

# MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

## GENERAL HYDROPONICS SUBCULTURE™

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### SECTION 1. MATERIAL IDENTIFICATION

**Product Name:** General Hydroponics SubCulture™

**General Use:** An auxiliary soil and plant substance

**Manufactured by:** General Hydroponics, 3789 Vine Hill Road. Sebastopol CA 95472.  
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### SECTION 2. COMPOSITION / INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

**Ingredients:** A proprietary blend of naturally occurring, non-pathogenic, non-genetically altered beneficial soil microorganisms (bacteria, actinomyces, and fungi). Additionally, it contains B Complex Vitamins, and glucose.

**Exposure Limits:** Some of the materials in SubCulture™, when inhaled in a powder form, may be irritants to the upper respiratory tract. OSHA has established a PEL for an eight-hour time weighted average of 5 mg/m<sup>3</sup> (respirable fraction) or 15-mg/m<sup>3</sup> eight-hour time weighted average (total dust). ACGIH has established a 10 mg/m<sup>3</sup> eight-hour time weighted average threshold limit value for exposure to chemicals in this category. When these materials are in aqueous solution and are not aerosolized, they are not an inhalation hazard.

### SECTION 3. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

#### \*\*\* Emergency Overview \*\*\*

General Hydroponics SubCulture™ is an off-white powder with a characteristic fermentation odor. When inhaled it may be irritating to the respiratory system.

#### Potential Health Effects

**Primary Entry Routes:** Inhalation

**Target Organs:** Lungs

**Ingestion:** Unknown

**Eye:** Irritation

**Skin:** None

**Inhalation:** Can be irritating to the respiratory system

**Carcinogenicity:** unknown

**Medical Conditions Aggravated by Long- Term Exposure:** Unknown

**Chronic Effects:** Not known

**Other:** Not known

## **SECTION 4. FIRST AID MEASURES**

**Inhalation:** Remove exposed person to fresh air and support breathing, if necessary. Consult a physician if respiratory distress continues.

**Ingestion:** Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious or convulsing person. Contact a poison control center. Unless the poison control center advises otherwise, have the conscious and alert person drink 1 to 2 glasses of water, then induce vomiting.

**Eye Contact:** Do not allow victim to rub or keep eyes tightly shut. Gently lift eyelids and flush immediately and continuously with flooding amounts of water for at least 15 minutes. Consult a physician or ophthalmologist if pain or irritation develops.

**Skin Contact:** Wash exposed area with soap and water. For reddened or blistered skin, consult a physician.

**After first aid:** Get appropriate community medical support.

## **SECTION 5. FIRE AND EXPLOSION DATA**

**Flash Point:** Unknown

**Auto-ignition Temperature:** Unknown

**LEL:** Unknown

**Flammability Classification:** Not flammable

**Burning Rate:** Not flammable

**Extinguishing Media:** Use dry chemical, carbon dioxide, water spray, fog, or foam.

**Unusual Fire or Explosion Hazards:** Container may explode in heat of fire.

**Hazardous Combustion Products:** Unknown

**Fire-Fighting Instructions:** Do not release run-off from fire control methods to sewers or waterways.

**Fire Fighting Equipment:** Because fire may produce toxic thermal decomposition products, wear a self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) with a full-face piece.

## **SECTION 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES**

**Spill /Leak Procedures:** Avoid dispersal in air. Small amounts can be diluted and flushed into a sewer. Larger amounts should be carefully swept up or vacuumed with a HEPA vacuum and held for reclamation or disposal.

**Regulatory Requirements:** None of the ingredients in General Hydroponics SubCulture™ meet the definition of "Hazardous Chemical" 29 CFR1910.120

## SECTION 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

**Handling Precautions:** Avoid inhalation of product. Wear an appropriate NIOSH-approved respirator for protection against dusts where dust levels are excessive. Respirator usage must be in accordance with OSHA requirements (29 CFR 1910.134).

**Storage Requirements:** No special requirements

**Regulatory Requirements:** Follow applicable OSHA regulations

## SECTION 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

**Ventilation:** Provide general or local exhaust ventilation systems to maintain airborne concentrations as low as possible.

**Administrative Controls:** Avoid breathing dust.

**Respiratory Protection:** If this product is used as directed, respiratory protection is not required. Seek professional advice prior to respirator selection and use. Follow OSHA respirator regulations (29 CFR 1910.134) and, if necessary, wear a MSHA/ NIOSH-approved respirator. If respirators are used, OSHA requires a written respiratory protection program that includes, at least: medical certification, training, fit testing, periodic environmental monitoring, maintenance, inspection, cleaning, and convenient, sanitary storage areas.

**Protective Clothing/Equipment:** No special clothing is required.

**Comments:** Never eat, drink, or smoke in work areas. Practice good personal hygiene after using this material, especially before eating, drinking, smoking, using the toilet, or applying cosmetics.

## SECTION 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

**Physical State:** powder

**Specific Gravity:** 1.02

**Appearance and Odor:** off-white powder with characteristic fermentation odor

**Odor Threshold Range:** N/A

**Vapor Pressure:** N/A

**Water Solubility:** Soluble

**Other Solubility's:** Unknown

**Boiling Point:** N/A

## SECTION 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

**Stability:** Stable at room temperature in closed containers, under normal storage and handling conditions.

**Polymerization:** Hazardous polymerization cannot occur.

**Chemical Incompatibilities:** Neutralization reaction will occur if exposed to alkaline materials.

**Conditions to Avoid:** Inhalation of dust

**Hazardous Decomposition Products:** Unknown

## **SECTION 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

Not believed to be toxic

## **SECTION 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

**Ecotoxicity:** Unknown

**Environmental Fate:** Not expected to be significant

**Environmental Degradation:** Unknown

## **SECTION 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS**

**Waste Disposal:** Follow Federal, State, and local regulations.

## **SECTION 14. TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION**

**DOT Transportation Data (49 CFR 172.101):** Not listed

## **SECTION 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION**

**EPA Regulations:** Not listed

## **SECTION 16. OTHER INFORMATION**

General Hydroponics SubCulture is a plant nutrition product. Information assembled for this Material Safety Data Sheet is for the use of this product as intended by the manufacturer. Users should take all precautions recommended herein while working with this product.

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