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LITHIUM CARBONATE

1. Product Identification

Synonyms: Candamide; Carbonic acid, dilithium salt; Lithium carbonate (2:1); Dilithium carbonate

CAS No.: 554-13-2

Molecular Weight: 73.89

Chemical Formula: Li₂CO₃

2. Composition/Information on Ingredients

Ingredient	CAS No	Percent	Hazardous
Lithium Carbonate	554-13-2	90 - 100%	Yes

3. Hazards Identification

Emergency Overview :WARNING! HARMFUL IF SWALLOWED. AFFECTS CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM, RESPIRATORY SYSTEM, MUSCLES AND KIDNEYS. MAY BE HARMFUL IF INHALED. MAY CAUSE IRRITATION TO SKIN, EYES, AND RESPIRATORY TRACT.

Potential Health Effects

Inhalation: Inhalation may cause irritation to the upper respiratory tract. Symptoms may include coughing, shortness of breath and chest pain. Other symptoms may parallel those from ingestion.

Ingestion: Causes irritation to the gastrointestinal tract. Symptoms may include nausea, vomiting and diarrhea. In severe cases, lithium can cause apathy, sluggishness, drowsiness, slurred speech, blurred vision, irregular eye movements, weakness, incoordination, lethargy, heart effects, brain effects, ringing in the ears, tremors and muscle twitching, central nervous system damage, kidney effects, thyroid changes, coma, pulmonary edema, and renal failure.

Skin Contact: May cause irritation with redness and pain.

Eye Contact: May cause irritation, redness and pain.

Chronic Exposure: Chronic exposure may cause symptoms paralleling ingestion.

Aggravation of Pre-existing Conditions: No information found.

4. First Aid Measures

Inhalation: Remove to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. Get medical attention.

Ingestion: Induce vomiting immediately as directed by medical personnel. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Get medical attention.

Skin Contact: Immediately flush skin with plenty of soap and water for at least 15 minutes. Remove contaminated clothing and shoes. Wash clothing before reuse. Thoroughly clean shoes before reuse. Get medical attention if irritation develops.
Eye Contact: Immediately flush eyes with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes, lifting upper and lower eyelids occasionally. Get medical attention if irritation persists.

5. Fire Fighting Measures

Fire: Not considered to be a fire hazard.

Explosion: Not considered to be an explosion hazard.

Fire Extinguishing Media: Use any means suitable for extinguishing surrounding fire.

Special Information: In the event of a fire, wear full protective clothing and NIOSH-approved self-contained breathing apparatus with full facepiece operated in the pressure demand or other positive pressure mode.

6. Accidental Release Measures

Ventilate area of leak or spill. Keep unnecessary and unprotected people away from area of spill. Wear appropriate personal protective equipment as specified in Section 8. Spills: Pick up and place in a suitable container for reclamation or disposal, using a method that does not generate dust.

7. Handling and Storage

Keep in a tightly closed container, stored in a cool, dry, ventilated area. Protect against physical damage. Isolate from incompatible substances. Containers of this material may be hazardous when empty since they retain product residues (dust, solids); observe all warnings and precautions listed for the product.

8. Exposure Controls/Personal Protection

Airborne Exposure Limits: None established.

Ventilation System: A system of local and/or general exhaust is recommended to keep employee exposures as low as possible. 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. Please refer to the ACGIH document, Industrial Ventilation, A Manual of Recommended Practices, most recent edition, for details.

Personal Respirators (NIOSH Approved): For conditions of use where exposure to dust or mist is apparent and engineering controls are not feasible, a particulate respirator (NIOSH type N95 or better filters) may be worn. If oil particles (e.g. lubricants, cutting fluids, glycerine, etc.) are present, use a NIOSH type R or P filter. For emergencies or instances where the exposure levels are not known, use a full-face positive-pressure, air-supplied respirator.

WARNING: Air-purifying respirators do not protect workers in oxygen-deficient atmospheres.

Skin Protection:

Wear protective gloves and clean body-covering clothing.

Eye Protection:

Use chemical safety goggles. Maintain eye wash fountain and quick-drench facilities in work area.

9. Physical and Chemical Properties / Specification

Appearance:	White powder.
Chemical Formula:	Li ₂ CO ₃
Molecular Weight:	73.89
Assay.	90% to 98%
Odor:	Odorless.
Solubility:	1.5 g/100 ml water @ 0C (32F)
Specific Gravity:	2.11
% Volatiles by volume @ 21C (70F):	0
Melting Point:	618C (1144F)

10. Stability and Reactivity

Stability: Stable under ordinary conditions of use and storage.

Hazardous Decomposition Products: Contact with acids will release carbon dioxide gas. May produce oxides of carbon and the contained metal.

Hazardous Polymerization: Will not occur.

Incompatibilities: For Lithium carbonate: Fluorine, acids, aluminum, and zinc.

Conditions to Avoid: Incompatibles.

11. Toxicological Information

Toxicological Data:

Oral rat LD50: 525 mg/kg. Investigated as a tumorigen, mutagen, reproductive effector.

Reproductive Toxicity:

Has caused teratogenic effects in humans.

Ingredient	Known	Anticipated	IARC	Category
Lithium Carbonate	(554-13-2)	No	No	None

12. Ecological Information

Environmental Fate: No information found.

Environmental Toxicity: No information found.

13. Disposal Considerations

Whatever cannot be saved for recovery or recycling should be managed in an appropriate and approved waste disposal facility. Processing, use or contamination of this product may change the waste management options. State and local disposal regulations may differ from federal disposal regulations. Dispose of container and unused contents in accordance with federal, state and local requirements.

14. Transport Information

Not regulated.

15. Regulatory Information

Ingredient	TSCA	EC	Japan	Australia
Lithium Carbonate (554-13-2)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

16. Other Information

Label Hazard Warning: WARNING! HARMFUL IF SWALLOWED. AFFECTS CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM, RESPIRATORY SYSTEM, MUSCLES AND KIDNEYS. MAY BE HARMFUL IF INHALED. MAY CAUSE IRRITATION TO SKIN, EYES, AND RESPIRATORY TRACT.

Label Precautions:

Avoid contact with eyes, skin and clothing.

Avoid breathing dust.

Keep container closed.

Use only with adequate ventilation.

Wash thoroughly after handling.

Label First Aid: If swallowed, induce vomiting immediately as directed by medical personnel. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Get medical attention. If inhaled, remove to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. Get medical attention. In case of contact, immediately flush eyes or skin with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes.

Product Use:

Laboratory Reagent.