinical experience). Airborne concentrations must be maintained as low as is practically possible and occupational exposure must be kept to a minimum.

NOTE: The ACGIH occupational exposure standard for Particles Not Otherwise Specified (P.N.O.S) does NOT apply.

CEL TWA: 1 mg/m³ [Roche]

PERSONAL PROTECTION



Consult your EHS staff for recommendations

EYE



- Safety glasses with side shields
- Chemical goggles.
- Contact lenses pose a special hazard; soft lenses may absorb irritants and all lenses concentrate them.

HANDS/FEET

- Suitability and durability of glove type is dependent on usage. Important factors in the selection of gloves include: such as:
 - frequency and duration of contact,
 - chemical resistance of glove material,
 - glove thickness and
 - dexterity

Select gloves tested to a relevant standard (e.g. Europe EN 374, US F739).

- When prolonged or frequently repeated contact may occur, a glove with a protection class of 5 or higher (breakthrough time greater than 240 minutes according to EN 374) is recommended.
- When only brief contact is expected, a glove with a protection class of 3 or higher (breakthrough time greater than 60 minutes according to EN 374) is recommended.
- Contaminated gloves should be replaced.

Gloves must only be worn on clean hands. After using gloves, hands should be washed and dried thoroughly. Application of a non-perfumed moisturiser is recommended.

Wear physical protective gloves, eg. leather.

Wear safety footwear.

OTHER



- Overalls.
- Eyewash unit.
- Barrier cream.
- Skin cleansing cream.
- Some plastic personal protective equipment (PPE) (e.g. gloves, aprons, overshoes) are not recommended as they may produce static electricity.
- For large scale or continuous use wear tight-weave non-static clothing (no metallic fasteners, cuffs or pockets), non sparking safety footwear.



- Respirators may be necessary when engineering and administrative controls do not adequately prevent exposures.
- The decision to use respiratory protection should be based on professional judgment that takes into account toxicity information, exposure measurement data, and frequency and likelihood of the worker's exposure - ensure users are not subject to high thermal loads which may result in heat stress or distress due to personal protective equipment (powered, positive flow, full face apparatus may be an option).
- Published occupational exposure limits, where they exist, will assist in determining the adequacy of the selected respiratory . These may be government mandated or vendor recommended.
- Certified respirators will be useful for protecting workers from inhalation of particulates when properly selected and fit tested as part of a complete respiratory protection program.
- Use approved positive flow mask if significant quantities of dust becomes airborne.
- Try to avoid creating dust conditions.

The local concentration of material, quantity and conditions of use determine the type of personal protective equipment required.

Use appropriate NIOSH-certified respirator based on informed professional judgement. In conditions where no reasonable estimate of exposure can be made, assume the exposure is in a concentration IDLH and use NIOSH-certified full face pressure demand SCBA with a minimum service life of 30 minutes, or a combination full facepiece pressure demand SAR with auxiliary self-contained air supply. Respirators provided only for escape from IDLH atmospheres shall be NIOSH-certified for escape from the atmosphere in which they will be used.

ENGINEERING CONTROLS

- For large scale or continuous use:

- Spark-free, earthed ventilation system, venting directly to the outside and separate from usual ventilation systems
- Provide dust collectors with explosion vents
- Local exhaust ventilation is required where solids are handled as powders or crystals; even when particulates are relatively large, a certain proportion will be powdered by mutual friction.
- Exhaust ventilation should be designed to prevent accumulation and recirculation of particulates in the workplace.
- If in spite of local exhaust an adverse concentration of the substance in air could occur, respiratory protection should be considered. Such protection might consist of:

- (a): particle dust respirators, if necessary, combined with an absorption cartridge;
- (b): filter respirators with absorption cartridge or canister of the right type;
- (c): fresh-air hoods or masks

- Build-up of electrostatic charge on the dust particle, may be prevented by bonding and grounding.
- Powder handling equipment such as dust collectors, dryers and mills may require additional protection measures such as explosion venting.

Air contaminants generated in the workplace possess varying "escape" velocities which, in turn, determine the "capture velocities" of fresh circulating air required to efficiently remove the contaminant.

Type of Contaminant:	Air Speed:
direct spray, spray painting in shallow booths, drum filling, conveyer loading, crusher dusts, gas discharge (active generation into zone of rapid air motion)	1-2.5 m/s (200-500 f/min.)
grinding, abrasive blasting, tumbling, high speed wheel generated dusts (released at high initial velocity into zone of very high rapid air motion).	2.5-10 m/s (500-2000 f/min.)

Within each range the appropriate value depends on:

Lower end of the range	Upper end of the range
1: Room air currents minimal or favorable to capture	1: Disturbing room air currents
2: Contaminants of low toxicity or of nuisance value only	2: Contaminants of high toxicity
3: Intermittent, low production.	3: High production, heavy use
4: Large hood or large air mass in motion	4: Small hood-local control only

Simple theory shows that air velocity falls rapidly with distance away from the opening of a simple extraction pipe. Velocity generally decreases with the square of distance from the extraction point (in simple cases). Therefore the air speed at the extraction point should be adjusted, accordingly, after reference to distance from the contaminating source. The air velocity at the extraction fan, for example, should be a minimum of 4-10 m/s (800-2000 f/min) for extraction of crusher dusts generated 2 meters distant from the extraction point. Other mechanical considerations, producing performance deficits within the extraction apparatus, make it essential that theoretical air velocities are multiplied by factors of 10 or more when extraction systems are installed or used.

Section 9 - PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

PHYSICAL PROPERTIES

Does not mix with water.

Sinks in water.

State	DIVIDED SOLID	Molecular Weight	536.85
Melting Range (°F)	361.4(in vacuo)	Viscosity	Not Applicable
Boiling Range (°F)	Not available.	Solubility in water (g/L)	Insoluble.
Flash Point (°F)	Not Available	pH (1% solution)	Not applicable.
Decomposition Temp (°F)	Not available.	pH (as supplied)	Not applicable
Autoignition Temp (°F)	584.6	Vapour Pressure (mmHG)	Not applicable.
Upper Explosive Limit (%)	Not available.	Specific Gravity (water=1)	1 @ 20 deg C.
Lower Explosive Limit (%)	Not available.	Relative Vapor Density (air=1)	Not available.
Volatile Component (%vol)	Not applicable.	Evaporation Rate	Not applicable

APPEARANCE

Reddish crystals, decolourize in light, insoluble in water. No odour. Soluble in ether, pet. ether, oils. Dilute solutions are yellow. Absorbs oxygen from the air giving rise to inactive, colourless oxidation products. Other isomeric forms occur in smaller amounts in nature, alpha carotene, gamma carotene etc. All are Vitamin A precursors. Minimum ignition temperature >222 deg C.

Section 10 - CHEMICAL STABILITY

CONDITIONS CONTRIBUTING TO INSTABILITY

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- Presence of air
- Presence of incompatible materials.
- Product is considered stable.
- Hazardous polymerization will not occur.

STORAGE INCOMPATIBILITY

■ The very feature which confers the important properties on carotenoids (antioxidants) also makes them unstable. The structures break down with attack by free radicals, such as singlet molecular oxygen and other reactive species. The common degradation pathways are isomerisation, oxidation and fragmentation of the carotenoid molecules. Heat, light and acids promote isomerisation of the trans-form of carotenoids to the cis-form. Light, enzymes, pro-oxidant metals and co-oxidation with unsaturated lipids, on the other hand, induce oxidation. Pyrolysis occurs under intense heat with expulsion of low molecular weight molecules.

The fact that carotenoid pigments are made up of a system of conjugated double bonds makes them vulnerable to heat. When intense heat is applied, the ring(?) structures are cleaved and molecular reactions occur, involving the double bonds. Two types of thermal degradation products are formed: a volatile fraction of low molecular weight molecules which is vapourised, and a non-volatile fraction from the larger fragments of the carotene molecules after cleaving off the volatile fraction. The volatile fraction may include 2,6-dimethylnaphthalene, toluene, m-xylene.

During carotene oxidation a catalytic agent is formed which causes accelerated deterioration. A strong smell of ionine develops upon the auto-oxidation (the end-rings of the carotene molecule split off).

Avoid reaction with oxidizing agents.

For incompatible materials - refer to Section 7 - Handling and Storage.

Section 11 - TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

beta-carotene

TOXICITY AND IRRITATION

■ unless otherwise specified data extracted from RTECS - Register of Toxic Effects of Chemical Substances.

TOXICITY	IRRITATION
Oral (rat) LD50: >20000 mg/kg	Nil Reported
■ Exposure to the material for prolonged periods may cause physical defects in the developing embryo (teratogenesis).	

Section 12 - ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Refer to data for ingredients, which follows:

BETA-CAROTENE:

- Toxic to aquatic organisms.
- Do NOT allow product to come in contact with surface waters or to intertidal areas below the mean high water mark. Do not contaminate water when cleaning equipment or disposing of equipment wash-waters. Wastes resulting from use of the product must be disposed of on site or at approved waste sites.
- May cause long-term adverse effects in the aquatic environment.
- Retinoids, low molecular weight lipophilic derivatives of vitamin A, can have profound effects upon the development of various embryonic systems especially amphibians in which retinoic acid receptors have been hypothesized to play a role in frog deformities. Although naturally occurring, retinoids have been used for a number of years for a wide array of medical conditions. Although retinoids and retinoic acids would also be expected to be photolabile (and therefore not persistent), their products may also still possess receptor activity. For example, methoprene, an insecticidal synthetic retinoic acid mimic, is photolabile and yields numerous photo-products, some of which also elicit strong retinoic acid activity.
- DO NOT discharge into sewer or waterways.

Ecotoxicity

Ingredient	Persistence: Water/Soil	Persistence: Air	Bioaccumulation	Mobility
beta-carotene	HIGH		LOW	LOW

Section 13 - DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

US EPA Waste Number & Descriptions

A. General Product Information

Ignitability characteristic: use EPA hazardous waste number D001 (waste code I)

Disposal Instructions

All waste must be handled in accordance with local, state and federal regulations.

! Legislation addressing waste disposal requirements may differ by country, state and/ or territory. Each user must refer to laws operating in their area. In some areas, certain wastes must be tracked.

A Hierarchy of Controls seems to be common - the user should investigate:

- Reduction
- Reuse
- Recycling
- Disposal (if all else fails)

This material may be recycled if unused, or if it has not been contaminated so as to make it unsuitable for its intended use. Shelf life considerations should also be applied in making decisions of this type. Note that properties of a material may change in use, and recycling or reuse may not always be appropriate.

DO NOT allow wash water from cleaning equipment to enter drains. Collect all wash water for treatment before disposal.

- Recycle wherever possible.
- Consult manufacturer for recycling options or consult Waste Management Authority for disposal if no suitable treatment or disposal facility can be identified.
- Dispose of by: Burial in a licensed land-fill or Incineration in a licensed apparatus (after admixture with suitable combustible material)
- Decontaminate empty containers. Observe all label safeguards until containers are cleaned and destroyed.

Section 14 - TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION



DOT:

Symbols:	None	Hazard class or Division:	4.1
Identification Numbers:	UN1325	PG:	III
Label Codes:	4.1	Special provisions:	A1, IB8, IP3, T1, TP33
Packaging: Exceptions:	151	Packaging: Non-bulk:	213

Packaging: Exceptions:	151	Quantity limitations: Passenger aircraft/rail:	25 kg
Quantity Limitations: Cargo aircraft only:	100 kg	Vessel stowage: Location:	B
Vessel stowage: Other:	None		

Hazardous materials descriptions and proper shipping names:

Flammable solids, organic, n.o.s.

Air Transport IATA:

ICAO/IATA Class:	4.1	ICAO/IATA Subrisk:	None
UN/ID Number:	1325	Packing Group:	III
Special provisions:	A3		

Shipping Name: FLAMMABLE SOLID, ORGANIC, N.O.S. *(CONTAINS BETA-CAROTENE)

Maritime Transport IMDG:

IMDG Class:	4.1	IMDG Subrisk:	None
UN Number:	1325	Packing Group:	III
EMS Number:	F-A,S-G	Special provisions:	223 274 915 944

Limited Quantities: 5 kg

Shipping Name: FLAMMABLE SOLID, ORGANIC, N.O.S.(contains beta-carotene)

Section 15 - REGULATORY INFORMATION

beta-carotene (CAS: 7235-40-7) is found on the following regulatory lists;

"Canada Domestic Substances List (DSL)","US FDA CFSAN Color Additive Status List 4","US FDA CFSAN Color Additive Status List 5","US FDA CFSAN Color Additive Status List 6","US Food Additive Database","US Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) - Inventory"

Section 16 - OTHER INFORMATION

LIMITED EVIDENCE

- Ingestion may produce health damage*.
- Cumulative effects may result following exposure*.

* (limited evidence).

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- Classification of the mixture and its individual components has drawn on official and authoritative sources as well as independent review by the Chemwatch Classification committee using available literature references.

A list of reference resources used to assist the committee may be found at:

www.chemwatch.net/references.

- The (M)SDS is a Hazard Communication tool and should be used to assist in the Risk Assessment. Many factors determine whether the reported Hazards are Risks in the workplace or other settings. Risks may be determined by reference to Exposures Scenarios. Scale of use, frequency of use and current or available engineering controls must be considered.

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