

AMMONIUM CHLORIDE

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SECTION 1: IDENTIFICATION

1.1 GHS Product identifier:

AMMONIUM CHLORIDE
Sal Ammoniac; Salmiac
CAS: 12125-02-9

Other means of identification:

Not relevant

1.2 Recommended use of the chemical and restrictions on use:

Relevant uses: flux for metal tinning/galvanizing/soldering, nitrogen fertilizer raw material, dry-cell battery electrolyte component, textile dyeing auxiliary, chemical intermediate. For industrial/commercial user only.
Uses advised against: All uses not specified in this section or in section 7.3.

1.3 Supplier's details:

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SECTION 2: HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture:

GHS:
Classification of this product has been carried out in accordance with the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS).

Acute Tox. 4	Acute oral toxicity, Category 4, H302
Eye Irrit. 2	Eye irritation, Category 2, H319

2.2 GHS label elements, including precautionary statements:

GHS: Warning
Hazard statements:
H302 – Harmful if swallowed.
H319 – Causes serious eye irritation.

Precautionary statements:

P264: Wash hands thoroughly after handling.
P270: Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.
P280: Wear eye protection/face protection.
P301+P312: IF SWALLOWED: Call a POISON CENTER/doctor if you feel unwell.
P305+P351+P338: IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.
P337+P313: If eye irritation persists: Get medical advice/attention.
P501: Dispose of the contents/containers in accordance with local regulations.

2.3 Other hazards which do not result in classification:

Not relevant

SECTION 3: COMPOSITION / INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

3.1 Substances:

Chemical description: Ammonium Chloride
In accordance with Annex 4.3.3 of the GHS, the product contains:

Identification	Chemical Name / Classification	Concentration
CAS: 12125-02-9	Ammonium Chloride — Acute Tox. 4: H302; Eye Irrit. 2: H319 – Warning	≥99.5% (technical grade)

To obtain more information on the hazards of the substances, consult sections 11, 12 and 16.

3.2 Mixtures:

Non-applicable

SECTION 4: FIRST AID MEASURES

4.1 Description of necessary first-aid measures:

Request medical assistance immediately, showing the SDS of this product.

By inhalation:

Remove the person affected from the area of exposure and provide fresh air. Seek medical attention if discomfort continues.

By skin contact:

Wash affected skin with plenty of water and soap.

By eye contact:

Rinse eyes thoroughly with lukewarm water for at least 15 minutes, holding eyelids open. Seek medical attention if irritation persists (H319).

By ingestion/aspiration:

Rinse mouth with water. Do not induce vomiting. Seek medical attention if a significant quantity is swallowed (H302).

4.2 Most important symptoms/effects, acute and delayed:

Acute and delayed effects are indicated in sections 2 and 11.

4.3 Indication of immediate medical attention and special treatment needed, if necessary:

Not relevant

SECTION 5: FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES

5.1 Suitable extinguishing media:

Suitable: Product is non-combustible; use extinguishing media appropriate to the surrounding fire (water spray, foam, dry chemical powder, carbon dioxide)
Unsuitable: None known

5.2 Specific hazards arising from the chemical:

Non-flammable, non-combustible solid. On strong heating/decomposition may release hydrogen chloride and ammonia/nitrogen oxide fumes.

5.3 Special protective actions for fire-fighters:

Wear self-contained breathing apparatus where decomposition fumes may be present. Cool fire-exposed containers with water spray.

Additional provisions:

Use water spray to cool fire-exposed containers. Prevent fire-fighting water from entering drains or watercourses. Approach the fire from upwind where possible.

SECTION 6: ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

6.1 Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures:

For non-emergency personnel:

Isolate leaks provided there is no additional risk for the people performing this task. Personal protection equipment must be used against potential contact with the spilt product (see section 8). Evacuate the area and keep out those who do not have protection.

For emergency responders:

Wear protective equipment. Keep unprotected persons away. See section 8.

6.2 Environmental precautions:

Prevent large-scale release to drains, watercourses or soil (nitrogen/chloride loading); not classified as an acute environmental hazard in normal use quantities.

6.3 Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up:

Sweep or vacuum up dry material avoiding dust generation; collect in suitable containers for disposal or reuse.

6.4 Reference to other sections:

See sections 8 and 13.

SECTION 7: HANDLING AND STORAGE

7.1 Precautions for safe handling:

A. General precautions for safe use:

Avoid generating and inhaling dust. Avoid contact with eyes.

B. Technical recommendations for the prevention of fires and explosions:

Non-flammable; no special fire/explosion precautions beyond routine housekeeping.

C. Technical recommendations on general occupational hygiene:

Do not eat, drink or smoke while handling. Wash hands after use.

D. Technical recommendations to prevent environmental risks:

Avoid unnecessary release to drains and watercourses.

7.2 Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities:

A. Specific storage requirements:

Minimum Temp.	5°C
Maximum Temp.	30°C
Maximum time	24 Months

B. General conditions for storage:

Store in a cool, dry, well-ventilated place. Corrosive to some metals in the presence of moisture; store away from mild steel/copper surfaces where practical. For additional information see subsection 10.5.

7.3 Specific end use(s):

Except for the instructions already specified, it is not necessary to provide any special recommendation regarding the uses of this product.

SECTION 8: EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

8.1 Control parameters:

Substances whose occupational exposure limits have to be assessed in the workplace, per the Factories Act, 1948 (Act No. 63 of 1948), as amended by the Factories (Amendment) Act, 1987 (Act 20 of 1987):

Identification	Occupational Exposure Limit Type	Value
Ammonium Chloride (fume) CAS: 12125-02-9	Time Weighted average concentration (8 hrs)	10 mg/m³ (total dust, general guidance)

8.2 Appropriate engineering controls:

It is recommended to use localized extraction in the work area as a collective protection measure to avoid exceeding occupational exposure limits, in addition to individual protective equipment (PPE) as needed. Consult the manufacturer's information leaflet for storage, use, cleaning and maintenance of PPE.

B. Respiratory protection:

Not normally required with adequate ventilation. Use a particulate filter respirator (FFP2/P2) where dust levels are elevated.

C. Specific protection for the hands:

Protective gloves recommended for prolonged/repeated handling.

D. Eye and face protection:

Safety goggles or glasses with side shields (H319).

E. Bodily protection:

Standard work clothing.

F. Additional emergency measures:

Emergency shower (ANSI Z358-1, ISO 3864-1:2011, ISO 3864-4:2011) and eyewash stations (DIN 12 899, ISO 3864-1:2011, ISO 3864-4:2011) should be available.

Environmental exposure controls:

Avoid environmental spillage of both the product and its container. See subsection 7.1.D.

SECTION 9: PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties:

Appearance	
Physical state at 20°C	Solid (crystalline powder)
Appearance	White crystalline solid

Color	White
Odor	Odourless
Odour threshold	Not relevant *
Volatility	
Boiling point at atmospheric pressure	Sublimes/decomposes at ~338°C
Vapour pressure at 20°C	Negligible
Evaporation rate at 20°C	Not relevant (solid)
Product Description	
Density / Relative density at 20°C	1.53 g/cm³ (literature)
Dynamic / Kinematic viscosity	Not applicable (solid)
Concentration	See section 3
pH	~4.6–5.5 (5% aqueous solution, weakly acidic; literature)
Vapour density at 20°C	Not relevant (solid)
Partition coefficient n-octanol/water 20°C	Not applicable (inorganic salt)
Solubility in water at 20°C	Soluble, ~297 g/L (literature)
Decomposition temperature	~338°C (sublimes with partial decomposition)
Melting point/freezing point	Sublimes rather than melting at atmospheric pressure
Flammability	
Flash Point	Non-applicable (non-combustible solid)
Flammability (solid, gas)	Non-flammable
Autoignition temperature	Non-applicable
Lower / Upper flammability limit	Non-applicable
Particle Characteristics	
Median equivalent diameter	Available on request (grade dependent)

* Not relevant due to the odourless, non-volatile nature of the solid at ambient temperature.

9.2 Other information:

Explosive properties	Not relevant (non-explosive)
Oxidising properties	Non-oxidising
Corrosive to metals	Corrosive to mild steel/copper in the presence of moisture (chloride-induced corrosion)
Heat of combustion	Not relevant (non-combustible)
Surface tension at 20°C	Not relevant (solid)
Refraction index	Not relevant (solid)

SECTION 10: STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

10.1 Reactivity:

Stable under normal conditions. Mildly acidic in aqueous solution; reacts with strong bases releasing ammonia; reacts with strong oxidisers.

10.2 Chemical stability:

Chemically stable under recommended storage conditions.

10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions:

Contact with strong oxidising agents or nitrites may generate hazardous decomposition products; reaction with strong alkalis releases ammonia gas.

10.4 Conditions to avoid:

Shock/Friction	Contact with Air	Increase in Temperature	Sunlight	Humidity
Not applicable	Not applicable	Sublimes/decomposes at high temperature	Stable	Avoid prolonged exposure to moisture (caking, corrosion)

10.5 Incompatible materials:

Strong Oxidising Agents	Strong Bases	Nitrites
Avoid contact	Releases NH3; avoid contact	Avoid contact (hazardous decomposition)

10.6 Hazardous decomposition products:

Hydrogen chloride, ammonia and nitrogen oxide fumes on strong heating.

SECTION 11: TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

11.1 Information on toxicological effects:

In case of exposure that is repetitive, prolonged, or at concentrations higher than the recommended occupational exposure limits, adverse health effects may result depending on the means of exposure:

A. Ingestion (acute effect):

Harmful if swallowed (H302); may cause gastrointestinal irritation, nausea and vomiting in quantity.

B. Inhalation (acute effect):

Dust may cause irritation of the nose, throat and respiratory tract.

C. Contact with skin and eyes (acute effect):

Not classified as a skin irritant; causes serious eye irritation (H319).

D. CMR effects (carcinogenicity, mutagenicity, reproductive toxicity):

Classification criteria for carcinogenicity, mutagenicity and reproductive toxicity are not met based on available data.

E. Sensitizing effects:

Classification criteria for respiratory or skin sensitisation are not met based on available data.

F. Specific target organ toxicity (STOT) – single exposure:

Classification criteria are not met based on available data.

G. Specific target organ toxicity (STOT) – repeated exposure:

Classification criteria are not met based on available data.

H. Aspiration hazard:

Not relevant (solid).

Product-specific toxicological information:

Identification	Acute Toxicity	Genus
Ammonium Chloride CAS: 12125-02-9	LD50 oral: 1,650 mg/kg (literature)	Rat

SECTION 12: ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Not classified as hazardous to the aquatic environment under core GHS acute/chronic criteria; contains ammoniacal nitrogen which is toxic to aquatic life at elevated concentrations/pH.

12.1 Toxicity:

Identification	Acute Toxicity	Genus
Ammonium Chloride CAS: 12125-02-9	LC50 (96h): ~500–600 mg/L (literature range)	Fish

12.2 Persistence and degradability:

Fully dissociates in water to ammonium and chloride ions, which are naturally occurring species; not persistent as a discrete substance.

12.3 Bioaccumulative potential:

Not expected to bioaccumulate (highly soluble inorganic salt).

12.4 Mobility in soil:

Koc	Henry	Dry Soil	Moist Soil
Not relevant	Not relevant	Mobile (highly soluble)	Mobile

12.5 Results of PBT and vPvB assessment:

Non-applicable (inorganic substance).

12.6 Other adverse effects:

Elevated ammoniacal-nitrogen loading from bulk release can be toxic to aquatic life, particularly at higher pH; avoid bulk discharge.

SECTION 13: DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

13.1 Disposal methods:

Dispose of as general/technical waste in accordance with local regulations, or recover for reuse where practicable. Do not discharge large quantities directly to drains or watercourses.

Refer to national and local regulations on waste management (Hazardous and Other Wastes (Management & Transboundary Movement) Rules, 2016, as amended).

SECTION 14: TRANSPORT INFORMATION

Transport of dangerous goods by land (ADR 2023 / RID 2023):

14.1 UN number	Not regulated
14.2 UN proper shipping name	Not classified as dangerous goods for transport
14.3 Transport hazard class(es)	–
14.4 Packing group	–
14.5 Environmental hazard	No
14.6 Special precautions for user	Physico-chemical properties: see section 9
14.7 Transport in bulk (Annex II MARPOL 73/78, IBC Code)	Not relevant

Transport of dangerous goods by sea (IMDG 41-22):

14.1 UN number	Not regulated
14.2 UN proper shipping name	Not classified as dangerous goods for transport
14.3 Transport hazard class(es)	–
14.4 Packing group	–
14.5 Environmental hazard	No
14.6 Special precautions for user	Physico-chemical properties: see section 9
14.7 Transport in bulk (Annex II MARPOL 73/78, IBC Code)	Not relevant

Transport of dangerous goods by air (IATA/ICAO 2024):

14.1 UN number	Not regulated
14.2 UN proper shipping name	Not classified as dangerous goods for transport
14.3 Transport hazard class(es)	–
14.4 Packing group	–
14.5 Environmental hazard	No
14.6 Special precautions for user	Physico-chemical properties: see section 9
14.7 Transport in bulk (Annex II MARPOL 73/78, IBC Code)	Not relevant

SECTION 15: REGULATORY INFORMATION

15.1 Safety, health and environmental regulations specific for the product in question:

It is recommended to use the information included in this safety data sheet as data used in a risk evaluation of local circumstances, in order to establish the necessary risk prevention measures for the manipulation, use, storage and disposal of this product.

Other legislation:

Manufacture, Storage and Import of Hazardous Chemicals Rules 1989
The Factories Act, 1948 (Act No. 63 of 1948), as amended by the Factories (Amendment) Act, 1987 (Act 20 of 1987)
The Chemical Accidents (Emergency Planning, Preparedness, and Response) Rules, 1996
Public Liability Insurance Act, 1991

SECTION 16: OTHER INFORMATION

Legislation related to safety data sheets:

This safety data sheet has been designed in accordance with Annex 4 – Guidance on the preparation of Safety Data Sheets of the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS).

Texts of the legislative phrases mentioned in sections 2 and 3:

H302: Harmful if swallowed.

H319: Causes serious eye irritation.

The phrases indicated do not refer to the product itself; they are present merely for informative purposes and refer to the individual components which appear in section 3.

Advice related to training:

Minimal training is recommended to prevent industrial risks for staff using this product, in order to facilitate their comprehension and interpretation of this safety data sheet, as well as the label on the product.

Principal bibliographical sources:

United Nations GHS (Rev. 8); ECHA Classification & Labelling Inventory; publicly available peer-reviewed and regulatory toxicological/ecotoxicological literature for this CAS number.

Abbreviations and acronyms:

ADR: European agreement concerning the international carriage of dangerous goods by road | IMDG: International maritime dangerous goods code | IATA: International Air Transport Association | ICAO: International Civil Aviation Organisation | COD: Chemical Oxygen Demand | BOD5: 5-day biochemical oxygen demand | BCF: Bioconcentration factor | LD50: Lethal Dose 50 | LC50: Lethal Concentration 50 | EC50: Effective Concentration 50 | Log-POW: Octanol-water partition coefficient | Koc: Partition coefficient of organic carbon | IARC: International Agency for Research on Cancer

The information contained in this safety data sheet is based on sources, technical knowledge and current legislation, without being able to guarantee its accuracy. This information cannot be considered a guarantee of the properties of the product; it is simply a description of the security requirements. The occupational methodology and conditions for users of this product are not within Suraj Chemicals' awareness or control, and it is ultimately the responsibility of the user to take the necessary measures to obtain the legal requirements concerning the manipulation, storage, use and disposal of chemical products. The information on this safety data sheet only refers to this product, which should not be used for needs other than those specified.

END OF SAFETY DATA SHEET