

## SAFETY DATA SHEET

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### 1. SUBSTANCE AND SOURCE IDENTIFICATION

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**Product Identifier**

**RM Number:** 8404  
**RM Name:** Almond Flour for Allergen Detection  
**Other Means of Identification:** Not applicable.

**Recommended Use of This Material and Restrictions of Use**

This reference material (RM) is intended for harmonizing measurements of allergenic almond proteins in foods with the following understanding: (1) that the use of almonds from different sources or that have undergone different pretreatments (e.g., defatting, roasting) may have different compositions, and (2) if the material is subjected to preparation or processing (e.g., baking, boiling, frying) the composition and properties of the material may change. A unit of RM 8404 consists of five (5) packets of blanched almond flour. Each packet contains approximately 5 g of material.

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### 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

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**Note:** This processed material is intended for research use; not for human consumption. RM 8404 is supplied in a small quantity and under normal laboratory conditions it does not constitute a combustible dust hazard.

**Classification**

**Physical Hazard:** Not classified.  
**Health Hazard:** Not classified.

**Label Elements****Symbol**

No Symbol

**Signal Word**

No Signal Word

**Hazard Statement(s):** Not applicable.

**Precautionary Statement(s):** Not applicable.

**Hazards Not Otherwise Classified:** Not applicable.

**Ingredients(s) with Unknown Acute Toxicity:** Not applicable.

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### 3. COMPOSITION AND INFORMATION ON HAZARDOUS INGREDIENTS

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**Substance:** Almond Flour.

**Other Designations:** Not applicable.

Components are listed in compliance with OSHA's 29 CFR 1910.1200; for the actual values see the Certificate of Analysis.

Hazardous Component(s)	CAS Number	EC Number (EINECS)	Nominal Mass Concentration (%)
None	---	---	---
<b>Non-Hazardous Component(s)</b>			
Almond Flour	not applicable	not applicable	100

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#### 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

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##### Description of First Aid Measures:

**Inhalation:** If adverse effects occur, remove to uncontaminated area. If not breathing, give artificial respiration or oxygen by qualified personnel. Seek immediate medical attention.

**Skin Contact:** Wash skin with soap and water for at least 15 minutes. Thoroughly clean and dry contaminated clothing before reuse.

**Eye Contact:** Flush eyes with water for at least 15 minutes. If necessary, seek medical attention.

**Ingestion:** If adverse effects occur after ingestion, seek medical treatment.

**Most Important Symptoms/Effects, Acute and Delayed:** Skin or eye mechanical irritation.

**Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed, if necessary:** If any of the above symptoms are present, seek medical attention if needed.

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#### 5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

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**Fire and Explosion Hazards:** Avoid generating dust. RM 8404 is supplied in a small quantity and under normal laboratory conditions it does not constitute a combustible dust hazard.

##### Extinguishing Media:

Suitable: Regular dry chemical, carbon dioxide, water, and regular foam.

Unsuitable: None listed.

**Specific Hazards Arising from the Chemical:** None listed.

**Special Protective Equipment and Precautions for Fire-Fighters:** Avoid inhalation of material or combustion byproducts. Wear full protective clothing and NIOSH approved self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA).

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#### 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

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**Personal Precautions, Protective Equipment and Emergency Procedures:** Any accumulated material on surfaces should be removed and properly disposed of. Use suitable protective equipment; see Section 8, "Exposure Controls and Personal Protection".

**Methods and Materials for Containment and Clean up:** Do not touch spilled material. Notify safety personnel of spills. Collect spilled material in appropriate container for disposal. Isolate hazard area and deny entry.

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#### 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

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**Safe Handling Precautions:** Minimize dust generation and accumulation on surfaces. See Section 8, "Exposure Controls and Personal Protection".

**Storage and Incompatible Materials:** Store and handling in accordance with all current regulations and standards. Keep separated from incompatible substances (See Section 10, "Stability and Reactivity").

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#### 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS AND PERSONAL PROTECTION

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**Exposure Limits:** This material is a particulate matter and adequate inhalation/respiratory protection should be used to minimize exposure. No occupational exposure limits have been established for almond flour. The exposure limits for Particulates Not Otherwise Regulated are applicable.

OSHA (PEL): 15 mg/m<sup>3</sup> (TWA, total particulates not otherwise regulated)  
5 mg/m<sup>3</sup> (TWA, respirable particulates not otherwise regulated)

**Engineering Controls:** Provide local exhaust or process enclosure ventilation system. Ensure compliance with applicable exposure limits.

**Personal Protection:** In accordance with OSHA 29 CFR 1910.132, subpart I, wear appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to minimize exposure to this material.

**Respiratory Protection:** If workplace conditions warrant a respirator, a respiratory protection program that meets OSHA 29 CFR 1910.134 must be followed. Refer to NIOSH 42 CFR 84 for applicable certified respirators.

**Eye/Face Protection:** Wear splash resistant safety goggles with a face shield. An eye wash station should be readily available near areas of use.

**Skin and Body Protection:** Personal protective equipment for the body should be selected based on the task being performed and the risks involved and should be approved by a specialist before handling this product. Chemical-resistant gloves should be worn at all times when handling chemicals.

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## 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

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### Descriptive Properties:

<b>Appearance (physical state, color, etc.):</b>	powder
<b>Molecular Formula:</b>	not applicable
<b>Molar Mass (g/mol):</b>	not applicable
<b>Odor:</b>	not available
<b>Odor threshold:</b>	not available
<b>pH:</b>	not available
<b>Evaporation rate:</b>	not applicable
<b>Melting point/freezing point (°C):</b>	not available
<b>Relative Density (g/L):</b>	not available
<b>Vapor Pressure (mmHg):</b>	not applicable
<b>Vapor Density (air = 1):</b>	not applicable
<b>Viscosity (cP):</b>	not applicable
<b>Solubility(ies):</b>	not available
<b>Partition coefficient (n-octanol/water):</b>	not available
<b>Particle Size (if relevant)</b>	not available

### Thermal Stability Properties:

<b>Autoignition Temperature (°C):</b>	not available
<b>Thermal Decomposition (°C):</b>	not available
<b>Initial boiling point and boiling range (°C):</b>	not available
<b>Explosive Limits, LEL (Volume %):</b>	not available
<b>Explosive Limits, UEL (Volume %):</b>	not available
<b>Flash Point (°C)</b>	not available
<b>Flammability (solid, gas):</b>	not available

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## 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

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**Reactivity:** Stable at normal temperatures and pressure.

**Stability:**       X       Stable                Unstable

**Possible Hazardous Reactions:** None listed.

**Conditions to Avoid:** Avoid generating dust. Avoid heat, flames, sparks and other sources of ignition. Avoid contact with incompatible materials.

**Incompatible Materials:** Oxidizing materials.

**Fire/Explosion Information:** See Section 5, "Fire Fighting Measures".

**Hazardous Decomposition:** Thermal decomposition will produce oxides of carbon.

Hazardous Polymerization: \_\_\_\_\_ Will Occur     X  Will Not Occur

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## 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

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Route of Exposure:     X  Inhalation     X  Skin     X  Ingestion

Symptoms Related to the Physical, Chemical and Toxicological Characteristics: No data available.

**Potential Health Effects (Acute, Chronic and Delayed):**

**Inhalation:** No data available.

**Skin Contact:** No data available; skin exposure may result in mechanical irritation.

**Eye Contact:** No data available; may cause mechanical irritation.

**Ingestion:** No data available.

**Numerical Measures of Toxicity:**

**Acute Toxicity:** Not classified; no data available.

**Skin Corrosion/Irritation:** Not classified; no data available.

**Serious Eye damage/ Eye irritation:** Not classified; no data available.

**Respiratory Sensitization:** Not classified; no data available.

**Skin Sensitization:** Not classified; no data available.

**Germ Cell Mutagenicity:** Not classified; no data available.

**Carcinogenicity:** Not classified.

**Listed as a Carcinogen/Potential Carcinogen**    \_\_\_\_\_ Yes     X  No  
Almond flour is not listed by NTP, IARC or OSHA as a carcinogen/potential carcinogen.

**Reproductive Toxicity:** Not classified; no data available.

**Specific Target Organ Toxicity, Single Exposure:** Not classified; no data available.

**Specific Target Organ Toxicity, Repeated Exposure:** Not classified; no data available.

**Aspiration Hazard:** Not classified; no data available.

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## 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

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**Ecotoxicity Data:** No data available.

**Persistence and Degradability:** No data available.

**Bioaccumulative Potential:** No data available.

**Mobility in Soil:** No data available.

**Other Adverse effects:** No data available.

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## 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

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**Waste Disposal:** Dispose of waste in accordance with all applicable federal, state, and local regulations.

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## 14. TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

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**U.S. DOT and IATA:** Not regulated by DOT or IATA.

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## 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

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**U.S. Regulations:**

CERCLA Sections 102a/103 (40 CFR 302.4): Not regulated.

SARA Title III Section 302 (40 CFR 355.30): Not regulated.

SARA Title III Section 304 (40 CFR 355.40): Not regulated.

SARA Title III Section 313 (40 CFR 372.65): Not regulated.

OSHA Process Safety (29 CFR 1910.119): Not regulated.

SARA Title III Sections 311/312 Hazardous Categories (40 CFR 370.21):

ACUTE HEALTH: No.  
CHRONIC HEALTH: No.  
FIRE: No.  
REACTIVE: No.  
PRESSURE: No.

**State Regulations:**

California Proposition 65: Not listed.

**U.S. TSCA Inventory:** Not listed.

**TSCA 12(b), Export Notification:** Not listed.

**Canadian Regulations:**

WHMIS Information: Not provided for this material.

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**16. OTHER INFORMATION**

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**Sources:** CDC; NIOSH; *NIOSH Pocket Guide to Chemical Hazards*; Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), National Institute for Safety and Health; *Particulates Not Otherwise Regulated*, 30 October 2019; available at <https://www.cdc.gov/niosh/npg/npgd0480.html> (accessed Nov 2021).

**Key of Acronyms:**

ACGIH	American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists	NRC	Nuclear Regulatory Commission
ALI	Annual Limit on Intake	NTP	National Toxicology Program
CAS	Chemical Abstracts Service	OSHA	Occupational Safety and Health Administration
CERCLA	Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act	PEL	Permissible Exposure Limit
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations	RCRA	Resource Conservation and Recovery Act
DOT	Department of Transportation	REL	Recommended Exposure Limit
EC50	Effective Concentration, 50 %	RM	Reference Material
EINECS	European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances	RQ	Reportable Quantity
EPCRA	Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act	RTECS	Registry of Toxic Effects of Chemical Substances
IARC	International Agency for Research on Cancer	SARA	Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act
IATA	International Air Transport Association	SCBA	Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus
IDLH	Immediately Dangerous to Life and Health	SRM	Standard Reference Material
LC50	Lethal Concentration, 50 %	STEL	Short Term Exposure Limit
LD50	Lethal Dose, 50 %	TLV	Threshold Limit Value
LEL	Lower Explosive Limit	TPQ	Threshold Planning Quantity
MSDS	Material Safety Data Sheet	TSCA	Toxic Substances Control Act
NIOSH	National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health	TWA	Time Weighted Average
NIST	National Institute of Standards and Technology	UEL	Upper Explosive Limit
n.o.s.	Not Otherwise Specified	WHMIS	Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System

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