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# Material Safety Data Sheet

## Cellulose nitrate MSDS

### Section 1: Chemical Product and Company Identification

**Product Name:** Cellulose nitrate

**Catalog Codes:** SLP3217

**CAS#:** 9004-70-0

**RTECS:** QW0970000

**TSCA:** TSCA 8(b) inventory: Cellulose nitrate

**CI#:** Not available.

**Synonym:** Parlodion Pyroxylin;

**Chemical Name:** Cellulose Nitrate

**Chemical Formula:** Not available.

**Contact Information:**

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### Section 2: Composition and Information on Ingredients

**Composition:**

Name	CAS #	% by Weight
Cellulose nitrate	9004-70-0	100

**Toxicological Data on Ingredients:** Cellulose nitrate: ORAL (LD50): Acute: >5000 mg/kg [Rat]. >5000 mg/kg [Mouse].

### Section 3: Hazards Identification

**Potential Acute Health Effects:** Hazardous in case of skin contact (irritant), of eye contact (irritant), of ingestion, of inhalation.

**Potential Chronic Health Effects:**

CARCINOGENIC EFFECTS: Not available. MUTAGENIC EFFECTS: Not available. TERATOGENIC EFFECTS: Not available.

DEVELOPMENTAL TOXICITY: Not available. Repeated or prolonged exposure is not known to aggravate medical condition.

### Section 4: First Aid Measures

**Eye Contact:**

Check for and remove any contact lenses. In case of contact, immediately flush eyes with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Get medical attention.

**Skin Contact:**

In case of contact, immediately flush skin with plenty of water. Cover the irritated skin with an emollient. Remove contaminated clothing and shoes. Wash clothing before reuse. Thoroughly clean shoes before reuse. Get medical attention.

**Serious Skin Contact:**

Wash with a disinfectant soap and cover the contaminated skin with an anti-bacterial cream. Seek medical attention.

**Inhalation:**

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

**Serious Inhalation:**

Evacuate the victim to a safe area as soon as possible. Loosen tight clothing such as a collar, tie, belt or waistband. If breathing is difficult, administer oxygen. If the victim is not breathing, perform mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. Seek medical attention.

**Ingestion:**

Do NOT induce vomiting unless directed to do so by medical personnel. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Loosen tight clothing such as a collar, tie, belt or waistband. Get medical attention if symptoms appear.

**Serious Ingestion:** Not available.

### Section 5: Fire and Explosion Data

**Flammability of the Product:** Flammable.

**Auto-Ignition Temperature:** 170°C (338°F)

**Flash Points:** CLOSED CUP: 12.778°C (55°F).

**Flammable Limits:** Not available.

**Products of Combustion:** Not available.

**Fire Hazards in Presence of Various Substances:** Highly flammable in presence of open flames and sparks, of heat.

**Explosion Hazards in Presence of Various Substances:**

Explosive in presence of open flames and sparks, of heat. Slightly explosive in presence of shocks.

**Fire Fighting Media and Instructions:**

Flammable solid. SMALL FIRE: Use DRY chemical powder. LARGE FIRE: Use water spray or fog. Cool containing vessels with water jet in order to prevent pressure build-up, autoignition or explosion.

**Special Remarks on Fire Hazards:** Cellulose nitrate presents an unusually severe fire hazard. When dry, it ignites readily and burns explosively.

**Special Remarks on Explosion Hazards:**

AUTOIGNITE. HANDLE DECOMPOSED MATERIAL AS AN EXPLOSIVE THAT MAY DETONATE WITH MILD SHOCK USING EXPLOSIVE DISPOSAL PROCEDURES.

### Section 6: Accidental Release Measures

**Small Spill:** Use appropriate tools to put the spilled solid in a convenient waste disposal container.

**Large Spill:**

Flammable solid. Stop leak if without risk. Do not touch spilled material. Use water spray curtain to divert vapor drift. Prevent entry into sewers, basements or confined areas; dike if needed. Eliminate all ignition sources. Call for assistance on disposal.

### Section 7: Handling and Storage

**Precautions:**

Keep locked up.. Keep away from heat. Keep away from sources of ignition. Keep away from direct sunlight or strong incandescent light. Ground all equipment containing material. Do not ingest. Do not breathe dust. Avoid shock and friction. Wear suitable protective clothing. In case of insufficient ventilation, wear suitable respiratory equipment. If ingested,

seek medical advice immediately and show the container or the label. Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Keep away from incompatibles such as oxidizing agents.

**Storage:**

Keep container in a cool, well-ventilated area. Keep container tightly closed and sealed until ready for use. Avoid all possible sources of ignition (spark or flame).

## Section 8: Exposure Controls/Personal Protection

**Engineering Controls:**

Use process enclosures, local exhaust ventilation, or other engineering controls to keep airborne levels below recommended exposure limits. If user operations generate dust, fume or mist, use ventilation to keep exposure to airborne contaminants below the exposure limit.

**Personal Protection:**

Splash goggles. Lab coat. Dust respirator. Be sure to use an approved/certified respirator or equivalent. Gloves.

**Personal Protection in Case of a Large Spill:**

Splash goggles. Full suit. Dust respirator. Boots. Gloves. A self contained breathing apparatus should be used to avoid inhalation of the product. Suggested protective clothing might not be sufficient; consult a specialist BEFORE handling this product.

**Exposure Limits:** Not available.

## Section 9: Physical and Chemical Properties

**Physical state and appearance:** Solid. (Strips)

**Odor:** Not available.

**Taste:** Not available.

**Molecular Weight:** Not available.

**Color:** Yellow. (Light.)

**pH (1% soln/water):** Not applicable.

**Boiling Point:** Not available.

**Melting Point:** 165°C (329°F)

**Critical Temperature:** Not available.

**Specific Gravity:** 1.66 (Water = 1)

**Vapor Pressure:** Not applicable.

**Vapor Density:** Not available.

**Volatility:** Not available.

**Odor Threshold:** Not available.

**Water/Oil Dist. Coeff.:** Not available.

**Ionicity (in Water):** Not available.

**Dispersion Properties:** Not available.

**Solubility:** Insoluble in cold water, hot water.

## Section 10: Stability and Reactivity Data

**Stability:** The product is stable.

**Instability Temperature:** Not available.

**Conditions of Instability:**

Avoid contact with electric light bulbs, steam coils, or or sources of heat. Prohibit open flames or other sources of ignition. Also keep away from light and incompatible materials.

**Incompatibility with various substances:**

Reactive with oxidizing agents. The product may undergo hazardous decomposition, condensation or polymerization, it may react violently with water to emit toxic gases or it may become self-reactive under conditions of shock or increase in temperature or pressure.

**Corrosivity:** Non-corrosive in presence of glass.

**Special Remarks on Reactivity:** It decomposes when exposed to light.

**Special Remarks on Corrosivity:** Not available.

**Polymerization:** Will not occur.

## Section 11: Toxicological Information

**Routes of Entry:** Inhalation. Ingestion.

**Toxicity to Animals:** Acute oral toxicity (LD50): >5000 mg/kg [Mouse].

**Chronic Effects on Humans:** Not available.

**Other Toxic Effects on Humans:** Hazardous in case of skin contact (irritant), of ingestion, of inhalation.

**Special Remarks on Toxicity to Animals:** Not available.

**Special Remarks on Chronic Effects on Humans:** Not available.

**Special Remarks on other Toxic Effects on Humans:**

Acute Potential Health Effects: Skin: Severely irritates skin and may result in severe pain. Eyes: Severely irritates eyes and may result in severe pain. Ingestion: Harmful if swallowed. Swallowing may result in severe stomach pain. Inhalation: May be harmful if inhaled. May cause irritation of the respiratory tract and mucous membranes.

## Section 12: Ecological Information

**Ecotoxicity:** Not available.

**BOD5 and COD:** Not available.

**Products of Biodegradation:**

Possibly hazardous short term degradation products are not likely. However, long term degradation products may arise.

**Toxicity of the Products of Biodegradation:** Not available.

**Special Remarks on the Products of Biodegradation:** Not available.

## Section 13: Disposal Considerations

**Waste Disposal:**

Waste must be disposed of in accordance with federal, state and local environmental control regulations.

## Section 14: Transport Information

**DOT Classification:** CLASS 4.1: Flammable solid.

**Identification:** : Nitrocellulose with water UNNA: 2555 PG: II

**Special Provisions for Transport:** Not available.

## Section 15: Other Regulatory Information

### Federal and State Regulations:

Connecticut hazardous material survey.: Cellulose nitrate Rhode Island RTK hazardous substances: Cellulose nitrate Pennsylvania RTK: Cellulose nitrate Massachusetts RTK: Cellulose nitrate Massachusetts spill list: Cellulose nitrate New Jersey: Cellulose nitrate New Jersey spill list: Cellulose nitrate TSCA 8(b) inventory: Cellulose nitrate

**Other Regulations:** OSHA: Hazardous by definition of Hazard Communication Standard (29 CFR 1910.1200).

### Other Classifications:

#### WHMIS (Canada):

CLASS B-4: Flammable solid. CLASS F: Dangerously reactive material.

#### DSCL (EEC):

R11- Highly flammable. R36/38- Irritating to eyes and skin. S2- Keep out of the reach of children. S46- If swallowed, seek medical advice immediately and show this container or label.

#### HMIS (U.S.A.):

**Health Hazard:** 2

**Fire Hazard:** 4

**Reactivity:** 3

**Personal Protection:** E

#### National Fire Protection Association (U.S.A.):

**Health:** 2

**Flammability:** 3

**Reactivity:** 3

**Specific hazard:**

#### Protective Equipment:

Gloves. Lab coat. Dust respirator. Be sure to use an approved/certified respirator or equivalent. Wear appropriate respirator when ventilation is inadequate. Splash goggles.

## Section 16: Other Information

**References:** Not available.

**Other Special Considerations:** Not available.

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