

PRODUCT SAFETY DATA SHEET FOR CALCIUM OXIDE

Prepared in accordance with Annex II of the REACH Regulation /EC/ 1907/2006,
Regulation /EC/ 1272/2008, Regulation /EC/ 453/2010 and Regulation /EC/
2020/878

1 IDENTIFICATION OF THE SUBSTANCE/MIXTURE AND OF THE COMPANY/UNDERTAKING

1.1 Product identifier

Substance name: Calcium oxide
Synonyms: Lime, Burnt lime, Un-slaked lime, Building lime, Calcia, Fat lime, Chemical lime, Fluxing lime, Hard burnt lime, Soft burnt lime, Pebble lime, Calcium oxide, Calcium monoxide, Quick lime, Calcined limestone.
Chemical name and formula: Calcium oxide –CaO
Trade name: Unslaked lime
CAS: 1305-78-8
EINECS: 215-138-9
Molecular Weight: 56.08 g/mol
REACH Registration number: 01-2119475325-36-0092

1.2 Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against

Manufacture and industrial uses of aqueous solutions of lime substances.
Manufacture and industrial uses of low dusty solids/powders of lime substances.
Manufacture and industrial uses of medium dusty solids/powders of lime substances.
Manufacture and industrial uses of high dusty solids/powders of lime substances.
Manufacture and industrial uses of massive objects containing lime substances.
Professional uses of aqueous solutions of lime substances.
Professional uses of low dusty solids/powders of lime substances.
Professional uses of medium dusty solids/powders of lime substances.
Professional uses of high dusty solids/powders of lime substances.
Professional use of lime substances in soil treatment.
Professional uses of articles/containers containing lime substances.
Consumer use of building and construction material (DIY).
Consumer use of CO₂ absorbent in breathing apparatuses.

Uses advised against: There are no uses advised against.

1.3 Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

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1.4 Emergency telephone number

European Emergency N°: 112

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Available outside office hours: ☒ Yes

☐ No

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2 HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

2.1 Classification of the substance

2.1.1 Classification according to Regulation (EC) 1272/2008

STOT Single Exp. 3, Route of exposure: Inhalation

Skin Irritation 2

Eye Damage 1

2.1.2 Classification according to Directive 67/548/EEC

Xi – irritant

2.2 Label elements

2.2.1 Labelling according to Regulation (EC) 1272/2008

Signal word: Danger

Hazard pictogram: GHS05 – Corrosion, GHS07 – Exclamation mark

Hazard statements:

H315: Causes skin irritation

H318: Causes serious eye damage

H335: May cause respiratory irritation

Precautionary statements:

P102: Keep out of reach of children

P280: Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection

P305+P351+P310: IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Immediately call a POISON CENTRE or doctor/physician

P302+P352: IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of water

P261: Avoid breathing dust/spray

P304+P340: IF INHALED: Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing

P501: Dispose of contents/container in accordance with national regulation

Labelling according to Directive 67/548/EEC

Indication of danger:

Xi irritant

Risk phrases:

R37: Irritating to respiratory system

R38: Irritating to skin

R41: Risk of serious damage to eyes

Safety phrases:

S2: Keep out of the reach of children

S25: Avoid contact with eyes

S26: In case of contact with eyes, rinse immediately with plenty of water and seek medical advice

S37: Wear suitable gloves

S39: Wear eye/face protection

2.3 Other hazards

The substance does not meet the criteria for PBT or vPvB substance.

No other hazards identified.

3 COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

3.1 Substances

Main constituent

Name: Calcium oxide

CAS: 1305-78-8

Impurities

No impurities relevant for classification and labelling.

4 FIRST AID MEASURES

4.1 Description of first aid measures

General advice

No known delayed effects. Consult a physician for all exposures except for minor instances.

Following inhalation

Move source of dust or move person to fresh air. Obtain medical attention immediately.

Following skin contact

Carefully and gently brush the contaminated body surfaces in order to remove all traces of product. Wash affected area immediately with plenty of water. Remove contaminated clothing. If necessary seek medical advice.

Following eye contact

Rinse eyes immediately with plenty of water and seek medical advice.

Following ingestion

Clean mouth with water and drink afterwards plenty of water. Do NOT induce vomiting. Obtain medical attention.

4.2 Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed

Calcium oxide is not acutely toxic via the oral, dermal, or inhalation route. The substance is classified as irritating to skin and the respiratory tract, and entails a risk of serious damage to the eye. There is no concern for adverse systemic effects because local effects (pH-effect) are the major health hazard.

4.3 Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

Follow the advises given in section 4.1

5 FIREFIGHTING MEASURES

5.1 Extinguishing media

5.1.1 Suitable extinguishing media

Suitable extinguishing media: The product is not combustible. Use a dry powder, foam or CO₂ fire extinguisher to extinguish the surrounding fire.

Use extinguishing measures that are appropriate to local circumstances and the surrounding environment.

5.1.2 Unsuitable extinguishing media

Do not use water. Avoid humidification.

5.2 Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture

Calcium oxide reacts with water and generates heat. This may cause risk to flammable material.

5.3 Advice for firefighters

Avoid generation of dust. Use breathing apparatus. Use extinguishing measures that are appropriate to local circumstances and the surrounding environment.

6 ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

6.1 Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

6.1.1 For non-emergency personnel

Ensure adequate ventilation.

Keep dust levels to a minimum.

Keep unprotected persons away.

Avoid contact with skin, eyes, and clothing – wear suitable protective equipment (see section 8).

Avoid inhalation of dust – ensure that sufficient ventilation or suitable respiratory protective equipment is used, wear suitable protective equipment (see section 8).

Avoid humidification.

6.1.2 For emergency responders

Keep dust levels to a minimum.

Ensure adequate ventilation.

Keep unprotected persons away.

Avoid contact with skin, eyes, and clothing – wear suitable protective equipment (see section 8).

Avoid inhalation of dust – ensure that sufficient ventilation or suitable respiratory protective equipment is used, wear suitable protective equipment (see section 8).

Avoid humidification.

6.2 Environmental precautions

Contain the spillage. Keep the material dry if possible. Cover area if possible to avoid unnecessary dust hazard. Avoid uncontrolled spills to watercourses and drains (pH increase). Any large spillage into watercourses must be alerted to the Environment Agency or other regulatory body.

6.3 Methods and material for containment and cleaning up

In all cases avoid dust formation.

Keep the material dry if possible.

Pick up the product mechanically in a dry way.

Use vacuum suction unit, or shovel into bags.

6.4 Reference to other sections

For more information on exposure controls/personal protection or disposal considerations, please check section 8 and 13 and the Annex of this safety data sheet.

7 HANDLING AND STORAGE

7.1 Precautions for safe handling

7.1.1 Protective measures

Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Wear protective equipment (refer to section 8 of this safety data sheet). Do not wear contact lenses when handling this product. It is also advisable to have individual pocket eyewash. Keep dust levels to a minimum. Minimize dust generation. Enclose dust sources, use exhaust ventilation (dust collector at handling points). Handling systems should preferably be enclosed. When handling bags usual precautions should be paid to the risks outlined in the Council Directive 90/269/EEC.

7.1.2 Advice on general occupational hygiene

Avoid inhalation or ingestion and contact with skin and eyes. General occupational hygiene measures are required to ensure safe handling of the substance. These measures involve good personal and housekeeping practices (i.e. regular cleaning with suitable cleaning devices), no drinking, eating and smoking at the workplace. Shower and change clothes at end of work shift. Do not wear contaminated clothing at home.

7.2 Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

The substance should be stored under dry conditions. Any contact with air and moisture should be avoided. Bulk storage should be in purpose – designed silos. Keep away from acids, significant quantities of paper, straw, and nitro compounds. Keep out of reach of children. Do not use aluminium for transport or storage if there is a risk of contact with water.

7.3 Specific end use(s)

Please check the identified uses in table 1 of the Appendix of this SDS.

For more information please see the relevant exposure scenario, available via your supplier/given in the Appendix, and check section 2.1: Control of worker exposure.

8 EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

8.1 Control parameters

SCOEL recommendation (SCOEL/SUM/137 February 2008; see Section 16.6):

Occupational Exposure Limit (OEL), 8 h TWA: 1 mg/m³ respirable dust of calcium oxide

Short-term exposure limit (STEL), 15 min: 4 mg/m³ respirable dust of calcium oxide

PNEC aqua = 370 µg/l

PNEC soil/groundwater = 816 mg/l

8.2 Exposure controls

To control potential exposures, generation of dust should be avoided. Further, appropriate protective equipment is recommended. Eye protection equipment (e.g. goggles or visors) must be worn, unless potential contact with the eye can be excluded by the nature and type of application (i.e. closed

process). Additionally, face protection, protective clothing and safety shoes are required to be worn as appropriate.

8.2.1 Appropriate engineering controls

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

8.2.2 Individual protection measures, such as personal protective equipment

8.2.2.1 Eye/face protection

Do not wear contact lenses. For powders, tight fitting goggles with side shields, or wide vision full goggles. It is also advisable to have individual pocket eyewash.

8.2.2.2 Skin protection

Since calcium oxide is classified as irritating to skin, dermal exposure has to be minimised as far as technically feasible. The use of protective gloves (nitrile), protective standard working clothes fully covering skin, full length trousers, long sleeved overalls, with close fittings at openings and shoes resistant to caustics and avoiding dust penetration are required to be worn.

8.2.2.3 Respiratory protection

Local ventilation to keep levels below established threshold values is recommended. A suitable particle filter mask is recommended, depending on the expected exposure levels

8.2.2.4 Thermal hazards

The substance does not represent a thermal hazard, thus special consideration is not required.

8.2.3 Environmental exposure controls

All ventilation systems should be filtered before discharge to atmosphere.

Avoid releasing to the environment.

Contain the spillage. Any large spillage into watercourses must be alerted to the regulatory authority responsible for environmental protection or other regulatory body.

For detailed explanations of the risk management measures that adequately control exposure of the environment to the substance please check the relevant exposure scenario, available via your supplier.

9 PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties

Appearance:	White or off white (beige) solid material of varying sizes: Lump, granular or fine powder
Odour:	odourless
Odour threshold:	not applicable
pH:	12.3 (saturated solution at 20 °C)
Melting point:	> 450 °C (study result, EU A.1 method)
Boiling point:	not applicable (solid with a melting point > 450 °C)
Flash point:	not applicable (solid with a melting point > 450 °C)
Evaporation rate:	not applicable (solid with a melting point > 450 °C)
Flammability:	non flammable (study result, EU A.10 method)
Explosive limits:	non explosive (void of any chemical structures commonly associated with explosive properties)
Vapour pressure:	not applicable (solid with a melting point > 450 °C)
Vapour density:	not applicable
Relative density:	3.31 (study result, EU A.3 method)
Solubility in water:	1337.6 mg/L (study results, EU A.6 method)
Partition coefficient:	not applicable (inorganic substance)
Auto ignition temperature:	no relative self-ignition temperature below 400 °C (study result, EU A.16 method)
Decomposition temperature:	not applicable
Viscosity:	not applicable (solid with a melting point > 450 °C)
Oxidising properties:	no oxidising properties (Based on the chemical structure, the substance does not contain a surplus of oxygen or any structural groups known to be correlated with a tendency to react exothermally with combustible material)

9.2 Other information

Not available

10 STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

10.1 Reactivity

Calcium oxide reacts exothermically with water to form Calcium dihydroxide.

10.2 Chemical stability

Under normal conditions of use and storage (dry conditions), calcium oxide is stable.

10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions

Calcium oxide reacts exothermically with acids to form calcium salts.

10.4 Conditions to avoid

Minimise exposure to air and moisture to avoid degradation.

10.5 Incompatible materials

Calcium oxide reacts exothermically with water to form calcium dihydroxide:



Calcium oxide reacts exothermically with acids to form calcium salts.

Calcium oxide reacts with aluminium and brass in the presence of moisture leading to the production of hydrogen: $\text{CaO} + 2 \text{Al} + 7 \text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow \text{Ca(Al(OH)}_4)_2 + 3 \text{H}_2$

10.6 Hazardous decomposition products

None.

Further information: calcium oxide absorbs moisture and carbon dioxide from air to form calcium carbonate, which is a common material in nature.

11 TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

11.1 Information on toxicological effects

Calcium oxide is classified as irritating to skin and the respiratory tract and it entails a risk of serious damage to the eye. The occupational exposure limit for the prevention of local sensory irritation and decrease of lung function parameters as critical effects is OEL (8 h) = 1 mg/m³ respirable dust.

Toxicity endpoints	Outcome of the effects assessment
Absorption	The primary health effect of calcium oxide is local irritation due to a pH shift. Therefore, absorption is not a relevant parameter for the effects assessment.
Acute toxicity	Calcium oxide is not acutely toxic. Oral LD ₅₀ > 2000 mg/kg bw (OECD 425, rat) Dermal LD ₅₀ > 2500 mg/kg bw (calcium dihydroxide, OECD 402, rabbit); by read across these results are also applicable to calcium oxide, since in contact with moisture calcium hydroxide is formed. Inhalation no data available Classification for acute toxicity is not warranted. For irritating effects to the respiratory tract see below.
Irritation / corrosion	Calcium oxide entails a risk of serious damage to the eye (eye irritation studies (<i>in vivo</i> , rabbit)). Calcium oxide is irritating to skin (<i>in vivo</i> , rabbit). From human data it is concluded that CaO is irritating to the respiratory tract. Based on experimental results, calcium oxide requires classification as irritating to skin [R38, irritating to skin; Skin Irrit 2 (H315 – Causes skin irritation)] and as severely irritating to the eye [R41, Risk of serious damage to eye; Eye Damage 1 (H318 – Causes serious eye damage)]. As summarised and evaluated in the SCOEL recommendation (Anonymous, 2008), based on human data calcium oxide is classified as irritating to the respiratory system [R37, Irritating to respiratory system; STOT SE 3 (H335 – May cause respiratory irritation)].

Toxicity endpoints	Outcome of the effects assessment
Sensitisation	No data available. Calcium oxide is considered not to be a skin sensitiser, based on the nature of the effect (pH shift) and the essential requirement of calcium for human nutrition. Classification for sensitisation is not warranted.
Repeated dose toxicity	Toxicity of calcium via the oral route is addressed by upper intake levels (UL) for adults determined by the Scientific Committee on Food (SCF), being UL = 2500 mg/d, corresponding to 36 mg/kg bw/d (70 kg person) for calcium. Toxicity of CaO via the dermal route is not considered as relevant in view of the anticipated insignificant absorption through skin and due to local irritation as the primary health effect (pH shift). Toxicity of CaO via inhalation (local effect, irritation of mucous membranes) is addressed by an 8-h TWA determined by the Scientific Committee on Occupational Exposure Limits (SCOEL) of 1 mg/m ³ respirable dust (see Section 8.1). Therefore, classification of CaO for toxicity upon prolonged exposure is not required.
Mutagenicity	Bacterial reverse mutation assay (Ames test, OECD 471): Negative In view of the omnipresence and essentiality of Ca and of the physiological non-relevance of any pH shift induced by calcium oxide in aqueous media, CaO is obviously void of any genotoxic potential. Classification for genotoxicity is not warranted.
Carcinogenicity	Calcium (administered as Ca-lactate) is not carcinogenic (experimental result, rat). The pH effect of calcium oxide does not give rise to a carcinogenic risk. Human epidemiological data support lack of any carcinogenic potential of calcium oxide. Classification for carcinogenicity is not warranted.
Toxicity for reproduction	Calcium (administered as Ca-carbonate) is not toxic to reproduction (experimental result, mouse). The pH effect does not give rise to a reproductive risk. Human epidemiological data support lack of any potential for reproductive toxicity of calcium oxide. Both in animal studies and human clinical studies on various calcium salts no reproductive or developmental effects were detected. Also see the Scientific Committee on Food (Section 16.6). Thus, calcium oxide is not toxic for reproduction and/or development. Classification for reproductive toxicity according to regulation (EC) 1272/2008 is not required.

12 ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

12.1 Toxicity

12.1.1 Acute/Prolonged toxicity to fish

LC₅₀ (96h) for freshwater fish: 50.6 mg/l (calciumdihydroxide)

LC₅₀ (96h) for marine water fish: 457 mg/l (calciumdihydroxide)

12.1.2 Acute/Prolonged toxicity to aquatic invertebrates

EC₅₀ (48h) for freshwater invertebrates: 49.1 mg/l (calciumdihydroxide)

LC₅₀ (96h) for marine water invertebrates: 158 mg/l (calciumdihydroxide)

12.1.3 Acute/Prolonged toxicity to aquatic plants

EC₅₀ (72h) for freshwater algae: 184.57 mg/l (calciumdihydroxide)

NOEC (72h) for freshwater algae: 48 mg/l (calciumdihydroxide)

12.1.4 Toxicity to micro-organisms e.g. bacteria

At high concentration, through the rise of temperature and pH, calcium oxide is used for disinfection of sewage sludges

12.1.5 Chronic toxicity to aquatic organisms

NOEC (14d) for marine water invertebrates: 32 mg/l (calciumdihydroxide)

12.1.6 Toxicity to soil dwelling organisms

EC₁₀/LC₁₀ or NOEC for soil macroorganisms: 2000 mg/kg soil dw(calciumdihydroxide)

EC₁₀/LC₁₀ or NOEC for soil microorganisms: 12000 mg/kg soil dw(calciumdihydroxide)

12.1.7 Toxicity to terrestrial plants

NOEC (21d) for terrestrial plants: 1080 mg/kg (calciumdihydroxide)

12.1.8 General effect

Acute pH-effect. Although this product is useful to correct water acidity, an excess of more than 1 g/l may be harmful to aquatic life. pH-value of > 12 will rapidly decrease as result of dilution and carbonation

12.1.9 Further information

The results by read across are also applicable to calcium oxide, since in contact with moisture calcium hydroxide is formed

12.2 Persistence and degradability

Not relevant for inorganic substances

12.3 Bioaccumulative potential

Not relevant for inorganic substances

12.4 Mobility in soil

Calcium oxide reacts with water and/or carbon dioxide to form respectively calcium dihydroxide and/or calcium carbonate, which are sparingly soluble, and present a low mobility in most soils.

12.5 Results of PBT and vPvB assessment

Not relevant for inorganic substances

12.6 Other adverse effects

No other adverse effects are identified

13 DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

13.1 Waste treatment methods

Disposal of calcium oxide should be in accordance with local and national legislation. Processing, use or contamination of this product may change the waste management options. Dispose of container and unused contents in accordance with applicable member state and local requirements.

The used packing is only meant for packing this product; it should not be reused for other purposes. After usage, empty the packing completely.

14 TRANSPORT INFORMATION

Calcium oxide is not classified as hazardous for transport (ADR (Road), RID (Rail), IMDG / GGVSea (Sea)).

14.1 UN-Number

UN 1910

14.2 UN proper shipping name

Calcium oxide

14.3 Transport hazard class(es)

Class 8

Calcium oxide is listed in IMDG (Amendment 34-08).

14.4 Packing group

Group III (Air transport (ICAO/IATA))

14.5 Environmental hazards

None

14.6 Special precautions for user

Avoid any release of dust during transportation, by using air-tight tanks for powders and covered trucks for pebbles.

14.7 Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL73/78 and the IBC Code

Not regulated.

15 REGULATORY INFORMATION

15.1 Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance

Authorisations: Not required

Restrictions on use: None

Other EU regulations: Calcium oxide is not a SEVESO substance, not an ozone depleting substance and not a persistent organic pollutant.

National regulations: Water endangering class 1 (Germany)

15.2 Chemical safety assessment

A chemical safety assessment has been carried out for this substance.

16 OTHER INFORMATION

Data are based on our latest knowledge but do not constitute a guarantee for any specific product features and do not establish a legally valid contractual relationship.

16.1 Hazard Statements

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16.2 Precautionary Statements

P102: Keep out of reach of children

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P305+P351: IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes

P310: Immediately call a POISON CENTRE or doctor/physician

P302+P352: IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water

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P501: Dispose of contents/container in accordance with national regulation

Risk Phrases

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16.3 Safety Phrases

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S25: Avoid contact with eyes

S26: In case of contact with eyes, rinse immediately with plenty of water and seek medical advice

S37: Wear suitable gloves

S39: Wear eye/face protection

16.4 Abbreviations

EC₅₀: median effective concentration

LC₅₀: median lethal concentration

LD₅₀: median lethal dose

NOEC: no observable effect concentration

OEL: occupational exposure limit

PBT: [persistent, bioaccumulative, toxic chemical](#)

PNEC: predicted no-effect concentration

STEL: short-term exposure limit

TWA: time weighted average

vPvB: very persistent, very bioaccumulative chemical

16.5 Key literature references

Anonymous, 2006: Tolerable upper intake levels for vitamins and minerals Scientific Committee on Food, European Food Safety Authority, ISBN: 92-9199-014-0 [SCF document]

Anonymous, 2008: Recommendation from the Scientific Committee on Occupational Exposure Limits (SCOEL) for calcium oxide (CaO) and calcium dihydroxide (Ca(OH)₂), European Commission, DG Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities, SCOEL/SUM/137 February 2008

16.6 Revision

This version is revised version in order to be in accordance with Annex II of REACH Regulation /EC/ 1907/2006 and Regulation /EC/ 2020/878

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