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**SECTION 1: IDENTIFICATION OF THE SUBSTANCE/MIXTURE AND OF THE COMPANY/UNDERTAKING****1.1 Product identifier**

Trade name

**GrowDex® -A**

Company product code

**300 103 002, 300 103 005, 300 103 010, 300 103 305****1.2 Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against  
The uses of the chemical**

GrowDex®-A can be used in life science applications.

GrowDex®-A hydrogel is a material for 3D cell culture.

For research use only, not for use in diagnostic or therapeutic procedures.

**1.3 Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet  
Manufacturer, importer, other undertaking**

UPM-Kymmene Corporation

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<b>Finnish Business ID (Y code)</b>	1041090-0

**1.4 Emergency information**

Emergency telephone number 112

Poison Information centre (in Finland), open 24 h daily

P.O. Box 790 (Tukholmankatu 17)

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tel. +358 9 471977 or 0800 147 111

**SECTION 2: HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION****2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture**

OSHA GHS (paragraph (d) of 2012 29 CFR §1910.1200): Not classified as hazardous.

**2.2 Label elements**

OSHA GHS (paragraph (f) of 2012 29 CFR §1910.1200): No labelling required. In accordance with current regulations, this substance has not been classified as hazardous.

**2.3 Other hazards**

If dry, the material forms organic dust. Occupational exposure limits values have been defined for cellulose dust (see Section 8). The dust may also be flammable.

The product contains micro- and nano-sized cellulose fibrils. The length of the fibrils may be several micrometers, while the diameter is in the nanometer scale (5 - 100 nm).

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### SECTION 3: COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

The product contains 1 – 2 % cellulose (CAS 9004-34-6) and purified water (CAS number 732-18-5). The fibrils are isolated from *Pinus sylvestris* and *Picea abies* or *Betula sp.* grown in Finland. The product has been autoclaved at 121 °C.

#### Hazardous ingredients

CAS/EC number and the registration number	Name of the ingredient	Concentration	Classification

### SECTION 4: FIRST AID MEASURES

#### 4.1 Description of first aid measures

**Inhalation:** Move to fresh air. Get medical attention if symptoms appear.

**Skin contact:** Wash with water. Get medical attention if irritation occurs.

**Eye contact:** Rinse with plenty of water for several minutes. Get medical attention if irritation occurs.

**Ingestion:** Rinse mouth with plenty of water. Ingestion of large quantities endeavour to vomit. Get medical attention if symptoms appear.

#### 4.2 Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed

**Eye contact:** Mechanical irritation may occur.

#### 4.3 Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

No special treatment needed.

### SECTION 5: FIREFIGHTING MEASURES

#### 5.1 Extinguishing media

Water spray, foam, carbon dioxide.

#### 5.2 Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture

The product itself is non-flammable. If dry, flammable organic dust may form.

#### 5.3 Advice for firefighters

In large fires or in confined areas, use appropriate protective equipment and a self-contained breathing apparatus.

### SECTION 6: ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

#### 6.1 Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

Handle carefully to avoid spilling, drying and dust formation. Remove all ignition sources. Dust filters are recommended.

#### 6.2 Environmental precautions

Minimize contamination of drains, surface and ground waters.

#### 6.3 Methods and material for containment and cleaning up

Use appropriate tools to collect the product for disposal. Flush the area with water.

#### 6.4 Reference to other sections

Personal protection equipment: see Section 8.2

Disposal: see Section 13

### SECTION 7: HANDLING AND STORAGE

#### 7.1 Precautions for safe handling

Handle the material in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practices. Wear protective gloves and clothes to avoid skin exposure. If exposed, wash the skin with water. Wear safety goggles to avoid splashes into eyes. In wet state, the product does not form dust. If dried, avoid inhalation of dust. Dust filters are recommended.

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**7.2 Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities**

Keep containers tightly closed. Store in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place protected from direct sunlight and away from highly flammable substances or materials. Protect from freezing. No legal requirements concerning storage.

**7.3 Specific end use(s)**

Not reported.

**SECTION 8: EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION**

**8.1 Control parameters**

**National occupational exposure limit values**

The following occupational exposure limit values apply to cellulose dust.

HTP values : Organic dust 5 mg/m<sup>3</sup> (8 h) ; 10 mg/m<sup>3</sup> (15 min)

OSHA PEL: Total dust 15 mg/m<sup>3</sup>, respirable nuisance dust 5.0 mg/m<sup>3</sup>

NIOSH REL: 5 mg/m<sup>3</sup> (TWA)

ACGIH TLV: 10 mg/m<sup>3</sup> (microcrystalline cellulose)

**Other limit values**

UK (TWA): 10 mg/m<sup>3</sup> (total inhalable dust), 4 mg/m<sup>3</sup> (respirable dust)

**8.2 Exposure controls**

**Appropriate engineering controls**

Keep containers tightly closed and away from direct sunlight, ignition sources and heat.

**Eye/face protection**

It is recommended to wear eye protection.

**Skin protection**

It is recommended to protect skin from any splashes.

**Hand protection**

It is recommended to wear protective gloves.

**Respiratory protection**

If the product is dry, wear respiratory protection (filter P2).

**Thermal hazards**

The product itself is stable and non-flammable. If dried, flammable organic dust may form.

**Environmental exposure controls**

Prevent large amounts from entering sewers or environment.

**SECTION 9: PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES**

**9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties**

<b>Appearance</b>	Highly viscous, transparent, aqueous suspension gel.
<b>Odour</b>	Almost odorless.
<b>Odour threshold</b>	Not applicable.
<b>pH</b>	Neutral
<b>Melting point/freezing point</b>	Unknown.
<b>Initial boiling point and boiling range</b>	100 °C (water)
<b>Flash point</b>	Not applicable.
<b>Evaporation rate</b>	Unknown.
<b>Flammability (solid, gas)</b>	Not applicable. Non-flammable when moist.

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<b>Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits</b>	Not applicable.
<b>Vapour pressure</b>	Not applicable.
<b>Vapour density</b>	Not applicable.
<b>Relative density</b>	Unknown.
<b>Solubility(ies)</b>	Insoluble in alcohols, diethyl ether, acetone, etc. Insoluble in cold or hot water.
<b>Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water</b>	Not applicable.
<b>Auto-ignition temperature</b>	Unknown.
<b>Decomposition temperature</b>	> 250 °C
<b>Viscosity</b>	For 0.5 % aqueous dispersion: Flow profile, Low shear viscosity (i.e. 1 - 4000 Pa.s).
<b>Explosive properties</b>	No risk of explosion.
<b>Oxidising properties</b>	Not oxidising.

## 9.2 Other information

Dry weight percentage: 1–2 %

## SECTION 10: STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

### 10.1 Reactivity

Not reactive under normal use and storage conditions.

### 10.2 Chemical stability

The product is stable under normal use and storage conditions.

### 10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions

No hazardous reactions under normal use and storage conditions.

### 10.4 Conditions to avoid

Keep away from direct sunlight, ignition sources and heat.

### 10.5 Incompatible materials

Strong acids, strong alkalis

### 10.6 Hazardous decomposition products

Burning may produce toxic gases, e.g. carbon monoxide, nitrogen.

## SECTION 11: TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### 11.1 Information on toxicological effects

#### Acute toxicity

This product is not classified as acutely toxic.

Data from similar compounds:

Cellulose, microcrystalline (CAS 9004-34-6) (ChemIDplusLite)

LD50 > 5000 mg/kg (oral, rat)

LD50 > 2000 mg/kg (dermal, rabbit)

LC50 > 5800 mg/m<sup>3</sup> (inhalation, rat, 4 h)

LD50 > 31600 mg/kg (intraperitoneal, rat)

#### Skin corrosion/irritation

Eyes Not irritating (rabbit)

Skin Not irritating (PII = 0/8.0) (rabbit)

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UPM MICROFIBRILLATED CELLULOSE STERILE:

Tested at 1% concentration in de-ionized water. Skin irritation patch test with human volunteers (ISPE s.r.l.):

No skin irritation potential.

**Serious eye damage/irritation**

The product is not an eye irritant. However, mechanical irritation may occur.

**Respiratory or skin sensitisation**

Not sensitizing (Guinea pig)

**Germ cell mutagenicity**

The product is not classified as a mutagen.

**Carcinogenicity**

The product is not classified as a carcinogen. Not listed on NTP or IARC.

**Reproductive toxicity**

The product is not classified as a reproductive toxicant.

**STOT-single exposure**

The product is not classified as toxic to specific target organs.

**STOT-repeated exposure**

The product is not classified as toxic to specific target organs.

**Aspiration hazard**

The product is not classified as causing aspiration toxicity.

**Other information**

Respirable nuisance dust may form if the product dries.

UPM Microfibrillated cellulose (Vartiainen et al. 2011):

No evidence of inflammatory effects or cytotoxicity in mouse or human macrophages was observed after 6 and 24 h exposure. The results of toxicity studies suggest that the friction ground MFC is not cytotoxic and does not cause any effects on inflammatory system in macrophages.

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**SECTION 12: ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

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**12.1 Toxicity**

There is no ecotoxicological data available on this specific product.

UPM Microfibrillated cellulose (Vartiainen et al. 2011):

Acute environmental toxicity assessed with kinetic luminescent bacteria test (*Vibrio fischerii*), NOEC > 100 mg/l

**12.2 Persistence and degradability**

Biodegradable in soil based on information from similar products. Chemical degradation produces carbon oxides (CO, CO<sub>2</sub>) and water.

**12.3 Bioaccumulative potential**

No bioaccumulative potential.

**12.4 Mobility in soil**

Insoluble in water.

**12.5 Results of PBT and vPvB assessment**

The product is biodegradable, thus not considered to fulfill criteria for PBT or vPvB substances.

**12.6 Other adverse effects**

None reported.

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### SECTION 13: DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

- 13.1 Waste treatment methods**  
Disposal according to current national and local official regulations.

### SECTION 14: TRANSPORT INFORMATION

- 14.1 UN number**  
Not classified for transportation. This product is not hazardous as defined by 49 CFR by the U.S. Department of Transportation.
- 14.2 UN proper shipping name**  
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- 14.3 Transport hazard class(es)**  
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- 14.4 Packing group**  
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- 14.5 Environmental hazards**  
Not hazardous to the environment. Prevent large amounts from entering sewers or waterways.  
Marine pollutant: No
- 14.6 Special precautions for user**  
Keep away from direct sunlight, ignition sources and heat. Do not allow the substance to dry. When dry, the substance is flammable.
- 14.7 Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL73/78 and the IBC Code**  
Not applicable.

### SECTION 15: REGULATORY INFORMATION

- 15.1 Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture**  
Relevant guidance and regulations concerning nanotechnology should be followed.
- Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA): All the components are listed or exempt from listing on the Chemical Substance Inventory.
- Cellulose is listed on the following U.S. federal regulatory lists and registries:  
FDA: List of indirect additives used in food contact substances  
FIFRA: Inert Ingredients in Pesticide Products  
U.S. EPA: Air Quality System (AQS), CAMEO Chemicals, U.S. High Production Volume Challenge Program List (HPVC List), Permit Compliance System (PCS)

### SECTION 16: OTHER INFORMATION

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13 February, 2020: MSDS amended

**Glossary of abbreviations**

ACGIH: American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists  
EC50: Effective concentrations 50 % (median effective concentration). Statistically derived concentration of a substance in an environmental medium expected to produce a certain effect in 50% of test organisms in a given population under a defined set of conditions.  
IARC: International Agency for Research of Cancer  
LC50: Lethal concentration 50 % (median lethal concentration). Concentration of the substance which kills 50 % of exposed organisms.  
LD50: Lethal dose 50 % (median lethal dose). Dose of the substance which kills 50 % of exposed organisms.  
NIOSH: National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health  
NOEL: No observable effect level. Highest concentration of the substance at which no effect was observed.

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NTP: National Toxicology Program  
OSHA: Occupational Safety and Health Administration (United States)  
PEL: Permissible exposure limit  
REL: Recommended exposure limit  
TLV: Threshold limit value  
TWA: Time-weighted average

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