



**FOOD SAFETY & QUALITY SYSTEM
PRODUCT SAFETY DATA SHEET
WHEAT**



Statement of Hazardous Nature

Not classified as hazardous according to the criteria of Worksafe Australia

SECTION 1: IDENTIFICATION OF THE SUBSTANCE AND OF THE COMPANY

Product Name	Wheat
Other Names	
Product Use	An ingredient for use in the food and beverage industries (domestic and export)
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SECTION 2 HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION AND HEALTH EFFECTS

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Label Elements

Signal Word	Warning
Pictogram(s)	

Hazard Statements	May form combustible dust concentrations in air
Other Hazards	Inhalation may aggravate those with pre-existing conditions including skin, eye and respiratory conditions Allergic responses are possible with sensitive individuals Contains gluten

Acute

Ingestion	Not a hazard if swallowed, with the exception of individuals that are gluten intolerant (Coeliacs Disease).
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Eye	Mild irritant from wheat dust. Direct contact may cause discomfort in some individuals.
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Skin:	Wheat dust may be a mild irritant and lead to dry or itchy skin.
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Inhaled	Wheat dust may be an irritant to airway passage.
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<u>Chronic</u>	Recurrent skin contact of wheat dust may lead to dermatitis. Prolonged inhalation of wheat dust may cause the condition known as “baker’s asthma”.
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SECTION 3 INFORMATION ON MAIN INGREDIENTS

Wheat is cereal grain, cultivated for use in food industry, brewing and stockfeed

Intended Use: Ingredient for the food and beverage industries (domestic and export)

Unintended Use: May not be fed to ruminants without blending with other ingredients

Ingredients Wheat (*Triticum aestivum*)

Packaging Polypropylene bags, bulka bag, bulk truck or container

SECTION 4 FIRST AID MEASURES

General Exposure Not hazardous under anticipated conditions of normal use

Inhalation (wheat dust) Remove to fresh air. Seek medical advice if required.

Skin (wheat dust): Wash thoroughly with clean water.

Eye (wheat dust): Irrigate with clean water for a minimum of 5 minutes. Seek medical attention if required.

Ingestion (wheat dust) Allergic responses are possible with sensitive individuals. Seek medical attention if required.

First Aid Facilities No specific requirements.

Advice to Doctor No specific instructions.

SECTION 5 FIRE HAZARDS

Special Hazards

Wheat flour dust is combustible and under some circumstances can form explosive clouds in the air. Supports combustion at high temperatures. Sources of ignition should be avoided.

Can give rise to hazardous fumes (oxides of carbon) on combustion.

Equipment should be earthed to avoid electrostatic discharges.

EXERCISE CAUTION WHEN FIGHTING ANY FIRE. DO NOT ENTER FIRE AREA WITHOUT PROPER PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT. DO NOT ALLOW RUN-OFF FROM FIRE FIGHTING TO ENTER DRAINS

SECTION 6 ACCIDENTAL RELEASE



General Measures

Collect spillage. Avoid generating dust. Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice. Good housekeeping is needed during storage, transfer, handling and use of this material to avoid excessive dust accumulation. Spillage can be slippery on smooth surfaces either wet or dry.

Personal Protection

Persons sensitive to wheat flour dust should wear full-face dust masks at all times. Dust masks to be worn in poorly ventilated areas or where handling generates excessive dust.

Safety glasses fitted with a brow guard (a foam or soft plastic insert around the eyepiece) are necessary where handling generates excessive dust.

Emergency Procedures

Evacuate unnecessary personnel. Ventilate any areas

Environmental Precautions

Avoid the material entering public waters, water courses and drains.

SECTION 7 HANDLING AND STORAGE INFORMATION

Handling

Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety procedures. Wash hands and other exposed areas before eating, drinking or smoking and again when leaving for work

Storage and Transport

Not classified as dangerous goods. Store in a clean, cool and dry environment. Stores should be suitable for foodstuffs, and protected from contamination with birds, insects and pests. Bulk storage in concrete, steel/fabric silos. Bag storage in polypropylene. Transport is by bulk or bagged product.

SECTION 8 EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

Exposure Standards

Grain dust TWA: 4 mg/m³

Engineering Controls

Dust extraction is recommended if handling procedure generates dust. Proper grounding procedures to avoid static electricity should be followed. Ensure all national/local regulations are observed.

Personal protective equipment

Dust masks. Gloves. Protective glasses/goggles.



Hand protection

Wear protective gloves

Eye protection

Chemical goggles or safety glasses.

Skin and body protection

Not available

Respiratory protection

Persons sensitive to wheat flour dust should wear full-face dust masks at all times. Dust masks to be worn in poorly ventilated areas or where handling generates excessive dust.

Other information

When using, do not eat, drink or smoke.



SECTION 9 PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Appearance	Appearance of a wheat grain
Boiling/Melting Point	Decomposes
Vapour Pressure	Not Applicable
Specific Gravity	0.65 to 0.75 g/cm ³ (Approx. Bulk Density)
Ignition Temperature	360°C (layer dust)
Flammability Limits	Not Applicable

SECTION 10 STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Stability	Stable under normal conditions
Incompatibility	None known
Hazardous Combustion	Combustion will generate oxides of carbon

SECTION 11 TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Non-toxic food product

Allergen Information	Wheat contains gluten and is unsuitable individuals that are gluten intolerant (Coeliacs Disease)..
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SECTION 12 ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Biodegradable. Nutrient Source

SECTION 13 DISPOSAL

Can be disposed of to landfill

SECTION 14 TRANSPORT

Not classified as hazardous under relevant Directives

SECTION 15 LABELLING

Not applicable

SECTION 16 SHELF LIFE

2 years

SECTION 17 OTHER



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Although wheat is inherently non-hazardous material, under inadequate handling and storage conditions, potential hazards may occur.

Precautions should be taken in grain storage in order to minimise dust brought about by impact or abrasion and by insect or rodent infestation. This dust may contain particles of husk, rootlets or endosperm. Wheat flour dust may become airborne and if at high concentrations and in the presence of an ignition source, at times, may cause fire and explosion.

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