

ANIONIC POLYELECTROLYTE — ULTRA HIGH MOLECULAR WEIGHT

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SECTION 1: IDENTIFICATION

1.1 GHS Product identifier:

ANIONIC POLYELECTROLYTE – ULTRA HIGH MOLECULAR WEIGHT
Ultra-high molecular weight anionic acrylamide/acrylate copolymer flocculant
CAS: 9003-05-8

Other means of identification:

Not relevant

1.2 Recommended use of the chemical and restrictions on use:

Relevant uses: Ultra-high molecular weight anionic flocculant for demanding solid-liquid separation duties – mineral/ore tailings thickening and clarification, mining process water clarification, high-rate sludge dewatering (belt press, centrifuge) and settling ponds, where maximum floc size/strength and settling rate are required. For industrial user only.
Uses advised against: All uses not specified in this section or in section 7.3. Not for use in direct contact with food/potable water unless the specific grade supplied is certified for that purpose.

1.3 Supplier's details:

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SECTION 2: HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture:

GHS: Based on available data, this product does not meet the GHS classification criteria for physical, health, or environmental hazard classes.

2.2 GHS label elements, including precautionary statements:

No hazard pictograms or signal word are required. General precautionary statement: in case of contact with eyes, rinse immediately with plenty of water and seek medical advice; wear suitable protective clothing and avoid generating/breathing dust (powder grade).

2.3 Other hazards which do not result in classification:

Dust may be irritating to eyes, respiratory system and skin on prolonged/repeated contact (non-classifying effect; see section 11). Due to its ultra-high molecular weight, dilute solutions/wetted surfaces of this grade are exceptionally slippery/viscous – significant slip hazard; extra caution required around mixing tanks and walkways. Contains trace residual acrylamide monomer (see section 3.2), which is toxic and a suspected human carcinogen in its unreacted form; content is controlled to low ppm levels by the manufacturer.

SECTION 3: COMPOSITION / INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

3.1 Substances:

Chemical description: Anionic polyacrylamide, ultra-high molecular weight grade (partially hydrolysed acrylamide/sodium acrylate copolymer)

Identification	Chemical Name / Classification	Concentration
CAS: 9003-05-8	Polyacrylamide (anionic, partially hydrolysed, ultra-high MW) – Not classified	≥ 90% (powder grade, dry basis)

3.2 Mixtures:

Liquid/emulsion grades additionally contain a carrier oil/surfactant system and water; exact formulation is proprietary. May contain trace residual unreacted acrylamide monomer (CAS 79-06-1), typically controlled to below 0.05% (500 ppm) of polymer solids per industry specification – free acrylamide is classified Acute Tox. 3, Muta. 1B, Carc. 1B, Repr. 2, STOT RE 1. Exact residual monomer content for this grade is available on request via the Certificate of Analysis.

Molecular weight (typically in the range of several million to > 15–20 million Daltons for this grade) is a proprietary manufacturing specification and is not independently disclosed. To obtain more information on the hazards of the components, consult sections 11, 12 and 16.

SECTION 4: FIRST AID MEASURES

4.1 Description of necessary first-aid measures:

By skin contact:

Immediately wash skin with soap and copious amounts of water. If irritation persists, call a physician.

By eye contact:

Flush with copious amounts of water for at least 15 minutes, separating the eyelids with fingers to assure adequate flushing. If irritation persists, call a physician.

By inhalation:

Remove to fresh air. If necessary, get medical attention.

By ingestion:

If swallowed and the person is conscious, immediately wash out mouth with water. Call a physician.

4.2 Most important symptoms/effects, acute and delayed:

May be irritating to eyes, respiratory system and skin. Wetted material presents a pronounced slip hazard due to its very high viscosity at low concentration.

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: Water spray, dry chemical, carbon dioxide or appropriate foam.
Unsuitable: None known.

5.2 Specific hazards arising from the chemical:

Combustible solid (powder grade) under prolonged fire exposure; fine dust dispersed in air may present a dust explosion hazard in confined/unventilated spaces. Emits toxic fumes (carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide, nitrogen oxides, ammonia) under fire conditions.

5.3 Special protective actions for fire-fighters:

Wear self-contained breathing apparatus and protective clothing to prevent contact with skin and eyes. Avoid raising dust when fighting fire.

SECTION 6: ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

6.1 Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures:

Exercise appropriate precautions to minimize direct contact with skin and eyes. Avoid generating dust. Wetted floors and mixing-tank surrounds are extremely slippery even at very low concentration – barricade area and use extra caution.

6.2 Environmental precautions:

Avoid discharge to water bodies where practicable; contain spillage. Powder forms a highly viscous, slippery gel-like surface when wetted, even in small quantities.

6.3 Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up:

Sweep up dry material with a spade and transfer to a dry, clean, lidded container for disposal/reuse. Avoid raising dust. For liquid/wetted spills, use absorbent material, then wash the area with copious water (rinse water will remain slippery/viscous until well diluted).

6.4 Reference to other sections:

See sections 8 and 13.

SECTION 7: HANDLING AND STORAGE

7.1 Precautions for safe handling:

Wear appropriate clothing and gloves. Avoid breathing dust. Avoid contact with eyes, skin and clothing. Avoid prolonged or repeated exposure. Mechanical exhaust ventilation is recommended for powder handling. Keep away from ignition sources, heat and flame. Incompatible with strong oxidizing agents and food. No smoking at the working site. Add powder slowly to the vortex of well-agitated water to avoid “fish-eye” lump formation, given the very high viscosity build of this grade.

7.2 Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities:

Store in a cool, dry, well-ventilated area away from ignition sources, heat, flame and direct sunlight, in a tightly closed container. Protect powder grade from moisture (caking). Incompatible with strong oxidizing agents and food.

7.3 Specific end use(s):

No special requirement beyond the uses specified in section 1.2. Prepare dilute stock solutions per manufacturer’s dosing guidance (typically 0.025–0.1% w/v given the ultra-high molecular weight) using low-shear mixing to avoid degrading polymer chain length.

SECTION 8: EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

8.1 Control parameters:

No specific occupational exposure limit is established for this formulation; general nuisance dust limits apply for the powder grade under the Factories Act, 1948 (as amended).

8.2 Appropriate engineering controls:

Use local exhaust/dust extraction where available for powder handling. Safety shower and eye bath should be accessible.

B. Respiratory protection:

Government-approved dust respirator if necessary (dusty conditions, powder grade).

C. Specific protection for the hands:

Chemical-resistant protective gloves.

D. Eye and face protection:

Chemical safety goggles.

E. Bodily protection:

Appropriate protective clothing. Non-slip footwear recommended around mixing/dosing areas. No smoking, drinking or eating at the working site; wash thoroughly after handling.

SECTION 9: PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties (Powder grade):

Item	Result
Physical state	Solid, granular/powder (white to off-white, water-soluble organic polymer)
Solid content	≥ 90%
Bulk density	0.7 – 0.85 g/cm³
pH (1% aqueous solution)	6 – 8.5
Soluble matter	> 99%
Insoluble matter	< 1%
Moisture content	< 10%
Ionicity	Anionic (degree of hydrolysis grade-dependent)
Molecular weight class	Ultra-high (grade-specific; available on request)
0.1% solution viscosity	Very high (Brookfield value grade-dependent; available on request)

Liquid/emulsion grade: physical properties are grade-dependent and available on request from Suraj Chemicals.

9.2 Other information (heavy metal content, powder grade, typical):

Item	Result
Cadmium	≤ 1 mg/kg
Lead	≤ 5 mg/kg
Mercury	≤ 0.5 mg/kg
Residual acrylamide monomer	Typically ≤ 0.05% of polymer solids (see section 3.2)

SECTION 10: STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

10.1 Reactivity:

No specific reactivity hazard identified under normal conditions.

10.2 Chemical stability:

Stable under normal temperatures and pressures. Powder is hygroscopic – keep dry to avoid caking/degradation. High-shear mixing/pumping can mechanically degrade the ultra-high molecular weight chains, reducing flocculation performance – use low-shear equipment for makedown.

10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions:

Hazardous polymerization will not occur.

10.4 Conditions to avoid:

Ignition Sources	Heat/Flame	Moisture (powder)	Strong Oxidizers	High Shear (solution)
Avoid	Avoid	Avoid	Avoid contact	Avoid (degrades polymer)

10.5 Incompatible materials:

Strong oxidizing agents; food.

10.6 Hazardous decomposition products:

Carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide, nitrogen oxides, ammonia (on thermal decomposition/combustion).

SECTION 11: TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

11.1 Information on toxicological effects:

Irritation data: may be irritating to eyes, respiratory system and skin (mechanical/dust irritation).

Product-specific toxicological information (reference: anionic polyacrylamide class):

Test	Species/Route	Value
Oral LD50	Rat	> 10,000 mg/kg
Dermal LD50	Rabbit	> 2,000 mg/kg
Skin irritation	Rabbit	Non-irritant / mild mechanical irritant (dust)
Eye irritation	Rabbit	Non-irritant / mild mechanical irritant (dust)

Values as reported for polyacrylamide-based reference polymer material; low acute toxicity overall. Molecular weight does not materially change the acute toxicological profile of the polymerized product; the principal toxicological concern for this class is residual unreacted acrylamide monomer (see section 3.2).

SECTION 12: ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

12.1 Toxicity:

Not established for this specific formulation. Polymerized anionic polyacrylamide flocculants are generally of low aquatic toxicity in their polymerized, high-molecular-weight form; however, residual unreacted acrylamide monomer is toxic to aquatic organisms and neurotoxic. Avoid direct/uncontrolled discharge to water bodies.

12.2 Persistence and degradability:

No data available for the polymer; expected to be poorly biodegradable due to its ultra-high molecular weight.

12.3 Bioaccumulative potential:

Not expected to bioaccumulate (ultra-high molecular weight, water-soluble polymer, too large to cross biological membranes).

12.4 Mobility in soil:

Soluble/dispersible in water, forming highly viscous solutions even at low concentration.

12.5 Results of PBT and vPvB assessment:

Not established for the polymerized product.

12.6 Other adverse effects:

No data available.

SECTION 13: DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

13.1 Disposal methods:

Spent or discarded material is not normally classified as hazardous waste in its polymerized form. Dispose of via a licensed waste disposal contractor, or dissolve and dispose of in accordance with local, state and national environmental regulations.

SECTION 14: TRANSPORT INFORMATION

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

14.1 UN number	None – non-hazardous for transport
14.2 UN proper shipping name	Non-applicable
14.3 Transport hazard class(es)	None
14.4 Packing group	Non-applicable
14.5 Environmental hazard	No
14.6 Special precautions for user	None
14.7 Transport in bulk	Not relevant

Transport of dangerous goods by sea (IMDG/IMO):

14.1 UN number	None – non-hazardous for sea transport
14.2 UN proper shipping name	Non-applicable
14.3 Transport hazard class(es)	None
14.4 Packing group	Non-applicable
14.5 Marine pollutant	No
14.6 Special precautions for user	None
14.7 Transport in bulk	Not relevant

Transport of dangerous goods by air (IATA):

14.1 UN number	None – non-hazardous for air transport
14.2 UN proper shipping name	Non-applicable
14.3 Transport hazard class(es)	None
14.4 Packing group	Non-applicable
14.5 Environmental hazard	No
14.6 Special precautions for user	None
14.7 Transport in bulk	Not relevant

SECTION 15: REGULATORY INFORMATION

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

Handle in accordance with general workplace chemical safety norms under the Factories Act, 1948 (as amended, 1987). Not classified as hazardous chemical under the Manufacture, Storage and Import of Hazardous Chemicals Rules, 1989, in its polymerized form.

Other legislation:

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:

Not applicable to the polymerized product itself – not classified as hazardous under GHS. Residual monomer hazard statements (informative only, refer to free acrylamide CAS 79-06-1): H301/H312/H332 (toxic), H317 (may cause allergic skin reaction), H340/H350 (may cause genetic defects/cancer), H361f (suspected of damaging fertility), H372 (nervous system damage through prolonged/repeated exposure).

The residual-monomer phrases indicated do not refer to the product itself; they are present merely for informative purposes and refer to a trace impurity potentially present per section 3.2.

Advice related to training:

Minimal training is recommended to prevent industrial risks for staff using this product, to facilitate comprehension of this safety data sheet and the product label, with particular attention to the pronounced slip hazard of this ultra-high molecular weight grade.

Principal bibliographical sources:

General public reference data for anionic polyacrylamide (CAS 9003-05-8), ultra-high molecular weight grade class chemistry.

Abbreviations and acronyms:

LD50: Lethal Dose 50 | PPE: Personal Protective Equipment | MW: Molecular Weight

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