Material Safety Data Sheet
Agar

ACC# 00475

Section 1 - Chemical Product and Company Identification

**MSDS Name:** Agar  
**Catalog Numbers:** A360-500, B99737, BP1423-2, BP1423-500, BP2466-10, BP2466-100, BP2466-2, BP2466-500, BP2641-1, BP2641-100, BP2641-500, S71613, S71656, S71691-1, S71691-2, S71693-1, S71693-2, S71695-1, S71695-2, S71696-1, S71697-1, S71698-1  
**Synonyms:** Gelose.  
**Company Identification:**  
Fisher Scientific  
1 Reagent Lane  
Fair Lawn, NJ 07410  
For information, call: 201-796-7100  
Emergency Number: 201-796-7100  
For CHEMTREC assistance, call: 800-424-9300  
For International CHEMTREC assistance, call: 703-527-3887

Section 2 - Composition, Information on Ingredients

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Section 3 - Hazards Identification

**EMERGENCY OVERVIEW**

Appearance: light beige solid.  
**Caution!** May cause eye, skin, and respiratory tract irritation. This is expected to be a low hazard for usual industrial handling.  
**Target Organs:** None known.

**Potential Health Effects**  
**Eye:** Dust may cause mechanical irritation.  
**Skin:** May cause skin irritation. Low hazard for usual industrial handling.
Ingestion: Ingestion of large amounts may cause gastrointestinal irritation. Expected to be a low ingestion hazard.

Inhalation: May cause respiratory tract irritation. Low hazard for usual industrial handling.

Chronic: No information found.

Section 4 - First Aid Measures

Eyes: Flush eyes with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes, occasionally lifting the upper and lower eyelids. Get medical aid.

Skin: Flush skin with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes while removing contaminated clothing and shoes. Get medical aid if irritation develops or persists. Wash clothing before reuse.

Ingestion: Do not induce vomiting. If victim is conscious and alert, give 2-4 cupfuls of milk or water. Get medical aid if irritation or symptoms occur.

Inhalation: Remove from exposure and move to fresh air immediately. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. Get medical aid if cough or other symptoms appear.

Notes to Physician: Treat symptomatically and supportively.

Section 5 - Fire Fighting Measures

General Information: As in any fire, wear a self-contained breathing apparatus in pressure-demand, MSHA/NIOSH (approved or equivalent), and full protective gear. During a fire, irritating and highly toxic gases may be generated by thermal decomposition or combustion. This material in sufficient quantity and reduced particle size is capable of creating a dust explosion.

Extinguishing Media: Use water spray, dry chemical, carbon dioxide, or appropriate foam.

Flash Point: Not applicable.

Autoignition Temperature: Not applicable.

Explosion Limits, Lower: Not available.

Upper: Not available.

NFPA Rating: (estimated) Health: 1; Flammability: 0; Instability: 0

Section 6 - Accidental Release Measures

General Information: Use proper personal protective equipment as indicated in Section 8.

Spills/Leaks: Vacuum or sweep up material and place into a suitable disposal container.
Clean up spills immediately, observing precautions in the Protective Equipment section. Avoid generating dusty conditions. Provide ventilation.

### Section 7 - Handling and Storage

**Handling:** Use with adequate ventilation. Minimize dust generation and accumulation. Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Keep container tightly closed. Avoid ingestion and inhalation. Wash clothing before reuse.

**Storage:** Keep from contact with oxidizing materials. Store in a cool, dry, well-ventilated area away from incompatible substances.

### Section 8 - Exposure Controls, Personal Protection

**Engineering Controls:** Facilities storing or utilizing this material should be equipped with an eyewash facility and a safety shower. Use adequate ventilation to keep airborne concentrations low.

**Exposure Limits**

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**OSHA Vacated PELs:** Agar: No OSHA Vacated PELs are listed for this chemical.

**Personal Protective Equipment**

**Eyes:** Wear appropriate protective eyeglasses or chemical safety goggles as described by OSHA's eye and face protection regulations in 29 CFR 1910.133 or European Standard EN166.

**Skin:** Wear appropriate gloves to prevent skin exposure.

**Clothing:** Wear appropriate protective clothing to minimize contact with skin.

**Respirators:** Follow the OSHA respirator regulations found in 29 CFR 1910.134 or European Standard EN 149. Use a NIOSH/MSHA or European Standard EN 149 approved respirator if exposure limits are exceeded or if irritation or other symptoms are experienced.

### Section 9 - Physical and Chemical Properties

**Physical State:** Solid

**Appearance:** light beige

**Odor:** odorless

**pH:** Not available.
Vapor Pressure: Negligible.
Vapor Density: Not available.
Evaporation Rate: Not available.
Viscosity: Not available.
Boiling Point: Not available.
Freezing/Melting Point: Not available.
Decomposition Temperature: Not available.
Solubility: soluble in hot water
Specific Gravity/Density: Not available.
Molecular Formula: Mixture
Molecular Weight: Not available.

Section 10 - Stability and Reactivity

Chemical Stability: Stable at room temperature in closed containers under normal storage and handling conditions.
Conditions to Avoid: Dust generation, excess heat, strong oxidants.
Incompatibilities with Other Materials: Strong oxidizers.
Hazardous Decomposition Products: Carbon monoxide, irritating and toxic fumes and gases, carbon dioxide.
Hazardous Polymerization: Has not been reported.

Section 11 - Toxicological Information

RTECS#: 
CAS# 9002-18-0: AW7950000
LD50/LC50: 
CAS# 9002-18-0:
  Oral, mouse: LD50 = 16 gm/kg;
  Oral, rabbit: LD50 = 5800 mg/kg;
  Oral, rat: LD50 = 11 gm/kg;

Carcinogenicity: 
CAS# 9002-18-0: Not listed by ACGIH, IARC, NTP, or CA Prop 65.

Epidemiology: No information found
Teratogenicity: No information found
Reproductive Effects: No information found
Mutagenicity: No information found
Neurotoxicity: No information found
Other Studies:
Section 12 - Ecological Information

No information available.

Section 13 - Disposal Considerations

Chemical waste generators must determine whether a discarded chemical is classified as a hazardous waste. US EPA guidelines for the classification determination are listed in 40 CFR Parts 261.3. Additionally, waste generators must consult state and local hazardous waste regulations to ensure complete and accurate classification.

**RCRA P-Series:** None listed.

**RCRA U-Series:** None listed.

Section 14 - Transport Information

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Section 15 - Regulatory Information

**US FEDERAL**

**TSCA**

CAS# 9002-18-0 is listed on the TSCA inventory.

**Health & Safety Reporting List**

None of the chemicals are on the Health & Safety Reporting List.

**Chemical Test Rules**

None of the chemicals in this product are under a Chemical Test Rule.

**Section 12b**

None of the chemicals are listed under TSCA Section 12b.

**TSCA Significant New Use Rule**

None of the chemicals in this material have a SNUR under TSCA.

**CERCLA Hazardous Substances and corresponding RQs**
None of the chemicals in this material have an RQ.

**SARA Section 302 Extremely Hazardous Substances**
None of the chemicals in this product have a TPQ.

**Section 313** No chemicals are reportable under Section 313.

**Clean Air Act:**
- This material does not contain any hazardous air pollutants.
- This material does not contain any Class 1 Ozone depletors.
- This material does not contain any Class 2 Ozone depletors.

**Clean Water Act:**
- None of the chemicals in this product are listed as Hazardous Substances under the CWA.
- None of the chemicals in this product are listed as Priority Pollutants under the CWA.
- None of the chemicals in this product are listed as Toxic Pollutants under the CWA.

**OSHA:**
None of the chemicals in this product are considered highly hazardous by OSHA.

**STATE**
CAS# 9002-18-0 is not present on state lists from CA, PA, MN, MA, FL, or NJ.

**California Prop 65**
California No Significant Risk Level: None of the chemicals in this product are listed.

**European/International Regulations**

**European Labeling in Accordance with EC Directives**

**Hazard Symbols:**
Not available.

**Risk Phrases:**

**Safety Phrases:**

**WGK (Water Danger/Protection)**
CAS# 9002-18-0: 0

**Canada - DSL/NDSL**
CAS# 9002-18-0 is listed on Canada's DSL List.

**Canada - WHMIS**
This product has a WHMIS classification of Not controlled.
This product has been classified in accordance with the hazard criteria of the Controlled Products Regulations and the MSDS contains all of the information required by those regulations.

**Canadian Ingredient Disclosure List**

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**Section 16 - Additional Information**

**MSDS Creation Date:** 7/13/1999  
**Revision #12 Date:** 2/08/2008

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