Material Safety Data Sheet
Calcium Nitrate Tetrahydrate

ACC# 04020

Section 1 - Chemical Product and Company Identification

MSDS Name: Calcium Nitrate Tetrahydrate
Synonyms: Nitric Acid Calcium Salt Tetrahydrate; Lime Nitrate; Norwegian Saltpeter

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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Hazard Symbols: 0
Risk Phrases: 8

Section 3 - Hazards Identification

EMERGENCY OVERVIEW

Appearance: clear almost colorless crystals. **Danger!** Strong oxidizer. Contact with other material may cause a fire. May cause eye and skin irritation. May cause digestive tract irritation with nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea. May cause respiratory tract irritation. May cause methemoglobinemia.

Target Organs: Blood.

Potential Health Effects

Eye: May cause eye irritation.

Skin: May cause skin irritation.

Ingestion: May cause digestive tract disturbances.

Inhalation: May cause respiratory tract irritation. May cause methemoglobinemia. The toxicity of Nitrates is due to their in-vivo conversion to Nitrite s which may lead to methemoglobinemia.

Chronic: Prolonged exposure may cause anemia and methemoglobinemia, characterized by dizziness, drowsiness, headache, breath shortness, cyanosis (bluish skin due to deficient oxygenation of the blood), rapid heart rate and chocolate-brown colored blood.

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:** Call a poison control center. If swallowed, do not induce vomiting unless directed to do so by medical personnel. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Get medical aid.

**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:** For methemoglobinemia, administer oxygen alone or with Methylene Blue depending on the methemoglobin concentration in the blood.

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**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. Strong oxidizer. Contact with combustible materials may cause a fire. Containers may explode in the heat of a fire. May decompose explosively when heated or involved in a fire. May accelerate burning if involved in a fire.

**Extinguishing Media:** Cool containers with flooding quantities of water until well after fire is out. For small fires, do NOT use dry chemicals, carbon dioxide, halon or foams. USE WATER ONLY. For large fires flood fire with water from a distance.

**Flash Point:** Not applicable.

**Autoignition Temperature:** Not applicable.

**Explosion Limits, Lower:** Not available.

**Upper:** Not available.

**NFPA Rating:** (estimated) Health: 2; Flammability: 0; Instability: 1; Special Hazard: OX

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**Section 6 - Accidental Release Measures**

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

**Spills/Leaks:** Flush spill area with water. Do not get water inside containers. Do not use combustible materials such as paper towels to clean up spill. Cover with dry earth, dry sand, or other non-combustible material followed with plastic sheet to minimize spreading and contact with water.

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**Section 7 - Handling and Storage**

**Handling:** Remove contaminated clothing and wash before reuse. Use with adequate ventilation. Do not store near combustible materials. Keep from contact with clothing and other combustible materials.

**Storage:** Keep away from heat, sparks, and flame. Keep containers tightly closed. Do not get water inside containers.

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**Section 8 - Exposure Controls, Personal Protection**

**Engineering Controls:** Use process enclosure, local exhaust ventilation, or other engineering controls to control airborne levels below recommended exposure limits.
Exposure Limits

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OSHA Vacated PELs: Calcium Nitrate tetrahydrate: 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 protective 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. Always use a NIOSH or European Standard EN 149 approved respirator when necessary.

Section 9 - Physical and Chemical Properties

Physical State: Crystals
Appearance: clear almost colorless
Odor: odorless
pH: Not available.
Vapor Pressure: Negligible.
Vapor Density: Not applicable.
Evaporation Rate: Negligible.
Viscosity: Not available.
Boiling Point: 132 deg C
Freezing/Melting Point: 43 deg C
Decomposition Temperature: 132 deg C
Solubility: Soluble.
Specific Gravity/Density: 2.36
Molecular Formula: Ca(NO3)2.4H2O
Molecular Weight: 236.1434

Section 10 - Stability and Reactivity

Chemical Stability: Stable at room temperature in closed containers under normal storage and handling conditions.

Conditions to Avoid: Incompatible materials, ignition sources, moisture, reducing agents, strong acids.

Incompatibilities with Other Materials: Aluminum, ammonium nitrate.

Hazardous Decomposition Products: Carbon monoxide, oxides of nitrogen, irritating and toxic fumes and gases, carbon dioxide.

Hazardous Polymerization: Has not been reported.

Section 11 - Toxicological Information

RTECS#: 
CAS# 13477-34-4: EW3000000

LD50/LC50:
CAS# 13477-34-4:
Draize test, rabbit, eye: 500 mg/24H Mild; 
Draize test, rabbit, skin: 500 mg/24H Mild;

https://fscimage.fishersci.com/msds/04020.htm

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Oral, rat: LD50 = 3900 mg/kg;

**Carcinogenicity:**
CAS# 13477-34-4: Not listed by ACGIH, IARC, NIOSH, NTP, or OSHA.

**Epidemiology:** No information available.

**Teratogenicity:** No information available.

**Reproductive Effects:** No information available.

**Neurotoxicity:** No information available.

**Mutagenicity:** No information available.

**Other Studies:** No data available.

## 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# 13477-34-4 is not on the TSCA Inventory because it is a hydrate. It is considered to be listed if the CAS number for the anhydrous form is on the inventory (40CFR720.3(u)(2)).

**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.

**SARA**

**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.

**SARA Codes**
CAS # 13477-34-4: acute, flammable.

**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# 13477-34-4 is not present on state lists from CA, PA, MN, MA, FL, or NJ.
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:**
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**Risk Phrases:**
R 8 Contact with combustible material may cause fire.

**Safety Phrases:**

**WGK (Water Danger/Protection)**
CAS# 13477-34-4: 1

**Canada - DSL/NDSL**
None of the chemicals in this product are listed on the DSL or NDSL list. **Canada - WHMIS**
This product has a WHMIS classification of C, D2B.

**Canadian Ingredient Disclosure List**

**Exposure Limits**

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**Section 16 - Additional Information**

**MSDS Creation Date:** 1/21/1998
**Revision #3 Date:** 12/03/2002

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