

## SAFETY DATA SHEET

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### 1. SUBSTANCE AND SOURCE IDENTIFICATION

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**Product Identifier**

**SRM Number:** 3254  
**SRM Name:** Green Tea (*Camellia sinensis*) Leaves  
**Other Means of Identification:** Not applicable.

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

This Standard Reference Material (SRM) is intended primarily for use in validating analytical methods for the determination of catechins and xanthines in the leaves of green tea (*Camellia sinensis*) and similar matrices. SRM 3254 can also be used for quality assurance when assigning values to in-house control materials. A unit of SRM 3254 consists of five packets, each containing approximately 3 g of leaf powder.

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### 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

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**Note:** This processed material is intended for research use; not for human consumption. SRM 3254 is supplied in a small quantity and under normal laboratory conditions it does not constitute a combustible dust hazard. The physical properties of this material indicate that accumulated dust on surfaces generated where operations produce fine particulates, may lead to combustible dust concentrations in air.

**Classification**

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

**Label Elements**

**Symbol:** No symbol.  
**Signal Word:** No signal word.  
**Hazard Statement(s):** No applicable hazard statements.  
**Precautionary Statement(s):** No applicable precautionary statements.  
**Hazards Not Otherwise Classified:** None.  
**Ingredients(s) with Unknown Acute Toxicity:** None.

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### 3. COMPOSITION AND INFORMATION ON HAZARDOUS INGREDIENTS

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**Substance:** Green tea leaf powder

**Other Designations:** Not available.

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

Hazardous Component(s)	CAS Number	EC Number (EINECS)	Nominal Mass Concentration (%)
none	—	—	—
Non-Hazardous Component(s)			
Green tea leaf powder	not available	not available	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 well-ventilated (uncontaminated) area. If breathing is difficult, qualified personnel may administer oxygen. If not breathing, qualified personnel should give artificial respiration. Seek immediate medical attention.

**Skin Contact:** Rinse affected skin thoroughly with soap or mild detergent and water for at least 15 minutes. If skin irritation persists, seek medical aid and bring the container or label.

**Eye Contact:** Immediately flush eyes, including under the eyelids, with copious amounts of water for at least 15 minutes. Seek immediate medical attention.

**Ingestion:** If a large amount is swallowed, seek medical attention.

**Most Important Symptoms/Effects, Acute and Delayed:** No information available.

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

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#### 5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

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**Fire and Explosion Hazards:** Avoid generating dust; sufficient concentrations of fine dust dispersed in air, and in the presence of an ignition source is a potential hazard.

##### Extinguishing Media

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

Unsuitable: None listed.

**Specific Hazards Arising from the Chemical:** Not applicable.

**Special Protective Equipment and Precautions for Fire-Fighters:** Move container from fire area if it can be done without personal risk. Avoid inhalation of material or combustion by-products. Wear full protective clothing and NIOSH-approved self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA).

**NFPA Ratings** (0 = Minimal; 1 = Slight; 2 = Moderate; 3 = Serious; 4 = Severe)

Health = 0

Fire = 0

Reactivity = 0

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#### 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

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**Personal Precautions, Protective Equipment and Emergency Procedures:** Use suitable protective equipment; see Section 8, “Exposure Controls and Personal Protection”.

**Methods and Materials for Containment and Clean up:** Avoid generating and accumulating dust. Collect in appropriate container for disposal.

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#### 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

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**Safe Handling Precautions:** See Section 8, “Exposure Controls and Personal Protection”.

**Storage and Incompatible Materials:** Keep separated from incompatible substances and ignition sources. See the Certificate of Analysis for storage information.

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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 established for green tea leaf powder. The exposure limits for Particulates Not Otherwise Regulated are applicable.

OSHA (PEL): 15 mg/m<sup>3</sup> TWA (total particulates)  
5 mg/m<sup>3</sup> TWA (respirable particulates)

NIOSH (REL): 15 mg/m<sup>3</sup> TWA (total particulates)  
5 mg/m<sup>3</sup> TWA (respirable particulates)

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

**Personal Protection Measures:** 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 29CFR 1910.134 must be followed. Refer to NIOSH 42 CFR 84 for applicable certified respirators.

**Eye Protection:** Splash resistant safety goggles and emergency eyewash are recommended.

**Skin and Body Protection:** Chemical resistant clothing and gloves are recommended.

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## 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

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<b>Descriptive Properties</b>	Green tea leaf powder
<b>Molar Mass (g/mol)</b>	not applicable
<b>Molecular Formula</b>	not applicable
<b>Appearance (physical state, color, etc.)</b>	powder
<b>Odor</b>	not available
<b>Odor threshold</b>	not available
<b>pH</b>	not available
<b>Evaporation rate</b>	not available
<b>Melting point/freezing point</b>	not available
<b>Relative Density</b>	not available
<b>Density</b>	not available
<b>Vapor Pressure</b>	not available
<b>Vapor Density (air = 1)</b>	not available
<b>Viscosity</b>	not available
<b>Solubilities</b>	not available
<b>Partition coefficient (n-octanol/water)</b>	not available
<b>Particle Size</b>	250 µm (60 mesh)
<b>Thermal Stability Properties</b>	
<b>Autoignition Temperature</b>	not available
<b>Thermal Decomposition</b>	not available
<b>Initial boiling point and boiling range</b>	not available
<b>Explosive Limits, LEL (Volume %)</b>	not available
<b>Explosive Limits, UEL (Volume %)</b>	not available
<b>Flash Point</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:**  Stable  Unstable

**Possible Hazardous Reactions:** Not applicable.

**Conditions to Avoid:** Avoid generating dust.

**Incompatible Materials:** None listed.

**Hazardous Decomposition:** None listed.

**Hazardous Polymerization:**  Will Occur  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:** Eye or skin mechanical irritation.

### Potential Health Effects (Acute, Chronic, and Delayed)

**Inhalation:** May cause irritation.

**Skin Contact:** May cause irritation.

**Eye Contact:** May cause irritation.

**Ingestion:** Large quantities may cause gastrointestinal distress; no other adverse effects identified.

### Numerical Measures of Toxicity

**Acute Toxicity:** No data available.

**Skin Corrosion/Irritation:** No data available.

**Serious Eye Damage/Irritation:** No data available.

**Respiratory Sensitization:** No data available.

**Skin Sensitization:** No data available.

**Germ Cell Mutagenicity:** No data available.

**Carcinogenicity:** Not classified.

**Listed as a Carcinogen/Potential Carcinogen**             Yes      X   No  
Green tea leaves are not listed by IARC, NTP or OSHA as a carcinogen/potential carcinogen.

**Reproductive Toxicity:** No data available.

**Specific Target Organ Toxicity, Single Exposure:** No data available.

**Specific Target Organ Toxicity, Repeated Exposure:** No data available.

**Aspiration Hazard:** Not applicable.

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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 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:** This material is 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:** 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*, 13 February 2015; available at <http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/npg/npgd0480.html> (accessed Dec 2015).

### Key of Acronyms:

ACGIH	American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists	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
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	STEL	Short Term Exposure Limit
LD50	Median Lethal Dose or 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
NFPA	National Fire Protection Association	TWA	Time Weighted Average
NIOSH	National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health	UEL	Upper Explosive Limit
NIST	National Institute of Standards and Technology	WHMIS	Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System
n.o.s.	Not Otherwise Specified		

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