

MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

MSDS DATE: 13/07/06

FILE NO.: ALX-460-031

SECTION 1: PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

PRODUCT NAME: Astaxanthin (crystalline)
SYNONYMS: 3,3'-Dihydroxy- β , β -carotene-4,4'-dione
PRODUCT CODES: ALX-460-031

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SECTION 2: COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

<u>Formula:</u>	<u>CAS #</u>	<u>EC #</u>	<u>Annex I Index #</u>
C ₄₀ H ₅₂ O ₄	472-61-7	N/A	N/A

SECTION 3: HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

ACUTE HEALTH EFFECTS: May be irritant by inhalation, ingestion or skin absorption.

SECTION 4: FIRST AID MEASURES

EYES: Rinse immediately with plenty of water for 15 minutes. Check for and remove any contact lenses. Seek medical attention if symptoms appear.

SKIN: Wash immediately with water for 15 minutes. Remove contaminated clothing. Seek medical attention if symptoms appear.

INGESTION: Rinse mouth with water. Do not induce vomiting. Seek medical attention if symptoms appear. Provide MSDS and label information if possible.

INHALATION: Take into fresh air. If breathing is difficult, administer oxygen. Get medical attention.

SECTION 5: FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

EXTINGUISHING MEDIA: Water spray, water foam, polymer foam, carbon dioxide, dry chemicals.

SPECIAL FIRE FIGHTING PROCEDURES: In case of fire, watch out for the formation of toxic smoke and gases. Wear self-contained respiration equipment. Prevent contact with skin and eyes.

UNUSUAL FIRE AND EXPLOSION HAZARDS: May be combustible at high temperatures.

HAZARDOUS DECOMPOSITION PRODUCTS: N/A

SECTION 6: ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

PERSONAL PRECAUTIONS: Wear chemical safety goggles, rubber boots and heavy rubber gloves.

ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES: Avoid formation of dust, sweep up spill and place in sealed container and hold for disposal. Ventilate area and wash spill site after material pickup is complete.

SECTION 7: HANDLING AND STORAGE

HANDLING AND STORAGE: Keep locked up. Keep away from heat, sources of ignition and incompatibles such as oxidizing agents. Empty containers pose a fire risk, evaporate the residue under a fume hood. Ground all equipment containing material. Avoid contact with skin and eyes; do not breathe dust. Avoid prolonged or repeated exposure. Immediately remove all contaminated clothing. Wash hands before breaks and after work. Avoid eating, drinking and storage of food in the work room. Store tightly sealed at +4°C. Protect from light.

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SECTION 8: EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

ENGINEERING CONTROLS: N/A
VENTILATION: N/A
EYE PROTECTION: N/A
SKIN PROTECTION: Compatible gloves, protective coat or clothing.
SECTION 8 NOTES: Wash thoroughly after handling. Wash contaminated clothing before reuse.

SECTION 9: PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

APPEARANCE: Dark violet powder.
ODOR: N/A
pH AS SUPPLIED: N/A
BOILING POINT: N/A
MELTING POINT: N/A
FREEZING POINT: N/A
VAPOR PRESSURE (mmHg): N/A
VAPOR DENSITY (AIR = 1): N/A
SPECIFIC GRAVITY (H₂O = 1): N/A
EVAPORATION RATE: N/A
BASIS (=1): N/A
SOLUBILITY: Soluble in chloroform (0.05%). Insoluble in water.
MOLECULAR WEIGHT: 596.8

SECTION 10: STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

STABILITY: Stable. Material oxidizes at temperatures above 60°C. Decomposes slowly at exposure to light and high temperatures. Material reacts with acids and may corrode steel. Use stainless steel or polyethylene equipment for mixing purposes.
HAZARDOUS DECOMPOSITION: Carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide, nitrogen oxides.
HAZARDOUS POLYMERIZATION: Will not occur.

SECTION 11: TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

RTECS # : N/A
TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION: May be irritant by inhalation, ingestion or skin absorption. May be harmful by inhalation, ingestion or skin absorption. May be irritating to mucous membranes and upper respiratory tract. To the best of our knowledge, the toxicological properties have not been thoroughly investigated.
LD50: Not available.
CHRONIC EXPOSURE: Not available.
CHRONIC EXPOSURE-CARCINOGEN: Not available.
CHRONIC EXPOSURE-MUTAGEN: Not available.
CHRONIC EXPOSURE-TERATOGEN: Not available.

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SECTION 12: ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION: Not available.

SECTION 13: DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

WASTE DISPOSAL METHOD: Dissolve or mix the material with a combustible solvent and burn in a chemical incinerator equipped with an afterburner and scrubber. Observe all federal, state, and local environmental regulations.

SECTION 14: TRANSPORT INFORMATION

INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORT REGULATIONS:

LAND – ROAD/RAILWAY: ADR/RID Class: Not controlled.

SEA: IMDG Class: Not controlled.

AIR: IATA-DGR Class: Not controlled.

SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR TRANSPORT: N/A

SECTION 15: REGULATORY INFORMATION

CLASSIFICATION AND LABELING ACCORDING TO EU DIRECTIVES:

SYMBOL OF DANGER: Not classified.

R-PHRASES: N/A

S-PHRASES: S22 - Do not breathe dust.
S24/25 - Avoid contact with skin and eyes

U.S. FEDERAL REGULATIONS: Not classified.

HCS CLASSIFICATION: Not classified.

WHMIS (CANADA): Not classified.

SECTION 16: OTHER INFORMATION

DISCLAIMER:

The above information is believed to be correct but does not purport to be all inclusive and shall be used only as a guide. The information in this document is based on the present state of our knowledge and is applicable to the product with regard to appropriate safety precautions. It does not represent any guarantee of the properties of the product. Alexis Corporation shall not be held liable for any damage resulting from handling or from contact with the above product.

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