



MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

Auricularia auricula Mycelial Biomass Powder

I. IDENTITY

Product Identity: Wood Ear, *Auricularia auricula*
General Use: Food Supplement
Product Description: Powdered *Auricularia auricula* mushroom mycelia biomass in grain substrate.
Manufacturer: Gourmet Mushrooms, Inc.

II. HAZARDOUS COMPONENTS

HAZARDOUS COMPONENTS	OSHA PEL	ACGIH TLV	OTHER LIMITS RECOMMENDED
Nuisance particles generated by handling.	5.0 Mg/CuM	DNA	DNA

III. PHYSICAL / CHEMICAL CHARACTERISTICS

Solubility in Water:	Mildly Soluble	Specific Gravity (Water = 1):	0.49 - 0.59
Boiling Point (°F):	DNA	Melting Point:	DNA
Vapor Pressure (mmHg):	DNA	Evaporation Rate:	DNA
Vapor Density (Air = 1):	DNA		
Appearance and Odor:	Fine particles with characteristic fungal odor.		

IV. FIRE AND EXPLOSION HAZARD DATA

Flash point (Method used):	DNA	Flammable Limits:	
Ignition Temperature:	DNA	UEL:	N/A
Extinguishing Media:	Dry Chemical, CO ₂ , Water Spray	LEL:	N/A

Special Fire Fighting Procedures: As in any fire, wear self-contained breathing apparatus and full protective gear. Burning produces irritant fumes. Residue from extinguished fires may be hazardous.

Unusual Fire and Explosion Hazards: None known

V. REACTIVITY DATA

Stability:	Stable
Conditions to Avoid:	Extreme hot, cold, or wet conditions
Incompatibility (Materials to Avoid):	Strong oxidizing agents
Hazardous Decomposition or By-Products:	Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating gases and vapors such as carbon oxides.
Hazardous Polymerization:	None under normal processing.

VI. HEALTH HAZARD DATA

Routes of Entry:	Inhalation: Yes	Skin: Yes	Ingestion: No health hazards
Health Hazards (Acute and Chronic):	(Acute)	Respiratory: Bronchitis, possibly allergic rhinitis in sensitive individuals. Eyes: Mechanical foreign body irritation, blepharitis in sensitive individuals. Secondary infections are a possibility. Skin: Dermatitis in sensitive individuals.	
		Respiratory: Chronic bronchitis	



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	(Chronic)	Eyes: Secondary infections such as corneal ulcer. Skin: Secondary infections.
Carcinogenicity:		Not listed as a carcinogen by IARC, NTP, ACGIH, or OSHA. Medical conditions generally aggravated by exposure: Any respiratory disease especially in smokers. Skin disorders may be aggravated in sensitive individuals.
Emergency and First Aid Procedures:	Inhalation:	Move to fresh air.
	Eyes:	Flush with plenty of water. Reuse of eye cup in conjunction with an eyewash is discouraged since the possibility of a secondary infection exists. If irritation persists, seek medical attention.
	Skin:	Good personal hygiene practices should reduce possibilities of dermatitis. If dermatitis develops, apply a .5% hydrocortisone cream. If irritation persists, seek medical attention.
	Ingestion:	Do not induce vomiting without medical advise.

VII. PRECAUTIONS FOR SAFE HANDLING AND USE

Spill or Leak Cleanup:	Remove accumulations by sweeping, shoveling, or vacuuming for disposal. Prevent product from entering drains.
Waste Disposal Method:	Dispose of waste in a sanitary landfill according to state and local regulations.
Precautions to be Taken in Handling or Storing:	Store at room temperature in dry conditions. Use only in an area with appropriate exhaust ventilation.
Other Precautions:	None

VIII. CONTROL MEASURES

Respiratory Protection:	Use personal protective equipment.
Ventilation:	Good general and local ventilation to prevent concentrations above the PEL is recommended. Use a self-contained breathing apparatus or nuisance mask.
Protective Gloves:	Not normally needed except to prevent skin contact for hygienic purposes, use disposable gloves.
Eye Protection:	Safety glasses
Other Protective Clothing or Equipment:	Lab coats are recommended for hygienic handling.
Work/Hygienic Practices:	Avoid contact with skin, eyes and clothing.

CAUTION

Particles may irritate the eyes.

PRECAUTIONS: WEAR EYE PROTECTION WHEN WORKING WITH POWDER.
USE ADEQUATE VENTILATION TO KEEP EXPOSURE BELOW 5 MG. PER CUBIC METER.

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