

# **GRANULAR ULEXITE SAFETY DATA SHEET**

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## SECTION 1. Identification of the substance and of the company

### 1.1. Product identifier

**Substance Name:** Ulexite

**CAS N° :** 1319-33-1

**Trade name:** GRANULAR ULEXITE

**Chemical name/synonyms:** Sodium-Calcium Pentaborate Octahydrate

**REACH Registration No:** Exempt from registration under REACH Regulation according to Article 2 (7) (b). Ulexite is a naturally occurring mineral which is not chemically modified, therefore, considered within the scope of Annex V (7) of the REACH Regulation.

### 1.2. Relevant identified uses of the substance and uses advised against

#### Relevant identified uses

- Agriculture

#### Uses advised against

Not applicable, there are no uses of Granular Ulexite advised against.

### 1.3. Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

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## SECTION 2. Hazard Identification

### 2.1. Classification of the substance

Granular Ulexite is a naturally occurring mineral and does not meet the criteria for classification as hazardous according to Regulation EC 1272/2008.

#### 2.1.1. Classification according to Regulation EC 1272/2008

No classification.

### 2.2. Label elements

No labelling

### 2.3. Other hazards

Granular Ulexite is an inorganic substance and does not meet the criteria for PBT or vPvB substance.

## SECTION 3. Composition / Information on Ingredients

### 3.1. Substances:

#### Chemical Nature of the Substance / Preparation

Granular Ulexite is a mono to multi-constituent substance and the main constituent is Ulexite (Sodium-Calcium Pentaborate Octahydrate)

#### Partical size : 2-4 mm Granular Ulexite

Common Name	Chemical Name	CAS No:	Wt. %
Ulexite	Sodium-Calcium Pentaborate <u>Octahydrate</u>	1319-33-1	69.00 min.
Calcite	Calcium Carbonate	1317-65-3	16.00 max.
Dolomite	Calcium Magnesium Carbonate	16389-88-1	5.00 max.
Clay	-	-	10.00 max.

## SECTION 4. First aid measures

### 4.1. Description of first aid measures

#### 4.1.1. Following skin contact

Granular Ulexite is considered not to be a skin sensitizer based experience in handling and low absorption through skin. However prolonged contact might cause skin irritation. If skin contact occurs, remove contaminated clothing and wash skin with plenty of water and soap. If irritation occurs seek medical advice

#### 4.1.2. Following eye contact

Granular Ulexite is not an eye irritant. However prolonged contact might cause eye irritation. If irritation occurs, check for and remove any contact lenses Flush thoroughly with water to cleanse eye for at least 15 minutes. If irritation persists consult a physician.

#### 4.1.3. Following inhalation

Granular Ulexite is not likely to be hazardous by inhalation. However, prolonged exposure to dust levels in excess of regulatory limits may cause irritation to nose and throat. If symptoms occur remove victim to fresh air.

#### 4.1.4. Following ingestion

Swallowing small quantities of Granular Ulexite (one teaspoon) is not normally harmful. If large amounts are swallowed, rinse mouth out with water, give a glass of water to drink and seek medical attention.

#### 4.1.5. Notes for the doctor

Treat symptomatically.

## SECTION 5. Firefighting measures

Granular Ulexite is not flammable, combustible or explosive. The product is itself a flame retardant.

### 5.1. Extinguishing media

Any fire extinguishing media may be used on nearby fires.

### 5.2. Special hazards arising from the substance

Non-combustible material. Decomposes on heating emitting toxic and noxious fumes. Decomposition products include oxides of sodium, oxides of calcium and oxides of boron.

### 5.3. Advise for fire-fighters

N.A

## SECTION 6. Accidental release measures

### 6.1. Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

#### 6.1.1. For non-emergency personal

No personal protective equipment is normally needed to clean up spilled Granular Ulexite. In case of exposure to high level of dust, wear protective equipment to prevent skin and eye contact and breathing in dust. Increase ventilation. Avoid generating dust.

#### 6.1.2. For emergency responders

No special recommendations are required.

### 6.2. Environmental precautions

Do not allow the spilled substances to reach sewers or waterways. This substance will cause localized contamination of surrounding waters depending on the quantity dissolved. Granular Ulexite is a moderately water soluble mineral. However at high concentrations some damage to local vegetation, fish and other aquatic life may be expected. If sewers and waterways are contaminated with large quantities of spilled Granular Ulexite, advise your local waste management authority.

### 6.3. Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up

Sweep up spills and try to keep dust to a minimum. Use water spraying to prevent airborne dust generation. Industrial vacuum cleaner can also be used as an alternative. Collect and seal in properly labelled containers for safe disposal. Wash area down with water. Hold contaminated water for disposal.

### 6.4. Reference to other sections

See SECTIONS 8 and 13.

## SECTION 7. Handling and Storage

### 7.1. Precautions for safe handling

#### 7.1.1. Protective measures

Avoid handling which leads to dust formation. Avoid skin and eye contact and breathing in dust. Provide appropriate exhaust ventilation at places where airborne dust is generated. Ensure an eye bath and safety shower are available and ready for use.

#### 7.1.2. Advice on general occupational hygiene

Do not to eat, drink and smoke in work areas. Wash hands after use. Remove contaminated clothing and protective equipment before entering eating areas.

### 7.2. Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

*Technical measures and storage conditions:* Though Granular Ulexite does not require any special precautions, it is sensitive to moisture. Protect from moisture and direct sunlight. Store at ambient temperature. Store away from incompatible materials including reducing agents and acids. Minimize airborne dust generation during loading and unloading. The bags should be rotated on a “first-in-first-out” basis.

*Packaging materials:* Store in original packaging as approved by manufacturer.

*Requirements for storage rooms and vessels:* Store in a cool, dry, well-ventilated area. Indoor storage is recommended.

### 7.3. Specific end use(s)

If you require advice on specific uses, please contact your supplier.

## SECTION 8. Exposure controls / personal protection

### 8.1. Control parameters

Occupational exposure limits;

OSHA-PEL\* : 15 mg/m<sup>3</sup> total dust  
5 mg/m<sup>3</sup> respirable dust

Cal OSHA-PEL\* : 10 mg/m<sup>3</sup>

Biological limit values;

Currently, there is no Biological Limit Value (BLV) determined for this substance.

\*OSHA PELs are based on an 8-hour time weighted average (TWA) exposure.

For the equivalent limits in other countries, please consult the local regulatory authority.

### 8.2. Exposure controls

#### 8.2.1. Appropriate engineering controls

Provide general or local exhaust ventilation systems to maintain airborne concentrations of Granular Ulexite dust below specific exposure limits. Local exhaust ventilation is generally preferred because it can control the emissions of the contaminant at its source, preventing dispersion of it into the general work area.

### 8.2.2. Personal protection equipment

**Eye protection:** Wear safety glasses with side-shields.

**Skin protection:** No specific requirement.

**Hand protection:** Wear impervious gloves, Always wash hands before smoking, eating, drinking or using the toilet.

**Respiratory protection:** In case of prolonged exposure to airborne dust concentrations, wear a respiratory protective equipment that complies with requirements of European and national legislation.

### 8.2.3. Environmental exposure controls

No special requirements (See section 6).

## SECTION 9. Physical and chemical properties

### 9.1. Information on basic physical and chemical properties

Appearance	:Light grey to tan stones granulate
Odour	: Odourless
Odour threshold	: Not applicable
pH	: Not applicable
Melting point	: No data available
Initial boiling point and boiling range	: No data available
Flash point	: Non flammable
Evaporation rate	: No data available
Flammability (solid, gas)	: Non flammable
Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits	: Non flammable
Vapour pressure	: Not applicable
Vapour density	: Not applicable
Relative density	: No data available
Solubility in water	: Moderately soluble
Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water	: No data available
Auto-Ignition temperature	: Not applicable
Decomposition temperature	: When heated above 45°C it loses its hydrate water
Viscosity	: Not applicable
Explosion properties	: Non explosive
Oxidising properties	: Not applicable

## SECTION 10. Stability and reactivity

### 10.1. Reactivity

Granular Ulexite is a stable product.

### 10.2. Chemical stability

Granular Ulexite is a stable product at room temperature under normal storage and handling conditions, but when heated it loses water.

### 10.3. Possibility of hazardous reactions

No known hazardous reactions.

#### 10.4. Conditions to avoid

Avoid excessive heat, direct sunlight, generating dust, moisture, static discharges and high temperatures (See section 7).

#### 10.5. Incompatible materials

Incompatible with oxidizing agents, acids, reducing agents and sources of ignition. Reaction with strong reducing agents such as metal hydrides will generate hydrogen gas which could create an explosive hazard (See section 7).

#### 10.6. Hazardous decomposition products

No known hazardous decomposition products.

### SECTION 11. Toxicological information

#### 11.1. Information on toxicological effects

The product does not meet the criteria for classification as hazardous according to EC Regulation 1272/2008 and Directive 67/548/EC as amended. Exempt from REACH registration in accordance with Annex V.7. A hazard assessment has been conducted by "Harlan Laboratories" and the outcome was that Ulexite is not a hazardous substance. Therefore, in absence of identified hazard, the substance is safe and presents no risk

Acute toxicity	Oral	No data available.
	Dermal	No data available.
	Inhalation	No data available.
	Classification for acute toxicity is not warranted.	
Skin corrosion / irritation	No data available.	
	Classification for irritation/corrosion is not warranted.	
Serious eye damage / irritation	No data available.	
	Classification is not warranted.	
Respiratory or skin sensitization	No data available.	
	Ulexite is considered not to be a skin sensitizer based on experience in handling and low absorption through the skin.	
	Classification for sensitization is not warranted.	
Mutagenicity	in-vitro Mutagenicity	No data available.
	In-vivo Mutagenicity	No data available.
	Germ cell mutagenicity	No data available.
	Classification for mutagenicity is not warranted	
Carcinogenicity	No data available.	
	Classification for mutagenicity is not warranted.	
Reproductive toxicity	Fertility	No data available.
	Developmental toxicity	No data available.
	Classification for reproductive toxicity is not warranted	
STOT – single exposure	No data available.	

	Classification for specific target organ toxicity is not warranted.
STOT – repeated exposure	No data available.
	Classification for specific target organ toxicity is not warranted.
Aspiration hazard	Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.

## SECTION 12. Ecological information

No data is available for Ulexite. However Ulexite acts like boric acid when dissolved in water. Therefore ecotoxicity data of boron are provided.

### 12.1. Toxicity

**Phytotoxicity:** Although Boron is an essential micronutrient for healthy growth of plants, it can be harmful to boron-sensitive plants in higher quantities. Care should be taken to minimize the amount of Ulexite released to the environment.

#### Fish Toxicity:

Rainbow Trout ( <i>S.gairdneri</i> )	24 day LC <sub>50</sub> = 150.0 mg/B/L	36 day NOEC-LOEC = 0.75-1 mg/B/L
Goldfish ( <i>Carassius auratus</i> )	3 Day LC <sub>50</sub> = 178 mg B/L	7 day NOEC = 26.50 mg/B/L

#### Invertebrate toxicity:

The acute toxicity (LC<sub>50</sub>) to *Daphnia magna* Straus in natural water is reported to be 133 mg B/L (48 h). Chronic toxicity (21-day NOEC-LOEC) is reported to be 6-13 mg B/L.

### 12.2. Persistence and degradability

Boron is naturally occurring and ubiquitous in the environment.

### 12.3. Bio accumulative potential

Boron does not accumulate up the food chain. It is not expected to bio concentrate in fish.

### 12.4. Mobility in soil

Ulexite is poorly soluble in water and will leach through the soil at very slow rate.

### 12.5. Results of PBT and vPvB assessment

According to the results of its assessment, this substance is not a PBT or a vPvB.

### 12.6. Other adverse effects

No specific adverse effects known.

## SECTION 13. Disposal considerations

### 13.1. Waste treatment methods

**Waste treatment methods:** Small quantities of Granular Ulexite can usually be disposed of at Municipal Landfill sites. No special disposal treatment is required, but refer to state and local regulations for applicable



site-specific requirements. Tonnage quantities of product are not recommended to be sent to landfills. Such products should, if possible, be re-used for an appropriate application.

**Product /Packaging disposal:** Dust formation from residues in packaging should be avoided and suitable worker protection assured. The re-use of packaging is not recommended. Recycling and disposal of packaging should be carried out in compliance with local regulations.

## SECTION 14. Transport information

- 14.1. UN number** : Not relevant  
**14.2. UN proper shipping name** : Not relevant  
**14.3. Transport hazard classes** : Not relevant  
ADR : Not classified  
IMDG : Not classified  
ICA/IATA : Not classified  
RID : Not classified
- 14.4. Packaging group** : Not applicable  
**14.5. Environmental hazards** : Not relevant  
**14.6. Special precautions for user** : No special precautions  
**14.7. Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL73/78 and the IBC Code:** Not relevant

## SECTION 15. Regulatory information

### 15.1. Safety health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance:

- National legislation / requirements** : Not applicable  
**International legislation / requirements** : Not applicable

#### Chemical inventory listing

- EINECS : 603-535-3
- New Zealand NZIoC : 1319-33-1
- Australia AICS : 1319-33-1

Ensure all national/local regulations are observed.

### 15.2. Chemical Safety Assessment:

Exempt from REACH registration in accordance with Annex V.7. A hazard assessment has been conducted by "Harlan Laboratories Ltd." and the outcome was that Ulexite is not a hazardous substance. Therefore, in absence of identified hazard, the substance is safe and presents no risk.

## SECTION 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. Indication of changes:

This SDS has been compiled in accordance with Commission Regulation (EU) No 453/2010 for the first time.

Revision No	Revision Date	Revision content
00	January 2016	This SDS has been compiled in accordance with Commission Regulation (EU) No 453/2010 for the first time.
01	January 2018	This SDS is updated in line with “Standardization and Simplification of Bag Printings”.

## 16.2. Abbreviations and acronyms:

<b>AICS</b>	: Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances
<b>EC N°</b>	: EINECS Number: European Inventory of Existing Commercial Substances
<b>Eti Maden</b>	: Eti Maden İşletmeleri Genel Müdürlüğü
<b>LC<sub>50</sub></b>	: Median lethal concentration
<b>LOEC</b>	: Lowest Observed Effect Concentration
<b>NOAEL</b>	: No observed adverse effect level
<b>NOEC</b>	: No observable effect concentration
<b>NZIoC</b>	: New Zealand Inventory of Chemicals
<b>OSHA</b>	: Occupational Safety and Health Administration
<b>PBT</b>	: Persistent, bio-accumulative and toxic
<b>PEL</b>	: Permissible exposure limit.
<b>SDS</b>	: Safety Data Sheet
<b>TWA</b>	: The time-weighted average airborne concentration over an eight-hour working day, for a five-day working week over an entire working life
<b>vPvB</b>	: Very persistent and very bio-accumulative

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