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## 1. Identification of the substance/preparation and of the company

- 1.1 Product identifier:** Ground Rice Hulls / Fiber (*conventional or organic*)
- 1.2 Trade Names:** Nu-FLOW®  
Organic Nu-FLOW®  
Nu-FLAC®, Tea Cut  
Organic Nu-FLAC®, Tea Cut
- 1.3 Use of the substance/preparation:** Anti-caking, oil absorption, flavor carrier for nutritional and food products
- 1.4 Supplier**
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|                   | USA  |
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### 1.5 Emergency telephone numbers

Phone: +1-678-431-2869  
Fax: +1-314-727-1199  
Contact person: Kim Thompson  
Alternate: USA CHEMTREC: 800-262-8200

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## 2. Hazards Identification

**GHS Classification:** Combustible dust

Signal word: WARNING!

Hazard statements: May form combustible dust concentration in air.

Other hazards: Fine dust clouds may form explosive mixtures with air.  
Handling and/or processing of this material may generate a dust which can cause mechanical irritation of the eyes, skin, nose and throat.  
Exposure to large concentration of air-borne dust of this material may cause mechanical irritation of the mucous membranes and respiratory tract.  
The product is very absorbent and may have a drying effect on skin and eyes.  
When exceeding the OEL (Occupational Exposure Limit) a mechanical overburdening of the respiratory system is possible.

### Precautionary statements

Prevention: Keep away from heat/sparks/open flames/hot surfaces.  
No smoking.  
Prevent dust accumulation.  
Ground/bond container and receiving equipment.  
Use explosion-proof electrical/ventilating/lighting/equipment.  
Take precautionary measures against static discharge.

Other hazards: Slipping hazard.

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## 3. Composition/Information on Ingredients (*conventional or organic*)

### 3.2 Preparation

Components:	CAS #	EINECS #
Rice Hulls / Fiber	N/A	N/A

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## 4. First-aid measures

### 4.1 Description of first aid measures

#### General Information

Repeated inhalation of dust may cause respiratory tract irritation in susceptible individuals. Remove contaminated clothes. Call a doctor if there are any signs of damage to health. If potential for exposure exists refer to Section 8 for specific personal protective equipment.

#### Inhalation

Inhalation of dust can result in irritation of the mucous membranes of the respiratory tract. Remove from area of exposure and bring patient to fresh air. Seek medical advice if breathing discomfort persists.

#### Skin

Prolonged contact may cause irritation in sensitive individuals. In case of contact, wash skin with plenty of water. If irritation or allergic condition develops, seek medical attention.

#### Eye

Rinse immediately and as for long as possible (30 minutes at least) with plenty of water. Eyelids should be held away from the eyeball to ensure thorough rinsing. Remove contact lenses if present.

#### Ingestion

No acute oral toxicity or health hazards are expected. This material is a food ingredient and is produced in accordance with GMPs for human foods. If swallowing is difficult or esophageal obstruction occurs, seek medical attention.

For minor irritation, rinse mouth with water. Do not give milk or alcoholic beverages.

Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person.

### 4.2 Most important symptoms and effects (acute & delayed)

Additional important symptoms and effects are described in Section 11: Toxicology information.

### 4.3 Indication of any immediate needed attention and special treatment needed.

No specific antidote. Treatment of exposure should be directed at the control of symptoms and the clinical condition of the patient.

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## 5. Fire-Fighting measures

### 5.1 Extinguishing media

**Appropriate:** Water, Dry chemical fire extinguisher, Carbon dioxide fire extinguisher

**Inappropriate:** Water jet

### 5.2 Special hazards arising from the product

Do not permit dust to accumulate. When suspended in air dust can pose an explosion hazard. Minimize ignition sources. If dust layers are exposed to elevated temperatures, spontaneous combustion may occur. Pneumatic conveying and other mechanical handling operations can generate combustible dust. To reduce the potential for dust explosions, electrically bond and ground equipment and do not permit dust to



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accumulate. Dust can be ignited by static discharge. During a fire, smoke may contain the original material in addition to combustion products of varying composition which may be toxic and/or irritating. Combustion products may include and are not limited to: Carbon monoxide (CO) and Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>).

### 5.3 Advice for fire fighters

Wear positive-pressure self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) and protective fire-fighting clothing (includes fire-fighting helmet, coat, trousers, boots and gloves). If protective equipment is not available or not used, fight fire from a protected location or safe distance.

### Additional information

Keep people away. Isolate fire and deny unnecessary entry. Soak thoroughly with water to cool and prevent re-ignition. Cool surroundings with water to localize fire zone. Hand held dry chemical or carbon dioxide extinguishers may be used for small fires. Dust explosion hazard may result from forceful application of fire extinguishing agents. Dispose of fire debris and contaminated extinguishing water in accordance with official regulations.

## 6. Accidental Release Measures

### 6.1 Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedure

Keep unnecessary and unprotected personnel from entering the area.  
Material becomes slippery when wet. Use appropriate safety equipment. For additional information, refer to Section 8, Exposure Controls/Personal Protection.  
Avoid dust formation. Do not breathe dust. Use cloth or paper dust masks, NIOSH/OSHA device to minimize risk of irritation.  
Provide adequate ventilation. Use local exhaust as needed.

### 6.2 Environmental precautions & clean up

No emergency results from spillage; however, spills should be cleaned up promptly.  
Prevent spills from entering into soil, ditches, sewers, waterways and/or groundwater. Do not return material to its original container. See Section 12, Ecological Information.

### 6.3 Methods and material for containment and cleaning up

Contain spilled material if possible. Do not return material to its original container.  
Wear appropriate protective equipment.  
Sweep up. Use care to minimize generation of airborne dust. Use warm water for cleanup. Collect in suitable and properly labeled containers. See Section 13, Disposal Considerations, for additional information.

### 6.4 Reference to other sections

Keep away from heat, sparks and flame.

### 6.5 Other information:

Comply with all applicable federal, state and local regulations.

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## 7. Handling and Storage

### 7.1 Precautions for safe handling

Good housekeeping and controlling of dusts are necessary for safe handling of product. Provide exhaust ventilation if dust is formed. See Section 8, Exposure Controls/Personal Protection.  
The material can accumulate static charge and can therefore cause electrical ignition of flammable atmospheres.  
Do not permit dust layers to accumulate, for example, on floors, ledges, and equipment, in order to avoid any potential for dust explosion hazards.

For further guidance on prevention of dust explosions, refer to National Fire Protection Association (NFPA)

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654: "Standard for the prevention of Fire and Dust Explosions from the Manufacturing, Processing and Handling of Combustible Particulate Solids".

Provide appropriate exhaust ventilation at machinery and at places where dust can be generated.  
Avoid the formation of dust.

### 7.2 Safe storage conditions and incompatibilities

Keep away from heat, sparks and flame. No smoking open flames or sources of ignition in handling and storage area. Electrically ground and bond all equipment.  
The product is hygroscopic. Protect from atmospheric moisture and water.

#### Arrangements for the prevention of dust & aerosols

Avoid dust formation.

#### General hygiene regulations

Use good personal hygiene. Do not eat or store food in working area. Wash hands before and after smoking or eating.

#### Storage conditions

Recommended Storage Temperature: > 32 °F (0 °Celsius) and < 90 °F (32 °Celsius)

#### Stockroom requirement and handling

Keep original containers closed and dry prior to use. Store in a dry, cool place. See Section 10 for more specific information. Electrical installations / working materials must comply with the technological safety standards.

### 7.3 Specific end uses

No specific end uses

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## 8. Exposure controls/Personal protection

### 8.1 Control parameters

#### 8.1.1. Limits for the exposure in the workplace and/or biological limits

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**PEL** 15mg/m<sup>3</sup> (total particulate)  
5mg/m<sup>3</sup> (respirable fraction)

#### 8.1.2. DNEL-& PNEC-Data

No data

#### 8.1.3. Control-Banding

No data

### 8.2 Exposure control

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## 8.2.1. Engineering controls

### Ventilation

Use local exhaust ventilation, or other engineering controls to maintain airborne levels below exposure limit requirements or guidelines. If there are no applicable exposure limit requirements or guidelines, general ventilation should be sufficient for most operations. Local exhaust ventilation may be necessary for some operations.

## 8.2.2. Personal Protection

### Respiratory Protection

Respiratory protection (cloth or particle masks, NIOSH/OSHA device) should be worn when there is a potential to exceed the exposure limit requirements or guidelines. If there are no applicable exposure limit requirements or guidelines, wear respiratory protection when adverse effects, such as respiratory irritation or discomfort have been experienced, or where indicated by your risk assessment process. In dusty or misty atmospheres, use an approved particulate respirator.

The following should be effective types of air-purifying respirators: Particulate filter.

### Hand protection

Wear resistant gloves (consult your safety equipment supplier).

### Eye/Face Protection

Use safety glasses. If there is a potential for exposure to particles which could cause eye discomfort, wear chemical goggles.

### Skin protection

Protective work clothing.

## 8.2.3. Limitation and monitoring environmental exposure

See Section 6, no others required.

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## 9. Physical and chemical properties

### 9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties

#### Appearance:

State of matter: Powder

Odor: rice smell

Color: Light tan to beige (product is natural and seasonal variations may occur)

#### Safety related basic data

Explosion hazard:	The product is considered non-explosive; nevertheless explosive dust/air mixture.
Lower explosion limit:	No data available
Upper explosion limit:	No data available
Boiling Point:	Not applicable
Flash Point:	Not applicable
Auto-ignition temperature:	No data available
Vapor pressure:	Not applicable
Solubility in water:	Not soluble in water
Solubility in Fat:	Not soluble in fat

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pH:	6.5 – 7.5
Specific Gravity:	0.46
Partition Coefficient:	Not applicable
Viscosity:	Not applicable
% Volatile:	Not applicable
Evaporation Rate:	Not applicable
Wt / Gallon:	3.88 pounds / gallon, 464 grams / liter
Auto-ignition temperature:	No data available

## 9.2 Other information

Note: The physical data presented above are typical values and should not be construed as a specification.

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## 10. Stability and Reactivity

### 10.1 Reactivity

Not reactive. No decomposition if stored and applied as directed.

### 10.2 Chemical stability

Stable under recommended storage conditions. See Section 7, Handling and storage.

### 10.3 Possibility of hazardous reaction

Not reactive. Dust may form explosive mixture in air.

### 10.4 Conditions to avoid

Avoid electrostatic charge and temperatures above 80°C (176°F). Increased temperature could cause decomposition.

### 10.5 Incompatible materials

Avoid contact with oxidizing materials. Avoid contact with: Strong acids. Strong bases.

### 10.6 Hazardous decomposition products

Decomposition products depend upon temperature, air supply and the presence of other materials. May produce toxic or harmful combustion products when heated to decomposition.

### 10.7 Hazardous polymerization

Will not occur.

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## 11. Toxicological Information

### For compositions:

**Acute toxicity:** no acute toxicity

**Ingestion:** Very low toxicity if swallowed. Harmful effects not anticipated from swallowing small amounts. For similar materials: LD50, Rat > 2000 mg/kg. Swallowing may result in gastrointestinal irritation.

**Eye contact:** Solid or dust may cause irritation or corneal injury due to mechanical action.

**Skin contact:** Essentially non-irritating to skin. Prolonged contact may cause irritation in sensitive

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individuals.

**Skin Absorption:** No adverse effects, anticipated by skin absorption. The dermal LD 50 has not been determined.

**Inhalation:** No adverse effects are anticipated from single exposure to dust. Exposure to a large concentration of air-borne dust of this material may cause mechanical irritation of the mucous membranes and respiratory tract.

**According practical experience:** Repeated ingestion of similar products by humans has not resulted in known significant adverse effects.

**Chronic toxicity and carcinogenicity:** Similar products did not cause cancer in long-term animal studies.

**Toxicological assay:** Similar products did not cause birth defects or other toxic effects to the fetus in laboratory animal studies.

**Reproductive Toxicity:** In animal studies, a similar cellulosic has been shown not to interfere with reproduction.

**Genetic Toxicology:** Similar products were negative in both, in vitro and animal genetic toxicity studies.

**Carcinogenicity:**

**IARC**

No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as probable, possible or confirmed human carcinogen by IARC.

**OSHA**

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No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a carcinogen or potential carcinogen by OSHA.

**NTP**

No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a known or anticipated carcinogen by NTP.

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## 12. Ecological Information

### 12.1 Toxicity

Toxicity to fish: LC50 (Fish): > 100mg/l.

### 12.2 Persistence and Degradability

No appreciable biodegradation is expected.

### 12.3 Bioaccumulation potential

No data available.

### 12.4 Mobility

No data available.

### 12.5 Result of PBT properties

No data available.

### 12.6 Other deleterious effect





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No data available.

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## 13. Disposal Considerations

### 13.1 Method for waste management

#### Substance/Preparation

Any disposal practice must be in compliance with all local, state and federal laws and regulations. Do not dump into any sewers, on the ground or in water.

#### Waste Classification

Organic kitchen waste

#### European Waste Catalogue (EWC)

200108

#### Hazardous Waste

No

#### Contaminated package

According to local regulations. Do not allow washing water to enter inter watercourses.

#### Cleaned package

Packing must be recycled in accordance with national and local regulation on the environmental protection.  
Recommended purifier: water

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## 14. Transport Information

### DOT

Not regulated for transport

### Classification for SEA transport (IMO-IMDG)

Not regulated for transport

### Transport in bulk according to Annex I or II of MARPOL 73/78 and the IBC or IGC Code

Consult IMO regulations before transporting ocean bulk.

### Classification for AIR transport (IATA/ICAO)

Not regulated for transport

This information is not intended to convey all specific regulatory or operational requirements/information relating to this product. Transportation classifications may vary by container volume and may be influenced by regional or country variations in regulations. Additional transportation system information can be obtained through an authorized sales or customer service representative. It is the responsibility of the transporting organization to follow all applicable laws, regulations and rules relating to the transportation of the material.

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## 15. Regulatory Information

### OSHA Hazard Communication Standard

This product contains "Hazardous Chemicals" as defined by the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard,



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#### SARA 311/312 Hazards

Fire Hazard

#### SARA 313, Component(s) SARA 313

This material does not contain any chemical components with known CAS numbers that exceed the threshold (De Minimis) reporting levels established by SARA Title III, Section 313.

#### Pennsylvania Worker and Community Right-To-Know Act:

To the best of our knowledge, this product does not contain chemicals at levels which require reporting under this statute.

#### California Proposition 65 (Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986)

This product contains no listed substances known to the State of California to cause cancer, birth defects or other reproductive harm, at levels which would require a warning under the statute.

#### United States TSCA Inventory (TSCA)

All components of this product are in compliance with the inventory listing requirements of the U.S. Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) Chemical Substance Inventory.

## 16. Other information

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#### Acronyms

SDS=Safety Data Sheet  
ICAO=International Civil Aviation Organization  
IMDG=International Maritime Code for Dangerous Goods  
DOT=US Department of Transportation  
IATA=International Air Transport Association  
LC50=Lethal concentration, 50%  
LD50=Lethal dose, 50%  
OSHA=Occupational Safety and Health Administration  
CAS=Chemical Abstracts Service (Division of the American Chemical Society)  
LUB=Lubricant

#### Additional information

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