

Data Packet

Aspartame Microtested Grade

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AminoSweet

Specification Ajinomoto Aspartame (Micro-Test Powder)

Supplier: Ajinomoto Co., Inc.

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Description: Aspartame is a high intense sweetener which is approximately 200 times

sweeter than sugar, and it's a white, odorless and crystalline powder.

Product name: "AminoSweet" Aspartame Micro-Test Powder

Synonyms: Aspartyl phenylalanine methyl ester, APM

Shelf Life: Aspartame is stable for 5 years in normal conditions (temperature: 5-35°C *,

humidity: 45-85%²), when properly stored in sealed, original container. In

addition, don't store near products with a strong odor.

Chemical Name: N-L- α -Aspartyl-L-phenylalanine -1- methyl ester, *1&2 : Japanese Industrial Standards

Molecular Formula: C14H18N2O5 Molecular Weight: 294.3

Packaging: Net 25kg x 1 bag in a carton box

Specifications	Standard value	Test / Remarks
Identification	conform to standard	Ajinomoto Method (FT-IR;ATR)
Assay	98.0% - 102.0%	JPE, JSFA
Loss on drying	Not more than 4.5%	JSFA, JPE, JECFA, FCC, USP/NF, EP
5-Benzyl-3,6-dioxo-2-piperazine acetic acid(DKP)	Not more than 1.5%	FCC, USP/NF
Residue on ignition	Not more than 0.2%	JSFA, JPE, EP, USP/NF
Heavy metals (as Pb)	Not more than 10µg/g	JSFA, JPE, USP/NF, JECFA
Arsenic (as As2O3)	Not more than 3µg/g	JSFA, JPE
Lead	Not more than 1mg/kg	Ajinomoto Method (AAS)
Specific rotation [α] ²⁰	+14.5° to +16.5°	JSFA, JPE, JECFA, FCC, USP/NF, EP
Transmittance	Colorless, Transparent, Not less than 0.95	JSFA, JPE
рН	4.5 - 6.0	JSFA, JPE, JECFA, FCC
Conductivity	Not more than 30µs/cm	EP
Other related impurities FCC, Chromatographic purity USP/NF (Impurities other than DKP)	Not more than 2.0%	FCC, USP/NF
Other related substances EP (other than DKP, L-phe)	Not more than 1.5%	EP
L-phenylalanine	Not more than 0.5%	EP
Organic Volatile Impurities USP/ NF	Pass	Ajinomoto Method (GC, IC)
Appearance of solution EP	conform to standard	Ajinomoto Method (Spectrophotometer)
Other optical isomers	Not more than 0.04%	Ajinomoto Method (HPLC)
Particle size (on 150µm)	Not more than 1.0%	Ajinomoto Method
Bulk Density	0.10-0.30g/ml	Ajinomoto Method
Total aerobic bacteria	Not more than 250cfu/g	JP
Yeasts and molds	Not more than 100cfu/g	JP
Coliforms	Negative/g	FHTM
E.coli	Negative/g	FHTM
Salmonella	Negative/25g	FHTM

JSFA : Japan's Specifications and Standards for Food Additives

JPE : Japanese Pharmaceutical Excipients

JECFA : Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives

FCC : Food Chemicals Codex EP : European Pharmacopoeia

USP/NF : United States Pharmacopoeia/National Formulary

FHTM : Guideline for Food Hygiene Test Method

JP : Japanese Pharmacopoeia

Product Id: 33584 (25kg Box)



Safety Data Sheet

Form 2200

1. IDENTIFICATION

Product Identifier Manufacture Name & Address

ALPHA-L-ASPARTYL-L-PHENYLALANINE METHYL

Chemical Name & Synonyms: **ESTER**

Trade Name & Synonyms: AJINOMOTO ASPARTAME Chemical family: **SWEETENER** Formula: C14H18N2O5 CAS No.: 22839-47-0

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2. HAZARD(S) IDENTIFICATION

Physical Hazard: NONE **Health Hazard** NONE **OSHA** defined hazard NONE

Label elements

WARNING Signal word:

Hazard statement: MAY FORM COMBUSTIBLE DUST CONCENTRATIONS IN AIR

KEEP AWAY FROM HEAT/SPARKS/OPEN FLAMES/HOT SURFACES. STORE IN A WELL VENTILATED PLACE, USE APPROPRIATE

Precautionary Statement MEASURES TO MINIMIZE EXPLOSION POTENTIAL.

3. COMPOSITION INFORMATION ON INGREDIANTS

Principal Components Percent ALPHA-L-ASPARTYL-L-PHENYLALANINE METHYL ESTER 98-100

4. FIRST AID MEASURES

Inhalation: EVACUATE THE AREA AND BREATHE FRESH AIR. IF SYMPTOMS OF SENSITIZATION OCCURS, SEEK MEDICAL ADVICE.

Eye contact: IN CASE OF EYE CONTACT, WASH WITH LARGE AMOUNT OF WATER AND SEEK MEDICAL ADVICE.

Skin: IN CASE OF SKIN CONTACT, WASH OFF WITH WATER.

Ingestion: IN CASE OF INGESTION, DRINK PLENTY OF WATER. DO NOT INDUCE VOMITING

Most important symptoms/effects, acute and delayed NONE Indication of immediate medical attention and special treatment needed NONE General information NONE

5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

Suitable extinguishing media DRY CHEMICAL, HALON, WATER SPRAY, FOAM

Unsuitable extinguishing media NONE Specific hazard arising from chemical NONE Special protective equipment and precautions for fire fighters NONE Fire fighting equipment/ instructions NONE

6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Personal precautions AVOID EYE AND SKIN CONTACT, ENHALATION AND INGESTION Protective equipment USE RUBBER GLOVES, SAFETY GOOGLES AND DUST MASK

Emergency procedure ORDINARY CLEANUP PROCEDURES

VACUUM OR SWEEP IN SUITABLE CLEAN DRY CONTAINER FOR Methods and materials for containment and clean up

RECALAMTION

7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

Precaution for safe handling: MAY FORM COMBUSTIBLE DUST CONCENTRATIONS IN AIR: DUST CLASS ST2

KEEP AWAY FROM HEAT/SPARKS/OPEN FLAMES/HOT SURFACES. STORE IN A

Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities WELL VENTILATED PLACE.

8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

OSHA Exposure limits NOT AVAILABLE US ACGIH Threshold Limit Value(TLV) NOT AVAILABLE Appropriate engineering controls NOT AVAILABLE

Individual protection measures, such as personal protective equipment

Eye/face protection WEAR APPROPRIATE SAFETY GOOGLES Skin protection IRRIITATION POTENTAIL, WEAR APPROPRIATE CLOSING Hand protection IRRITATION POTENTIAL, WEAR APPROPRIATE GLOVES

Other NOT AVAILABLE

Respiratory protection WEAR APPROPRIATE DUST MASK- N95 OR N99 PARTICULATE RESPIRATOR

Thermal Hazard NOT APPLICABLE

General hygiene considerations WASH HANDS, FOREARAMS OR FACE AFTER HANDLDING PRODUCT

9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Explosive limit-lower (%): NOT APPLICABLE Appearance: CRYSTALLINE POWDER Explosive limit-upper (%): NOT APPLICABLE

Physical

State Vapor pressure: NOT APPLICABLE POWDER Color Vapor density: NOT APPLICABLE WHITE ODORLESS Odor Relative density: NOT AVAILABLE

Odor threshold Solubility NOT APPLICABALE

Solubility (water): CA. 0.9G/100G WATER AT 70C 4.5-6.0 partitioncoefficient (n-octanol/water): NOT AVAILABLE Melting point/Freezing point 246-247°C Initial boiling point and boiling point NOT APPLICABLE Auto-ignition temperature: NOT AVAILABLE

Flash point MINIMUM EXPLOSION CONC. FOR DUST (POWDER)= 40G/M³ NOT AVAILABLE **Evaporation rate** NOT APPLICALE Maximum Explosion Pressure: 7.1 Bar

Flammability (solid, gas) NOT APPLICABLE Kst: 207 bar.m/s

Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits Minimum spark ignition energy 3mJ - 10mJ Flammability limit-lower (%)

NOT APPLICABLE Decomposition temperature: NOT APPLICABLE Flammability limit-upper (%)

NOT APPLICABLE Viscosity: NOT APPLICABLE

Other information

Bulk density: NOT AVAILABLE Molecular formula: C14H18N2O5 Molecular weight: 294.31 pH in aqueous solution: 4.5-6.0

10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Reactivity

Chemical stability STABLE

Possibility of hazardous reactions NOT LIKELY TO OCCUR Condition to avoid (static discharge, shock or vibration) AVOID STATIC DISCHARGE

Incompatible materials NOT AVAILABLE

Hazardous decomposition products NONE

11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Information on likely route of exposure

Inhalation LIKELY ROUTE Skin contact LIKELY ROUTE Eye contact LIKELY ROUTE Ingestion LIKELY ROUTE Symptoms related to the physical, chemical and toxicological NOT AVAILABLE characteristics

Information on toxicological effects NOT AVAILABLE

Acute toxicity GENERALLY REGARDED AS SAFE INGREDIENTS Skin corrosion/irritation GROSS EXPOSURE MAY CAUSE SKIN IRRITATION Serious eye damage/eye irritation GROSS EXPOSURE MAY CAUSE EYE IRRITATION

Respiratory or skin sensitization

Respiratory sensitization NONE

Skin sensitization GROSS EXPOSURE MAY CAUSE SKIN IRRITATION

 Germ cell mutagenicity
 NON MUTAGENIC

 Carcinogenicity
 NON CARCINOGENIC

 IARC Monograph
 NOT ON IARC MONOGRAPH

 OSHA specifically regulated products
 NOT OSHA REGULATED PRODUCT

 Reproductive toxicity
 NOT REPRODUCTIVE TOXICANT

 Specific target organ toxicity single exposure
 FDA APPROVED FOOD ADDITIVE

Specific target organ toxicity reported exposure FDA APPROVED FOOD ADDITIVE

Aspiration hazard NOT AVAILABLE

12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

 Ecotoxicity:
 NOT AVAILABLE

 Persistence and degradability
 BIODEGRADEABLE

 Bioaccumulative potential
 BIODEGRADEABLE

 Partition coefficent n-octanol/ water (log Kow)
 NOT AVAILABLE

 Mobility in soil:
 NOT AVAILABLE

 Other adverse effects
 NOT AVAILABLE

13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

 Disposal instructions
 DISPOSE OF IN ACCORDANCE WITH CURRENT LOCAL AUTHORITY REGULATIONS.

 Local disposal regulations
 DISPOSE OF IN ACCORDANCE WITH CURRENT LOCAL AUTHORITY REGULATIONS.

Hazardous waste code NONE

Waste from residues/ unused produc DISPOSE OF IN ACCORDANCE WITH CURRENT LOCAL AUTHORITY REGULATIONS.

Contaminated packaging

DISPOSE OF IN ACCORDANCE WITH CURRENT LOCAL AUTHORITY REGULATIONS.

14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

DOT NOT APPLICABLE
IATA NOT APPLICABLE
IMDG NOT APPLICABLE

THIS PREPARATION IN NOT A DANGEROUS GOOD WITHIN A MEANING OF TRANSPORTATION REGULATION.

15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

FDA APPROVED FOOD INGREDIENT

16. OTHER INFORMATION

The format in this Safety Data Sheet may comply with OSHA's Hazard Communication Standard 29 CFR 1910.1000.

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Aspartame Allergen Statement

Allergen	Present in Product
Peanut & peanut products	No
Tree Nuts	No
Milk & milk by-products	No
Egg	No
Fish	No
Crustacean & Shellfish	No
Wheat	No
Soy & soy Products	No
Gluten	No
Mustard	No

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Nutrients	Units/100g (As Purchased)
Calories (kcal)	381
Total Fat (g)	0
Saturated (g)	0
Polyunsaturated (g)	0
Monounsaturated (g)	0
Cholesterol (mg)	0
Sodium (mg)	≤30
Total Carbohydrates (g)	0
Dietary Fiber (g)	0
Total Sugars (g)	0
Added Sugars (g)	0
Protein (g)*	95.3
Calcium(mg)	<2
Iron (mg)	<2
Vitamin A (mcg, Retinol Equil.)	0
Vitamin C (mg)	n.a.
Vitamin D (mcg)	0
Other Information	
Ash (%)	<0.2
Moisture (%)	4.5
Copper (mg)	n.a.
Magnesium (mg)	n.a.
Phosphorus (mg)	0
Potassium (mg)	<10
Zinc (mg)	n.a.

n.d. = not detected n.a. = not analyzed

These Data are calculated from Standard analytical data. The zero values are based on knowledge of the process and raw materials used.

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^{*}Aspartame is digested the same way as any simple protein.

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Continuing Guarantee Under The Federal Food, Drug & Cosmetic Act

Ajinomoto Health & Nutrition North America, Inc. does hereby guarantee that the products sold by Ajinomoto's will not be, at the time of such shipment or delivery, adulterated or misbranded within the meaning of the Federal Food, Drug & Cosmetic Act as amended, the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide act, the Federal Caustic Poison Act, the Hazardous Substances Labeling Act, or within the meaning of any applicable state or municipal law in which the definitions of adulteration or misbranding are substantially the same as those contained in the Federal Food, Drug & Cosmetic Act; and still not be articles which may not, under the provisions of Sections 404 and 505 of the Federal Food, Drug & Cosmetic Act, be introduced into interstate commerce.

Seller further represents to Buyer that it maintains comprehensive general liability insurance, including contractual liability coverage and product liability coverage with Vendor's endorsement including Buyer as additional insured. Said insurance shall afford minimum protection of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) each occurrence and in aggregate annually for personal injury, bodily injury and property damage.

Upon written request by the Buyer, Seller agrees to provide Buyer with a certificate of said insurance from the insurance company which states the insurer affording coverage will endeavor to mail 30 days written notice of cancellation, non-renewal or material change of said insurance.

This is a continuing guarantee and shall be binding upon the Corporation until receipt of written notice of the revocation of all or part of this guarantee.

The authorized official hereby certifies that he is authorized and empowered to execute this guarantee for and on behalf of the corporation.

January 1, 2019

Ryan Snoth

Ryan G. Smith Senior Vice President

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Country of Origin for Ajinomoto Aspartame Products

We hereby certify that the Aspartame products sold by Ajinomoto Health & Nutrition North America, Inc. is manufactured by Yokkaichi, Japan. The facility is registered per the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, Public Health Security and Bioterrorism Preparedness and Response Act of 2002.

Please feel free to contact us if there are any questions

Best regards,

Dr. Eyassu Abegaz

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Senior Director - Scientific and Regulatory Affairs

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ORTHODOX UNION LETTER OF KOSHER CERTIFICATION

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UNION OF ORTHODOX JEWISH CONGREGATIONS OF AMERICA איחוד קהילות האורתודוקסים באמריקה
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March 02, 2020

This is to certify that the following product prepared by this company is under the supervision of the Kashruth Division of the Orthodox Union and is kosher as indicated below.

Ajinomoto Health & Nutrition North America, Inc.

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UKD-ID: OUV2-9018E09

Product Name: Aspartame

Brand: Ajinomoto

Status: Pareve

Certification Requirements: Symbol not required. Approved when stating "Product of Japan"

Use of the OU trademark must comply with the terms set forth in a written agreement with the Orthodox Union. Any other use of the OU trademark is not authorized.

Rabbi Menachem Genack,

Rabbinic Administrator, CEO

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This certification is valid through 03/31/2021



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Non-Organic Statement

To Whom It May Concern:

We hereby state that the Ajinomoto Aspartame product as sold by Ajinomoto Health & Nutrition North America, Inc. are not organic certified.

Please feel free to contact us if there are any questions.

Best regards,

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Gluten Free Statement for Ajinomoto Aspartame Product

In the FDA's proposed rule of 'Gluten-free Labeling of Food', the Agency proposed to define the term 'Gluten-free' to mean that a food bearing this claim <u>does not</u> contain any of the following prohibited grains: wheat, rye, barley and triticale (crossbred hybrids of wheat, rye and barley). Additionally, if an ingredient is derived from any of the above mentioned prohibited grains that have been further processed to remove gluten before use, the ingredient may not result in the presence of 20 parts per million (ppm) or greater of gluten in the food.

The Ajinomoto Aspartame product is made via a chemical synthesis process, in which the amino acids aspartic acid and phenylalanine as well as a methyl ester are combined. The final aspartame product is 98-100% pure and neither utilizes any of the above mentioned prohibited ingredients during manufacturing not are they expected to be present in the final product. Hence, in our reading of FDA's proposed rule, it would appear the Ajinomoto aspartame product is 'Gluten-free', and may be used as an ingredient in 'Gluten-free'-labeled foods

Please feel free to contact us if there are any questions.

Best regards,

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Genetically Modified Organism (GMO) Statement for Ajinomoto Aspartame Products

We hereby certify that the Aspartame product as sold by Ajinomoto Health & Nutrition North America, Inc. does not contain any genetically modified organisms and complies with EU regulations (EC) No. 1829/2003 and No. 1830/2003.

Please feel free to contact us if there are any questions.

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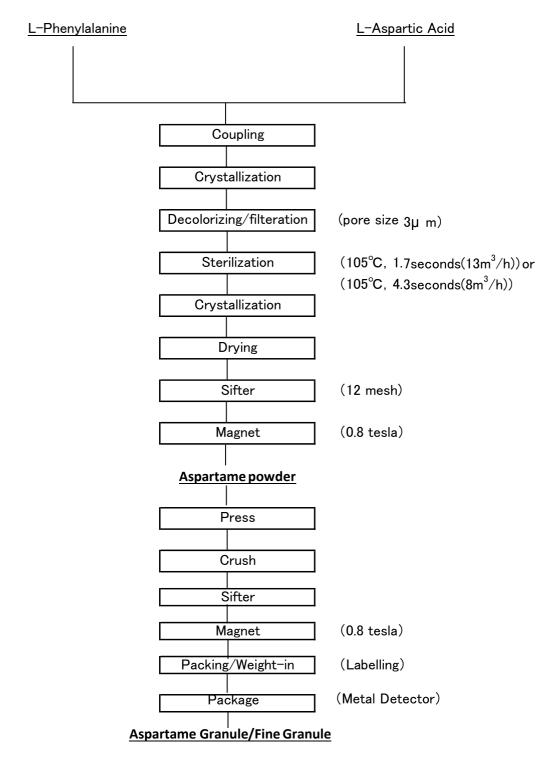


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BSE/TSE Statement on Aspartame Products

We hereby certify that specified risk materials that aid in the transmission of Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE)/Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathy (TSE) are neither used in the production nor are expected to be present in the final Ajinomoto Aspartame product.

Please feel free to contact your Ajinomoto sales representative if you have any questions.

Best Regards.

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Ingredient Breakdown of Ajinomoto Aspartame Product

We hereby certify that the Aspartame product as sold by Ajinomoto Health & Nutrition North America, Inc. is a single ingredient that is 98-100% pure. It is an FDA-approved food additive per the U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (21 CFR 172.804). The Ajinomoto aspartame product meets or exceeds purity specifications requirements as outlined in the 8th edition of the Food Chemical Codex monograph.

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Vegetarian & Vegan Statement

To Whom It May Concern:

We hereby certify that the Aspartame product as sold by Ajinomoto Health & Nutrition North America, Inc. is a highly purified (98-100% pure) approved food ingredient.

The aspartame molecule is composed of a dipeptide molecule with a methyl ester group. Starting raw materials of amino acids that make up the peptide are made by microbial fermentation. The peptide molecule undergoes chemical syntheses with methanol to form the aspartame molecule. No animal products, including meat, dairy, eggs and fish are used in manufacturing process.

Ajinomoto Aspartame meets or exceeds all of the specifications described in the Food Chemical Codex (FCC) monograph, and contains no other added food ingredients or substances. Each of the raw materials used in the manufacture of Ajinomoto aspartame is carefully monitored and evaluated in order to assure it meets Ajinomoto's rigid internal specifications and standards. Prior to shipping, each batch of Ajinomoto Aspartame is assayed and tested to assure its promised purity and compliance with our product specifications and quality standards.

Please feel free to contact us if there are any questions. . Best regards,

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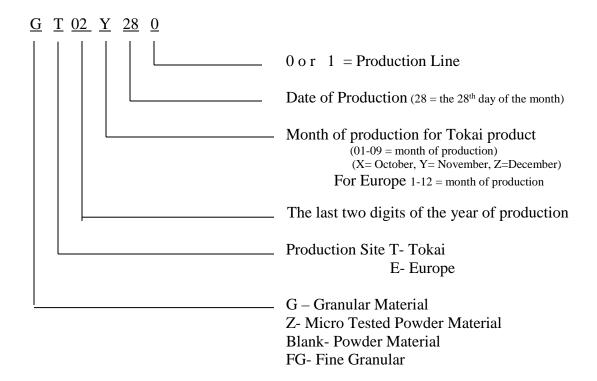
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EXAMPLE OF LOT CODING FOR ASPARTAME MATERIAL



Example:

FGE811240 = Fine Granular from Europe. Mfg date = November 24, 2008 GE905060 = Granular from Europe. Mfg date = May 6, 2009 E810030 = Powder from Europe. Mfg date = October 3, 2008

GT08X220 = Granular from Japan. Mfg date = October 22, 2008 T08Z310 = Powder from Japan. Mfg date = December 31, 2008

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