

NITRAGIN® GOLD INOCULANT

MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

SECTION 1 PRODUCT & COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

Material Names: NITRAGIN® GOLD Inoculant

Other Designations: Dry seed inoculant containing live cultures of nitrogen-fixing *Rhizobium* bacteria

Chemical Formula: Mixture

Manufacturer: EMD Crop BioScience
3101 W. Custer Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53209

Emergency Telephone: 414-462-7600
Monday-Friday, 8:00 am - 4:30 pm CST

After Hours: Call CHEMTREC at 1-800-424-9300

SECTION 2 INGREDIENT INFORMATION

<u>Hazardous Ingredient:</u>	<u>CAS Number:</u>	<u>OSHA PEL:</u>	<u>ACGIH TLV:</u>
crystalline quartz	14808-60-7	10 mg/m ³	0.1 mg/m ³

(Small amounts of quartz are a naturally-occurring component of the carrier substrate)

Contains naturally-occurring, non-pathogenic *Rhizobium* bacteria on a carrier substrate of clay. These are symbiotic nitrogen-fixing bacteria, to be applied as a seed treatment in advance of or at planting, to specific legume crops (not a plant food product). See product label for specific crop information, application rates and methods. Not for food, feed or drug use.

SECTION 3 HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

Emergency Overview: There are no known health effects caused by the *Rhizobium* bacteria contained in this product.

Primary Entry Routes: Oral (swallowing), inhalation

Acute Effects (Signs and Symptoms of Overexposure):

- Eyes:** Dust may cause mechanical irritation of eye.
- Skin:** No known hazard.
- Inhalation:** Inhalation of large amounts of dust may cause discomfort.
- Ingestion:** No known hazard.

Chronic Effects: Chronic inhalation of quartz dust causes lung disease.

Medical Conditions Aggravated by Exposure: Respiratory disease.

Target Organs: Lungs

Carcinogenicity: Quartz is listed as a carcinogen by NTP and IARC.

HMIS: Health – 0, Flammability – 0, Reactivity – 0

SECTION 4 FIRST AID MEASURES

Eyes: Flush eyes with water for at least 15 minutes.

Skin: Wash with soap and water.

Inhalation: Remove person to fresh air. Get medical attention if irritation persists.

Ingestion: No treatment necessary.

SECTION 5 FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

Flash Point: None

Autoignition Temp.: Not determined

Explosive Limits: LEL: Not applicable
UEL: Not applicable

Extinguishing Media: Use media suitable for the surrounding fire

Unusual Fire or Explosion Hazards: None known

Fire Fighting Instructions: No special requirements.



SECTION 6 ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Large Spill/Leak Procedures: Contain spill and recover for use or disposal.

Small Spills: Spilled liquid may cause slippery residue on hard floors. Flush spill area with water to wash away any slippery residue.

SECTION 7 STORAGE AND HANDLING

Storage Requirements: Store in original container in a cool, dry place. Use before expiration date printed on package.

Handling Precautions: No special handling requirements. Follow normal hygiene and housekeeping standards for agricultural products.

SECTION 8 EXPOSURE CONTROLS/ PERSONAL PROTECTION

Ventilation: Special ventilation is not required for the normal handling and use of this product when following the label instructions.

Protective Clothing/Equipment: Dust-proof goggles are recommended when working in dusty conditions.

Respirator: Wear a dust mask when working in dusty conditions.

Contaminated Equipment: Clean application equipment with detergent and water after use.

Comments: Practice general personal hygiene after using this product. After handling any chemical or biological product, wash arms, hands and face with soap and water before eating, drinking or smoking.

SECTION 9 PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Physical State: Powder	Water Solubility: Insoluble
Color: white	% Volatile (Volume): Not determined
Odor: Odorless	Specific Gravity: 2.4 - 2.7
Melting Point: Not determined	Vapor Pressure: Not determined
Boiling Point: Not determined	Vapor Density: Not determined
Freezing Point: Not determined	pH: 7.7

SECTION 10 STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Stability: Stable

Conditions to Avoid: None

Hazardous Polymerization: Will not occur

Chemical Incompatibilities: Some seed-applied chemicals, including fungicides, may be harmful to the bacteria in this product. See product label for further information on the use of fungicides or other chemicals in conjunction with seed treatment. Avoid direct contact with strong fertilizers or strong oxidizers.

Hazardous Products of Decomposition: Oxides of carbon

SECTION 11 TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Eye Effects/Eye Irritation:	Non-irritating
Acute Oral Effects:	LD ₅₀ (orl-rat): >5000 mg/kg
Acute Inhalation Effects:	No data available
Acute Dermal Effects:	LD ₅₀ (dml-rbt): >2000 mg/kg
Skin Irritation:	Non-irritating
Skin Sensitization:	Not a skin sensitizer

SECTION 12 ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

This product contains non-pathogenic bacteria strains that occur naturally in soil, and is biodegradable.

SECTION 13 DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Disposal: Small amounts of product which cannot be used according to label instructions may be disposed of in a landfill.

RCRA Waste Status: This product is not regulated as a hazardous waste. State and local regulation may affect the disposal of this product. Consult your state, local or provincial environmental agency for disposal of waste other than by use according to label instructions.

SECTION 14 TRANSPORT INFORMATION

Transportation Data: This product is not regulated as a hazardous material for all modes of transportation within the U.S. and Canada.

Hazard Class: Not applicable **ID No.:** Not applicable

SECTION 15 REGULATORY INFORMATION

TSCA: All components of this product are listed on the TSCA inventory.

SARA Section 313: Contains no reportable components.

OSHA Hazard Classification: Non-hazardous

Proposition 65: Contains no components subject to warning requirements.

WHMIS / Controlled Products Regulations: This product has been classified in accordance with the hazard criteria of the CPR and this MSDS contains all of the information required by the CPR.

SECTION 16 OTHER INFORMATION

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