

## Safety data sheet

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### \* SECTION 1: Identification of the substance/mixture and of the company/undertaking

**· 1.1 Product identifier****· Trade name:** Agarose for Molecular Biology**· Product Code:** 30-10-10, 30-10-20, 30-10-50, 30-10-60**· CAS Number:**  
9012-36-6**· EC number:**  
232-731-8**· Registration number**

Not applicable: naturally derived product; not chemically modified; does not meet the criteria for classification as dangerous according to Directive 67/548/EEC; not categorised as a PBT or vPvB or of equivalent concern.

**· 1.2 Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against****· Product category** PC21 Laboratory chemicals**· Application of the substance / the mixture** Laboratory reagent**· Uses advised against** Processes involving extreme heat use advised against.**· 1.3 Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet****· Supplier:**

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**· Further information obtainable from:** Product safety department.**· 1.4 Emergency telephone number:**

Members of the public seeking specific information on poisons should contact:

In England and Wales: NHS 111 - dial 111

In Scotland: NHS 24 - dial 111

### SECTION 2: Hazards identification

**· 2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture****· Classification according to GB-CLP** The substance is not classified, according to the GB CLP regulation.**· 2.2 Label elements****· Labelling according to GB-CLP** Not applicable**· Hazard pictograms** Not applicable**· Signal word** Not applicable**· Hazard statements** Not applicable**· 2.3 Other hazards****· Results of PBT and vPvB assessment****· PBT:** Not applicable.**· vPvB:** Not applicable.

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### SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients

- **3.1 Substances**
- **CAS No. Description**  
CAS: 9012-36-6 Agarose
- **Identification number(s)**
- **EC number:** 232-731-8

### \* SECTION 4: First aid measures

- **4.1 Description of first aid measures**
- **General information:** No special measures required.
- **After inhalation:** Supply fresh air; consult doctor in case of complaints.
- **After skin contact:**  
Immediately wash with water and soap and rinse thoroughly.  
If skin irritation continues, consult a doctor.
- **After eye contact:**  
Check for and remove any contact lenses.  
Rinse opened eye for several minutes under running water. If symptoms persist, consult a doctor.
- **After swallowing:**  
Rinse out mouth and then drink plenty of water.  
If symptoms persist consult doctor.
- **Information for doctor:** Treat symptomatically and supportively.
- **4.2 Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed** No further relevant information available.
- **4.3 Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed**  
No further relevant information available.

### \* SECTION 5: Firefighting measures

- **5.1 Extinguishing media**
- **Suitable extinguishing agents:**  
CO<sub>2</sub>, powder or water spray. Fight larger fires with water spray or alcohol resistant foam.  
Use fire extinguishing methods suitable to surrounding conditions.
- **For safety reasons unsuitable extinguishing agents:** Water with full jet
- **5.2 Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture**  
As with most organic solids, fire is possible at elevated temperatures or by contact with an ignition source.  
Fine dust dispersed in air in sufficient concentrations, and in the presence of an ignition source is a potential dust explosion hazard.  
In case of fire, the following can be released:  
Carbon monoxide and carbon dioxide  
Sulphur Oxides (SO<sub>x</sub>)
- **5.3 Advice for firefighters**
- **Protective equipment:**  
Wear self-contained respiratory protective device.  
Do not inhale explosion gases or combustion gases.  
Wear fully protective suit.
- **Additional information**  
Cool endangered receptacles with water spray.

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Collect contaminated fire fighting water separately. It must not enter the sewage system.

### SECTION 6: Accidental release measures

#### · 6.1 Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

Avoid formation of dust.

Ensure adequate ventilation

#### · 6.2 Environmental precautions: Do not allow product to enter drains.

#### · 6.3 Methods and material for containment and cleaning up:

Pick up mechanically.

Send for recovery or disposal in suitable receptacles.

#### · 6.4 Reference to other sections

See Section 7 for information on safe handling.

See Section 8 for information on personal protection equipment.

See Section 13 for disposal information.

### SECTION 7: Handling and storage

#### · 7.1 Precautions for safe handling

No special measures required.

Ensure good ventilation/exhaustion at the workplace.

#### · Information about fire - and explosion protection:

There is a risk of a dust explosion if the following conditions are met:

- The substance is present in very finely distributed form (powder, dust).
- The substance is whirled up in sufficient quantity in the air.
- An ignition source is present (flame, spark, electrostatic discharge, etc.)

#### · 7.2 Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

##### · Storage:

· Requirements to be met by storerooms and receptacles: No special requirements.

· Information about storage in one common storage facility: Store away from oxidising agents.

· Further information about storage conditions: Store in cool, dry conditions in well sealed receptacles.

· Storage class: 11

· 7.3 Specific end use(s) No further relevant information available.

### \* SECTION 8: Exposure controls/personal protection

#### · 8.1 Control parameters

· Ingredients with limit values that require monitoring at the workplace: Not required.

· Additional information: The lists valid during the making were used as basis.

#### · 8.2 Exposure controls

· Appropriate engineering controls No further data; see section 7.

· Individual protection measures, such as personal protective equipment

· General protective and hygienic measures:

The usual precautionary measures are to be adhered to when handling chemicals.

Avoid contact with the eyes and skin.

Do not breathe dust

Do not eat, drink, smoke or sniff while working.

Wash hands before breaks and at the end of work.

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· **Respiratory protection:**

Use suitable respiratory protective device in case of insufficient ventilation.

Filter P1

· **Hand protection**



For prolonged contact, use protective gloves tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or EN374 (EU).

The glove material has to be impermeable and resistant to the product/ the substance/ the preparation.

Selection of the glove material on consideration of the penetration times, rates of diffusion and the degradation

· **Material of gloves**

Nitrile rubber, NBR

The selection of the suitable gloves does not only depend on the material, but also on further marks of quality and varies from manufacturer to manufacturer.

· **Penetration time of glove material**

Break-through time: &gt; 480 minutes

The exact break through time has to be found out by the manufacturer of the protective gloves and has to be observed.

· **Eye/face protection**



Safety glasses with side-shields conforming to EN166.

Use equipment for eye protection tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or EN 166(EU).

· **Body protection:**



Protective work clothing

Body protection must be chosen depending on product properties, activity and possible exposure.

· **Environmental exposure controls** Do not allow to enter drains, sewers or watercourses.

## \* SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties

· **9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties**

· **General Information**

· **Physical state**

Solid

· **Colour:**

Whitish

· **Odour:**

Mild

· **Odour threshold:**

Not determined.

· **Melting point/freezing point:**

Undetermined.

· **Boiling point or initial boiling point and boiling range**

Undetermined.

· **Flammability**

Product is not flammable.

· **Lower and upper explosion limit**

· **Lower:**

Not determined.

· **Upper:**

Not determined.

· **Flash point:**

Not applicable.

· **Decomposition temperature:**

Not determined.

· **pH**

Not applicable.

· **Viscosity:**

· **Kinematic viscosity**

Not applicable.

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· <b>Dynamic:</b>	Not applicable.
· <b>Solubility</b>	
· <b>water at 25 °C:</b>	100 g/l
· <b>Partition coefficient n-octanol/water (log value)</b>	Not determined.
· <b>Vapour pressure:</b>	Not applicable.
· <b>Density and/or relative density</b>	
· <b>Density at 20 °C:</b>	1.49 g/cm <sup>3</sup>
· <b>Relative density</b>	Not determined.
· <b>Vapour density</b>	Not applicable.
· <b>9.2 Other information</b>	NOTE: The physical data presented above are typical values and should not be construed as a specification.
· <b>Appearance:</b>	
· <b>Form:</b>	Powder
· <b>Important information on protection of health and environment, and on safety.</b>	
· <b>Ignition temperature:</b>	Not determined.
· <b>Explosive properties:</b>	Product is not explosive. However, formation of explosive air/dust mixtures are possible.
· <b>Solids content:</b>	100.0 %
· <b>Change in condition</b>	
· <b>Evaporation rate</b>	Not applicable.
· <b>Information with regard to physical hazard classes</b>	
· <b>Explosives</b>	Not applicable
· <b>Flammable gases</b>	Not applicable
· <b>Aerosols</b>	Not applicable
· <b>Oxidising gases</b>	Not applicable
· <b>Gases under pressure</b>	Not applicable
· <b>Flammable liquids</b>	Not applicable
· <b>Flammable solids</b>	Not applicable
· <b>Self-reactive substances and mixtures</b>	Not applicable
· <b>Pyrophoric liquids</b>	Not applicable
· <b>Pyrophoric solids</b>	Not applicable
· <b>Self-heating substances and mixtures</b>	Not applicable
· <b>Substances and mixtures, which emit flammable gases in contact with water</b>	Not applicable
· <b>Oxidising liquids</b>	Not applicable
· <b>Oxidising solids</b>	Not applicable
· <b>Organic peroxides</b>	Not applicable
· <b>Corrosive to metals</b>	Not applicable
· <b>Desensitised explosives</b>	Not applicable

## \* SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity

- **10.1 Reactivity** No further relevant information available.
- **10.2 Chemical stability**
- **Thermal decomposition / conditions to be avoided:**  
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  - An ignition source is present (flame, spark, electrostatic discharge, etc.)

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- **10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions** No dangerous reactions known.
- **10.4 Conditions to avoid** Heat and static discharge.
- **10.5 Incompatible materials:** Strong oxidising agents.
- **10.6 Hazardous decomposition products:**  
Carbon monoxide and carbon dioxide  
Sulphur oxides (SO<sub>x</sub>)

## \* SECTION 11: Toxicological information

- **11.1 Information on hazard classes as defined in Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008**
- **Acute toxicity** Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.
- **Primary irritant effect:**
- **Skin corrosion/irritation** Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.
- **Serious eye damage/irritation** Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.
- **Respiratory or skin sensitisation** Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.
- **Germ cell mutagenicity** Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.
- **Carcinogenicity** Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.
- **Reproductive toxicity** Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.
- **STOT-single exposure** Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.
- **STOT-repeated exposure** Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.
- **Aspiration hazard** Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.
- **Subacute to chronic toxicity:** Prolonged or repeated skin contact may irritate and cause dermatitis.
- **11.2 Information on other hazards**

### · **Endocrine disrupting properties**

Substance is not listed.

## SECTION 12: Ecological information

- **12.1 Toxicity**
- **Aquatic toxicity:** No further relevant information available.
- **12.2 Persistence and degradability** Readily biodegradable
- **12.3 Bioaccumulative potential** Product is not expected to bioaccumulate.
- **12.4 Mobility in soil** No further relevant information available.
- **12.5 Results of PBT and vPvB assessment**
- **PBT:** Not applicable.
- **vPvB:** Not applicable.
- **12.6 Endocrine disrupting properties** The product does not contain substances with endocrine disrupting properties.
- **12.7 Other adverse effects**
- **Additional ecological information:**
- **General notes:**  
Water hazard class 1 (German Regulation) (Self-assessment): slightly hazardous for water  
Do not allow undiluted product or large quantities of it to reach ground water, water course or sewage system.

## \* SECTION 13: Disposal considerations

- **13.1 Waste treatment methods**
- **Recommendation**  
Recommended Hierarchy of Controls:
  - Minimise waste;
  - Reuse if not contaminated;

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- Recycle, if possible; or
- Safe disposal (if all else fails).

Small amounts may be diluted with plenty of water and washed away. Dispose of bigger amounts in accordance with Local Authority requirements.

Contact waste processors for recycling information.

Used, degraded or contaminated product may be classified as hazardous waste. Anyone classifying hazardous waste and determining its fate must be qualified in accordance with state and international legislation.

· **Uncleaned packaging:**

· **Recommendation:**

Empty contaminated packagings thoroughly. They may be recycled after thorough and proper cleaning.

Disposal must be made according to official regulations.

Containers, even those that are "empty," may contain residues that can develop flammable and/or hazardous vapours upon heating. Do not cut, drill, grind, weld, or perform similar operations on or near empty containers.

- **Recommended cleansing agents:** Water, if necessary together with cleansing agents.

### SECTION 14: Transport information

· **14.1 UN number or ID number**

· **ADR/RID/ADN, IMDG, IATA** Not applicable

· **14.2 UN proper shipping name**

· **ADR/RID/ADN, IMDG, IATA** Not applicable

· **14.3 Transport hazard class(es)**

· **ADR/RID/ADN, ADN, IMDG, IATA**

· **Class** Not applicable

· **14.4 Packing group**

· **ADR/RID/ADN, IMDG, IATA** Not applicable

· **14.5 Environmental hazards:**

· **Marine pollutant:** No

· **14.6 Special precautions for user**

Not applicable.

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

Not applicable.

· **Transport/Additional information:**

Not dangerous according to the above specifications.

· **UN "Model Regulation":**

Not applicable

### SECTION 15: Regulatory information

· **15.1 Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture**

· **Poisons Act**

· **Regulated explosives precursors**

Substance is not listed.

· **Regulated poisons**

Substance is not listed.

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**· Reportable explosives precursors**

Substance is not listed.

**· Reportable poisons**

Substance is not listed.

**· Control Of Major Accident Hazards Regulations 2015 (COMAH)**
**· Named dangerous substances - ANNEX I** Substance is not listed.

**· 15.2 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.

This Safety Data Sheet is supplied on a voluntary basis.

**· Department issuing SDS:** Product safety department.

**· Abbreviations and acronyms:**

ADR: Accord relatif au transport international des marchandises dangereuses par route (European Agreement Concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road)

IMDG: International Maritime Code for Dangerous Goods

IATA: International Air Transport Association

GHS: Globally Harmonised System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals

EINECS: European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances

CAS: Chemical Abstracts Service (division of the American Chemical Society)

PBT: Persistent, Bioaccumulative and Toxic

vPvB: very Persistent and very Bioaccumulative

**· \* Data compared to the previous version altered.**