

1. Identification

Product identifier	NutriQuest® Assist+
Other means of identification	None.
Recommended use	Animal feed additive
Recommended restrictions	Not to be used as an absorbent with turpentine, hydrofluoric acid, vegetable oil, and other unsaturated organic compounds (such as fish oil), as this may generate heat and/or fire. Workers (and your customers or users in the case of resale) should be informed of the potential presence of respirable dust and respirable crystalline silica as well as their potential hazards. Appropriate training in the proper use and handling of this material should be provided as required under applicable regulations.

Manufacturer/Importer/Supplier/Distributor information

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2. Hazard(s) identification

Physical hazards	Not classified.	
Health hazards	Carcinogenicity (inhalation)	Category 1A
	Specific target organ toxicity, repeated exposure (inhalation)	Category 2 (Lungs)
OSHA defined hazards	Not classified.	

Label elements



Signal word	Danger
Hazard statement	May cause cancer by inhalation. May cause damage to organs (Lungs) through prolonged or repeated exposure by inhalation.
Precautionary statement	
Prevention	Obtain special instructions before use. Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood. Do not breathe dust. Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection.
Response	If exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/attention.
Storage	Store away from incompatible materials.
Disposal	Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local/regional/national/international regulations.
Hazard(s) not otherwise classified (HNOC)	None known.
Supplemental information	This product has the potential for generation of respirable dust during handling and use. Dust may contain respirable crystalline silica.

3. Composition/information on ingredients

Mixtures

Chemical name	CAS number	%
Bentonite	1302-78-9	90 - 100

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Quartz (SiO ₂)	14808-60-7	0 - 10
Composition comments	Bentonite contains naturally occurring respirable crystalline silica in quantities of less than 4%. All concentrations are in percent by weight.	
4. First-aid measures		
Inhalation	Move to fresh air. Call a physician if symptoms develop or persist.	
Skin contact	Wash off with soap and water. Get medical attention if irritation develops and persists.	
Eye contact	Do not rub eyes. Rinse with water. Get medical attention if irritation develops and persists.	
Ingestion	Rinse mouth. Get medical attention if symptoms occur.	
Most important symptoms/effects, acute and delayed	Dusts may irritate the respiratory tract, skin and eyes. Coughing. Discomfort in the chest. Shortness of breath. Prolonged exposure may cause chronic effects.	
Indication of immediate medical attention and special treatment needed	Provide general supportive measures and treat symptomatically. Keep victim under observation. Symptoms may be delayed.	
General information	IF exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/attention. If you feel unwell, seek medical advice (show the label where possible). Ensure that medical personnel are aware of the material(s) involved, and take precautions to protect themselves.	
5. Fire-fighting measures		
Suitable extinguishing media	Use fire-extinguishing media appropriate for surrounding materials.	
Unsuitable extinguishing media	No restrictions known.	
Specific hazards arising from the chemical	During fire, gases hazardous to health may be formed.	
Special protective equipment and precautions for firefighters	Firefighters should wear full protective clothing including self contained breathing apparatus. Material can be slippery when wet.	
Fire fighting equipment/instructions	In case of fire and/or explosion do not breathe fumes. Move containers from fire area if you can do it without risk. Use water spray to cool unopened containers.	
Specific methods	Use standard firefighting procedures and consider the hazards of other involved materials.	
General fire hazards	The product is non-combustible.	
6. Accidental release measures		
Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures	Keep unnecessary personnel away. Keep people away from and upwind of spill/leak. Material can be slippery when wet. Wear appropriate protective equipment and clothing during clean-up. Do not breathe dust. Use a NIOSH/MSHA approved respirator if there is a risk of exposure to dust/fume at levels exceeding the exposure limits. Ensure adequate ventilation. Local authorities should be advised if significant spillages cannot be contained. For personal protection, see section 8 of the SDS.	
Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up	<p>Avoid dispersal of dust in the air (i.e., clearing dust surfaces with compressed air). Collect dust using a vacuum cleaner equipped with HEPA filter. Stop the flow of material, if this is without risk.</p> <p>Large Spills: Wet down with water and dike for later disposal. Shovel the material into waste container. Following product recovery, flush area with water.</p> <p>Small Spills: Sweep up or vacuum up spillage and collect in suitable container for disposal.</p> <p>Never return spills to original containers for re-use. Put material in suitable, covered, labeled containers. For waste disposal, see section 13 of the SDS.</p>	
Environmental precautions	Avoid discharge into drains, water courses or onto the ground.	
7. Handling and storage		
Precautions for safe handling	Obtain special instructions before use. Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood. Minimize dust generation and accumulation. Routine housekeeping should be instituted to ensure that dusts do not accumulate on surfaces. Be aware of potential for surfaces to become slippery. Do not breathe dust. Avoid prolonged exposure. Should be handled in closed systems, if possible. Wear appropriate personal protective equipment. Wash hands thoroughly after handling. Observe good industrial hygiene practices.	
Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities	Store in a dry area. Keep away from turpentine, hydrofluoric acid, vegetable oil, and other unsaturated organic compounds (such as fish oil), as this may generate heat and/or fire.	

8. Exposure controls/personal protection

Occupational exposure limits

US. OSHA Specifically Regulated Substances (29 CFR 1910.1001-1053)

Components	Type	Value
Quartz (SiO ₂) (CAS 14808-60-7)	TWA	0.05 mg/m ³

US. OSHA Table Z-3 (29 CFR 1910.1000)

Components	Type	Value	Form
Quartz (SiO ₂) (CAS 14808-60-7)	TWA	0.1 mg/m ³	Respirable.
		2.4 mppcf	Respirable.

US. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values

Components	Type	Value	Form
Quartz (SiO ₂) (CAS 14808-60-7)	TWA	0.025 mg/m ³	Respirable fraction.

US. NIOSH: Pocket Guide to Chemical Hazards

Components	Type	Value	Form
Quartz (SiO ₂) (CAS 14808-60-7)	TWA	0.05 mg/m ³	Respirable dust.

Biological limit values

No biological exposure limits noted for the ingredient(s).

Exposure guidelines

Occupational exposure to nuisance dust (total and respirable) and respirable crystalline silica should be monitored and controlled.

Appropriate engineering controls

Good general ventilation should be used. Ventilation rates should be matched to conditions. If applicable, use process enclosures, local exhaust ventilation, or other engineering controls to maintain airborne levels below recommended exposure limits. If engineering measures are not sufficient to maintain concentrations of dust particulates below the Occupational Exposure Limit (OEL), suitable respiratory protection must be worn.

Individual protection measures, such as personal protective equipment

Eye/face protection

Unvented, tight fitting goggles should be worn in dusty areas.

Skin protection

Hand protection

Wear appropriate chemical resistant gloves. Suitable gloves can be recommended by the glove supplier.

Skin protection

Other

Wear appropriate chemical resistant clothing.

Respiratory protection

If engineering controls do not maintain airborne concentrations below recommended exposure limits (where applicable) or to an acceptable level (in countries where exposure limits have not been established), an approved respirator must be worn. Use a NIOSH/MSHA approved respirator if there is a risk of exposure to dust/fume at levels exceeding the exposure limits. Check with respiratory protective equipment suppliers.

Thermal hazards

Wear appropriate thermal protective clothing, when necessary.

General hygiene considerations

Observe any medical surveillance requirements. Always observe good personal hygiene measures, such as washing after handling the material and before eating, drinking, and/or smoking. Routinely wash work clothing and protective equipment to remove contaminants.

9. Physical and chemical properties

Appearance

Physical state

Solid.

Form

Granular solid.

Color

Gray (to tan) or red.

Odor

Not applicable.

Odor threshold

Not applicable.

pH

Not applicable.

Melting point/freezing point

Not applicable.

Initial boiling point and boiling range

Not applicable.

Flash point	Not applicable.
Evaporation rate	Not applicable.
Flammability (solid, gas)	Non-combustible.
Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits	
Explosive limit - lower (%)	Not applicable.
Explosive limit - upper (%)	Not applicable.
Vapor pressure	Not applicable.
Vapor density	Not applicable.
Relative density	2.2 (Water=1)
Solubility(ies)	
Solubility (water)	Insoluble (in water).
Partition coefficient (n-octanol/water)	Not applicable, product is a mixture.
Auto-ignition temperature	Not applicable.
Decomposition temperature	Not available.
Viscosity	Not applicable.
Other information	
Explosive properties	Not explosive.
Oxidizing properties	Not oxidizing.

10. Stability and reactivity

Reactivity	The product is stable and non-reactive under normal conditions of use, storage and transport.
Chemical stability	Material is stable under normal conditions.
Possibility of hazardous reactions	Will not occur.
Conditions to avoid	Contact with incompatible materials. Minimize dust generation and accumulation.
Incompatible materials	Turpentine. Hydrofluoric acid. Unsaturated oils. Unsaturated organic compounds.
Hazardous decomposition products	Decomposition is not expected under normal conditions of use and storage.

11. Toxicological information

Information on likely routes of exposure

Inhalation	May cause damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure by inhalation. May cause cancer by inhalation. Dust may irritate respiratory system.
Skin contact	Dust or powder may irritate the skin.
Eye contact	Dust may irritate the eyes.
Ingestion	No harmful effects expected in amounts likely to be ingested by accident.

Symptoms related to the physical, chemical and toxicological characteristics Dusts may irritate the respiratory tract, skin and eyes. Coughing. Discomfort in the chest. Shortness of breath. Prolonged exposure may cause chronic effects.

Information on toxicological effects

Acute toxicity Not expected to be acutely toxic.

Components	Species	Test Results
Quartz (SiO ₂) (CAS 14808-60-7)		
Chronic		
Inhalation		
LOEC	Human	0.0563 mg/m ³

Skin corrosion/irritation May cause irritation through mechanical abrasion.

Serious eye damage/eye irritation Dust or powder may cause mechanical eye irritation.

Respiratory or skin sensitization

Respiratory sensitization Not a respiratory sensitizer.

Skin sensitization	This product is not expected to cause skin sensitization.
Germ cell mutagenicity	No data available to indicate product or any components present at greater than 0.1% are mutagenic or genotoxic.
Carcinogenicity	<p>May cause cancer by inhalation.</p> <p>In 1997, IARC (the International Agency for Research on Cancer) concluded that crystalline silica inhaled from occupational sources can cause lung cancer in humans. However in making the overall evaluation, IARC noted that "carcinogenicity was not detected in all industrial circumstances studied. Carcinogenicity may be dependent on inherent characteristics of the crystalline silica or on external factors affecting its biological activity or distribution of its polymorphs." (IARC Monographs on the evaluation of the carcinogenic risks of chemicals to humans, Silica, silicates dust and organic fibres, 1997, Vol. 68, IARC, Lyon, France.) In June 2003, SCOEL (the EU Scientific Committee on Occupational Exposure Limits) concluded that the main effect in humans of the inhalation of respirable crystalline silica dust is silicosis. "There is sufficient information to conclude that the relative risk of lung cancer is increased in persons with silicosis (and, apparently, not in employees without silicosis exposed to silica dust in quarries and in the ceramic industry). Therefore, preventing the onset of silicosis will also reduce the cancer risk..." (SCOEL SUM Doc 94-final, June 2003) According to the current state of the art, worker protection against silicosis can be consistently assured by respecting the existing regulatory occupational exposure limits. May cause cancer. Occupational exposure to respirable dust and respirable crystalline silica should be monitored and controlled.</p>

IARC Monographs. Overall Evaluation of Carcinogenicity

Quartz (SiO₂) (CAS 14808-60-7) 1 Carcinogenic to humans.

NTP Report on Carcinogens

Quartz (SiO₂) (CAS 14808-60-7) Known To Be Human Carcinogen.

OSHA Specifically Regulated Substances (29 CFR 1910.1001-1053)

Quartz (SiO₂) (CAS 14808-60-7) Cancer

Reproductive toxicity	This product is not expected to cause reproductive or developmental effects.
Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure	Not classified.
Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure	May cause damage to organs (Lungs) through prolonged or repeated exposure by inhalation.
Aspiration hazard	Not an aspiration hazard.
Chronic effects	Prolonged inhalation may be harmful. May cause damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure. Prolonged exposure may cause chronic effects.

12. Ecological information

Ecotoxicity	The product is not classified as environmentally hazardous. However, this does not exclude the possibility that large or frequent spills can have a harmful or damaging effect on the environment.
Persistence and degradability	The product solely consists of inorganic compounds which are not biodegradable.
Bioaccumulative potential	No data available on bioaccumulation.
Mobility in soil	The product is insoluble in water. Not expected to be mobile in soil.
Other adverse effects	No data available for this product.

13. Disposal considerations

Disposal instructions	Collect and reclaim or dispose in sealed containers at licensed waste disposal site. Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local/regional/national/international regulations.
Local disposal regulations	Dispose in accordance with all applicable regulations.
Hazardous waste code	The waste code should be assigned in discussion between the user, the producer and the waste disposal company.
Waste from residues / unused products	Dispose of in accordance with local regulations. Empty containers or liners may retain some product residues. This material and its container must be disposed of in a safe manner.
Contaminated packaging	Since emptied containers may retain product residue, follow label warnings even after container is emptied. Empty containers should be taken to an approved waste handling site for recycling or disposal.

14. Transport information

DOT	Not regulated as dangerous goods.
IATA	Not regulated as dangerous goods.

IMDG

Not regulated as dangerous goods.

Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL 73/78 and the IBC Code Not applicable.

15. Regulatory information

US federal regulations This product is a "Hazardous Chemical" as defined by the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard, 29 CFR 1910.1200.

TSCA Section 12(b) Export Notification (40 CFR 707, Subpt. D)

Not regulated.

CERCLA Hazardous Substance List (40 CFR 302.4)

Not listed.

SARA 304 Emergency release notification

Not regulated.

OSHA Specifically Regulated Substances (29 CFR 1910.1001-1053)

Quartz (SiO ₂) (CAS 14808-60-7)	Cancer lung effects immune system effects kidney effects
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Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) All components of the mixture on the TSCA 8(b) inventory are designated "active".

Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA)**SARA 302 Extremely hazardous substance**

Not listed.

SARA 311/312 Hazardous chemical Yes

Classified hazard categories	Carcinogenicity Specific target organ toxicity (single or repeated exposure)
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SARA 313 (TRI reporting)
Not regulated.

Other federal regulations**Clean Air Act (CAA) Section 112 Hazardous Air Pollutants (HAPs) List**

Not regulated.

Clean Air Act (CAA) Section 112(r) Accidental Release Prevention (40 CFR 68.130)

Not regulated.

Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) Not regulated.

US state regulations**US. Massachusetts RTK - Substance List**

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US. New Jersey Worker and Community Right-to-Know Act

Quartz (SiO₂) (CAS 14808-60-7)

US. Pennsylvania Worker and Community Right-to-Know Law

Quartz (SiO₂) (CAS 14808-60-7)

US. Rhode Island RTK

Quartz (SiO₂) (CAS 14808-60-7)

California Proposition 65

WARNING: This product can expose you to Quartz (SiO₂), which is known to the State of California to cause cancer. For more information go to www.P65Warnings.ca.gov.

California Proposition 65 - CRT: Listed date/Carcinogenic substance

Quartz (SiO ₂) (CAS 14808-60-7)	Listed: October 1, 1988
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US. California. Candidate Chemicals List. Safer Consumer Products Regulations (Cal. Code Regs, tit. 22, 69502.3, subd. (a))

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International Inventories

Country(s) or region	Inventory name	On inventory (yes/no)*
Australia	Australian Inventory of Industrial Chemicals (AICIS)	Yes
Canada	Domestic Substances List (DSL)	Yes
Canada	Non-Domestic Substances List (NDSL)	No
China	Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances in China (IECSC)	Yes
Europe	European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances (EINECS)	Yes
Europe	European List of Notified Chemical Substances (ELINCS)	No
Japan	Inventory of Existing and New Chemical Substances (ENCS)	No
Korea	Existing Chemicals List (ECL)	Yes
New Zealand	New Zealand Inventory	Yes
Philippines	Philippine Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances (PICCS)	Yes
Taiwan	Taiwan Chemical Substance Inventory (TCSI)	Yes
United States & Puerto Rico	Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) Inventory	Yes

*A "Yes" indicates that all components of this product comply with the inventory requirements administered by the governing country(s)

A "No" indicates that one or more components of the product are not listed or exempt from listing on the inventory administered by the governing country(s).

16. Other information, including date of preparation or last revision

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Revision date -

Version # 01

HMIS® ratings Health: 2*
Flammability: 0
Physical hazard: 0

NFPA ratings



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