



SAFETY DATA SHEET

Ferroniobium



Section 1. Identification

GHS product identifier	: Ferroniobium
Other means of identification	: Ferrocolumbium FeNb (111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118)
Product use	: Industrial use.
Supplier's details	:  Manufacturer Companhia Brasileira de Metalurgia e Mineração (CBMM) Córrego da Mata S/Nº, Araxá, Minas Gerais 38183-903 Brazil Tel: +55 (34) 3669-3000/3201-4500 Fax: +55 (34) 3669-3100 cbmm@cbmm.com Supplier CBMM NORTH AMERICA INC. 5251 Westheimer Rd, Suite 340 Houston, TX 77056, USA Tel: +1 (412) 221-7008
e-mail address of person responsible for this SDS	: sds@cbmm.com
Emergency telephone number (with hours of operation)	:  703-741-5970 (CHEMTREC®) 1-800-424-9300 (CHEMTREC®)

Section 2. Hazards identification

OSHA/HCS status	: While this material is not considered hazardous by the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard (29 CFR 1910.1200), this SDS contains valuable information critical to the safe handling and proper use of the product. This SDS should be retained and available for employees and other users of this product.
Classification of the substance or mixture	: Not classified.
<u>GHS label elements</u>	
Signal word	: No signal word.
Hazard statements	: No known significant effects or critical hazards.
<u>Precautionary statements</u>	
Prevention	: Not applicable.
Response	: Not applicable.
Storage	: Not applicable.
Disposal	: Not applicable.
Hazards not otherwise classified	: None known.

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Section 3. Composition/information on ingredients

Substance/mixture : Mixture
 Other means of identification : Ferrocolumbium
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Ingredient name	%	CAS number
Niobium	≥50 - ≤75	7440-03-1
iron	≥25 - ≤50	7439-89-6
silicon	≤10	7440-21-3
aluminium	≤3	7429-90-5

Any concentration shown as a range is to protect confidentiality or is due to batch variation.

There are no additional ingredients present which, within the current knowledge of the supplier and in the concentrations applicable, are classified and hence require reporting in this section.

Occupational exposure limits, if available, are listed in Section 8.

Section 4. First aid measures

Description of necessary first aid measures

Eye contact : Get medical attention if any damage to the eye is caused by the metal.
 Inhalation : Not applicable.
 Skin contact : Wash contaminated skin with soap and water. Cuts should be treated promptly and covered.
 Ingestion : Not applicable.

Most important symptoms/effects, acute and delayed

Potential acute health effects

Eye contact : Not applicable.
 Inhalation : Not applicable.
 Skin contact : No known significant effects or critical hazards.
 Ingestion : Not applicable.

Over-exposure signs/symptoms

Eye contact : No specific data.
 Inhalation : No specific data.
 Skin contact : No specific data.
 Ingestion : No specific data.

Indication of immediate medical attention and special treatment needed, if necessary

Notes to physician : Treat symptomatically. Contact poison treatment specialist immediately if large quantities have been ingested or inhaled.
 Specific treatments : No specific treatment.
 Protection of first-aiders : No action shall be taken involving any personal risk or without suitable training.

See toxicological information (Section 11)

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Section 5. Fire-fighting measures

Extinguishing media

- Suitable extinguishing media** : Use approved Class D extinguisher or smother with dry sand, dry clay or dry ground limestone. Use an extinguishing agent suitable for the surrounding fire.
- Unsuitable extinguishing media** : Do not use water jet.

- Specific hazards arising from the chemical** : No specific fire or explosion hazard.

- Hazardous thermal decomposition products** : Decomposition products may include the following materials:
metal oxide/oxides

- Special protective actions for fire-fighters** : Promptly isolate the scene by removing all persons from the vicinity of the incident if there is a fire. No action shall be taken involving any personal risk or without suitable training.

- Special protective equipment for fire-fighters** : No special protection is required.

- Remark** : Non-flammable.

- Remark (Explosibility)** : Not considered to be a product presenting a risk of explosion.

Section 6. Accidental release measures

Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

- For non-emergency personnel** : No action shall be taken involving any personal risk or without suitable training. Evacuate surrounding areas. Keep unnecessary and unprotected personnel from entering. Put on appropriate personal protective equipment.
- For emergency responders** : If specialized clothing is required to deal with the spillage, take note of any information in Section 8 on suitable and unsuitable materials. See also the information in "For non-emergency personnel".

- Environmental precautions** : No specific hazard.

Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up

- Small spill** : Restack safely. Take care with items that are sharp or heavy.
- Large spill** : Restack safely. Take care with items that are sharp or heavy. Note: see Section 1 for emergency contact information and Section 13 for waste disposal.

Section 7. Handling and storage

Precautions for safe handling

- Protective measures** : Put on appropriate personal protective equipment (see Section 8). Take care with items that are sharp or heavy.
- Advice on general occupational hygiene** : Workers should wash hands and face before eating, drinking and smoking. Remove contaminated clothing and protective equipment before entering eating areas. See also Section 8 for additional information on hygiene measures.

- Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities** : Store in accordance with local regulations. See Section 10 for incompatible materials before handling or use.

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Section 8. Exposure controls/personal protection

Control parameters

Occupational exposure limits

Ingredient name	Exposure limits
niobium	None.
iron	None.
silicon	<p>OSHA PEL 1989 (United States, 3/1989). TWA: 5 mg/m³ 8 hours. Form: Respirable fraction</p> <p>TWA: 10 mg/m³ 8 hours. Form: Total dust</p> <p>NIOSH REL (United States, 10/2020). TWA: 5 mg/m³ 10 hours. Form: Respirable fraction</p> <p>TWA: 10 mg/m³ 10 hours. Form: Total dust</p> <p>OSHA PEL (United States, 5/2018). TWA: 5 mg/m³ 8 hours. Form: Respirable fraction</p> <p>TWA: 15 mg/m³ 8 hours. Form: Total dust</p> <p>CAL OSHA PEL (United States, 5/2018). TWA: 5 mg/m³ 8 hours. Form: respirable fraction</p> <p>TWA: 10 mg/m³ 8 hours. Form: total dust</p>
aluminium	<p>OSHA PEL 1989 (United States, 3/1989). TWA: 15 mg/m³, (as Al) 8 hours. Form: Dust</p> <p>TWA: 5 mg/m³, (as Al) 8 hours. Form: Pyrophoric</p> <p>TWA: 5 mg/m³, (as Al) 8 hours. Form: Respirable fraction</p> <p>TWA: 5 mg/m³, (as Al) 8 hours. Form: Welding fume</p> <p>NIOSH REL (United States, 10/2020). TWA: 5 mg/m³ 10 hours. Form: Respirable fraction</p> <p>TWA: 10 mg/m³ 10 hours. Form: Total dust</p> <p>OSHA PEL (United States, 5/2018). TWA: 5 mg/m³, (as Al) 8 hours. Form: Respirable fraction</p> <p>TWA: 15 mg/m³, (as Al) 8 hours. Form: Total dust</p> <p>ACGIH TLV (United States, 1/2023). [Aluminum, metal and insoluble compounds] TWA: 1 mg/m³ 8 hours. Form: Respirable fraction</p> <p>CAL OSHA PEL (United States, 5/2018). TWA: 5 mg/m³ 8 hours. Form: powder</p>

Biological exposure indices

No exposure indices known.

Appropriate engineering controls : No special ventilation requirements.

Environmental exposure controls : Not applicable.

Individual protection measures

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Section 8. Exposure controls/personal protection

- Hygiene measures** : Wash thoroughly after handling.
- Eye/face protection** : Safety eyewear complying with an approved standard should be used when a risk assessment indicates this is necessary to avoid exposure to liquid splashes, mists, gases or dusts. If contact is possible, the following protection should be worn, unless the assessment indicates a higher degree of protection: safety glasses with side-shields.
- Skin protection**
- Hand protection** : Use strong, cut-resistant gloves suitable for handling metals. Considering the parameters specified by the glove manufacturer, check during use that the gloves are still retaining their protective properties. It should be noted that the time to breakthrough for any glove material may be different for different glove manufacturers. In the case of mixtures, consisting of several substances, the protection time of the gloves cannot be accurately estimated.
- 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.
- Other skin protection** : Appropriate footwear and any additional skin protection measures should be selected based on the task being performed and the risks involved and should be approved by a specialist before handling this product.
- Respiratory protection** : Ensure an MSHA/NIOSH-approved respirator or equivalent is used.

Section 9. Physical and chemical properties and safety characteristics

The conditions of measurement of all properties are at standard temperature and pressure unless otherwise indicated.

Appearance

- Physical state** : Solid. [Alloying.]
- Color** : Silver. Gray. Metallic.
- Odor** : Odorless.
- Odor threshold** : ☒ Not applicable.
- pH** : Not applicable.
- Melting point/freezing point** : 1530°C (2786°F)
- Boiling point, initial boiling point, and boiling range** : Not available.
- Flash point** : Not applicable.
- Flammability** : Non-flammable.
- Lower and upper explosion limit/flammability limit** : ☒ Not applicable.
- Vapor pressure** : Not applicable.
- Relative vapor density** : Not applicable.
- Relative density** : Not available.
- Density** : 8.1997 g/cm³ [20°C (68°F)]
- Solubility in water** : 0.000001 g/l
- Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water** : Not applicable.
- Auto-ignition temperature** : ☒ Not applicable.
- Decomposition temperature** : Not available.
- Viscosity** : Not applicable.
- Explosive properties** : Not considered to be a product presenting a risk of explosion.
- Oxidizing properties** : None.
- Particle characteristics**
- Median particle size** : ☒ Not available.

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Section 10. Stability and reactivity

- Reactivity** : No specific test data related to reactivity available for this product or its ingredients.
- Chemical stability** : The product is stable.
- Possibility of hazardous reactions** : powders: Flammable.
Under normal conditions of storage and use, hazardous reactions will not occur.
- Conditions to avoid** : Avoid dust generation.
- Incompatible materials** : Reactive or incompatible with the following materials: Strong oxidizing materials, acids, alkalis.
- Hazardous decomposition products** : Under normal conditions of storage and use, hazardous decomposition products should not be produced.

Section 11. Toxicological information

Information on toxicological effects

Acute toxicity

Product/ingredient name	Result	Species	Dose	Exposure
Ferroniobium	LC50 Inhalation Dusts and mists	Rat - Male, Female	>2.07 mg/l	14 days
	LD50 Dermal	Rat - Male, Female	>2000 mg/kg	-
	LD50 Oral	Rat - Female	5000 mg/kg	-

Conclusion/Summary : Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.

Irritation/Corrosion

Product/ingredient name	Result	Species	Score	Exposure	Observation
Ferroniobium	Eyes - Non-irritating to the eyes.	Rabbit	-	1 hours	72 hours
	Skin - Non-irritating to the skin.	Human	-	60 minutes	-
	Skin - Non-irritating to the skin.	Rabbit	-	4 hours	72 hours

Conclusion/Summary

- Skin** : Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.
- Eyes** : Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.
- Respiratory** : Not available.

Sensitization

Product/ingredient name	Route of exposure	Species	Result
Ferroniobium	skin	Mouse	Not sensitizing

Conclusion/Summary

- Skin** : Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.
- Respiratory** : Not available.

Mutagenicity

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Product/ingredient name	Test	Experiment	Result
Ferroniobium	OECD 473	Experiment: In vitro Subject: Mammalian-Animal Cell: Somatic	Negative
	OECD 476	Experiment: In vitro Subject: Mammalian-Animal Cell: Somatic	Negative
	OECD 471	Experiment: In vitro Subject: Bacteria	Negative

Conclusion/Summary : Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.

Carcinogenicity

Product/ingredient name	Result	Species	Dose	Exposure
aluminium	Negative - Inhalation	Rat - Male, Female	15 mg/m ³ LOAEC	6 months; 5 days per week

Conclusion/Summary : Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.

Reproductive toxicity

Product/ingredient name	Maternal toxicity	Fertility	Developmental toxin	Species	Dose	Exposure
niobium	Negative	Negative	-	Rat - Male, Female	Oral: >1000 mg/ kg NOAEL	54 days; 7 days per week
aluminium	Negative	Negative	-	Rat - Male, Female	Oral: >90 mg Al/kg NOAEL	7 days per week

Conclusion/Summary : Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.

Teratogenicity

Conclusion/Summary : Not available.

Specific target organ toxicity (single exposure)

Not available.

Specific target organ toxicity (repeated exposure)

Not available.

Aspiration hazard

Not available.

Information on the likely routes of exposure : Not available.

Potential acute health effects

Eye contact : Not applicable.
Inhalation : Not applicable.
Skin contact : No known significant effects or critical hazards.
Ingestion : Not applicable.

Symptoms related to the physical, chemical and toxicological characteristics

Eye contact : No specific data.
Inhalation : No specific data.
Skin contact : No specific data.
Ingestion : No specific data.

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Delayed and immediate effects and also chronic effects from short and long term exposure

Short term exposure

Potential immediate effects : Not available.

Potential delayed effects : Not available.

Long term exposure

Potential immediate effects : Not available.

Potential delayed effects : Not available.

Potential chronic health effects

Product/ingredient name	Result	Species	Dose	Exposure
Ferroniobium	Chronic NOAEL Oral	Rat - Male	1000 mg/kg	29 days; 1 days per week

Conclusion/Summary : Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.

General : No known significant effects or critical hazards.

Carcinogenicity : No known significant effects or critical hazards.

Mutagenicity : No known significant effects or critical hazards.

Reproductive toxicity : No known significant effects or critical hazards.

Numerical measures of toxicity

Acute toxicity estimates

Product/ingredient name	Oral (mg/kg)	Dermal (mg/kg)	Inhalation (gases) (ppm)	Inhalation (vapors) (mg/l)	Inhalation (dusts and mists) (mg/l)
Ferroniobium	5000	2500	N/A	N/A	N/A
niobium	2500	2500	N/A	N/A	N/A
iron	98600	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
aluminium	2500	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Section 12. Ecological information

Toxicity

Product/ingredient name	Result	Species	Exposure
Ferroniobium	Acute EC50 >100 mg/l	Micro-organism	3 hours

Conclusion/Summary : Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.

Persistence and degradability

Conclusion/Summary : There are no data available on the mixture itself.

Bioaccumulative potential

Product/ingredient name	LogP _{ow}	BCF	Potential
niobium	-	0.1 to 457	Low
silicon	57 to 77	-	High

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Mobility in soil

Soil/water partition coefficient (K_{oc}) : Not available.

Mobility : Not available.

Other adverse effects : No known significant effects or critical hazards.

Section 13. Disposal considerations

Disposal methods : The generation of waste should be avoided or minimized wherever possible. Disposal of this product, solutions and any by-products should at all times comply with the requirements of environmental protection and waste disposal legislation and any regional local authority requirements. Dispose of surplus and non-recyclable products via a licensed waste disposal contractor. Waste should not be disposed of untreated to the sewer unless fully compliant with the requirements of all authorities with jurisdiction. Waste packaging should be recycled. Incineration or landfill should only be considered when recycling is not feasible. This material and its container must be disposed of in a safe way. Empty containers or liners may retain some product residues.

Section 14. Transport information

	DOT Classification	TDG Classification	Mexico Classification	ADR/RID	IMDG	IATA
UN number	Not regulated.	Not regulated.	Not regulated.	Not regulated.	Not regulated.	Not regulated.
UN proper shipping name	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transport hazard class(es)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Label						
Packing group	-	-	-	-	-	-
Environmental hazards	No.	No.	No.	No.	Marine Pollutant: No	No.

Special precautions for user : **Transport within user's premises:** always transport in closed containers that are upright and secure. Ensure that persons transporting the product know what to do in the event of an accident or spillage.

Transport in bulk according to IMO instruments : Not applicable.

Section 15. Regulatory information

U.S. Federal regulations : **TSCA 8(a) CDR Exempt/Partial exemption:** At least one component is not listed.
Clean Water Act (CWA) 307: lead massive

Clean Air Act Section 112 (b) Hazardous Air Pollutants (HAPs) : Listed

Clean Air Act Section 602 Class I Substances : Not listed

Clean Air Act Section 602 Class II Substances : Not listed

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Section 15. Regulatory information

DEA List I Chemicals (Precursor Chemicals) : Not listed

DEA List II Chemicals (Essential Chemicals) : Not listed

SARA 302/304

Composition/information on ingredients

No products were found.

SARA 304 RQ : Not applicable.

SARA 311/312

Classification : Not applicable.

Composition/information on ingredients

No products were found.

SARA 313

	Product name	CAS number	%
Form R - Reporting requirements	aluminium	7429-90-5	≤3
Supplier notification	aluminium	7429-90-5	≤3

SARA 313 notifications must not be detached from the SDS and any copying and redistribution of the SDS shall include copying and redistribution of the notice attached to copies of the SDS subsequently redistributed.

State regulations


Massachusetts : The following components are listed: SILICON DUST; ALUMINUM

New York : None of the components are listed.

New Jersey : The following components are listed: SILICON; ALUMINUM

Pennsylvania : The following components are listed: SILICON

California Prop. 65

 **WARNING:** This product can expose you to Lead, which is known to the State of California to cause cancer and birth defects or other reproductive harm. For more information go to www.P65Warnings.ca.gov.

Ingredient name	No significant risk level	Maximum acceptable dosage level
Lead	Yes.	Yes.

International regulations

Chemical Weapon Convention List Schedules I, II & III Chemicals

Not listed.

Montreal Protocol

Not listed.

Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants

Not listed.

Rotterdam Convention on Prior Informed Consent (PIC)

Not listed.

UNECE Aarhus Protocol on POPs and Heavy Metals

Not listed.

Inventory list

Australia : All components are listed or exempted.

Canada : All components are listed or exempted.

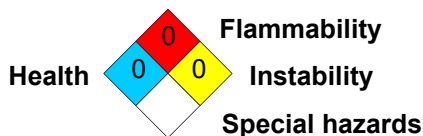
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China	: All components are listed or exempted.
Eurasian Economic Union	: ■ Russian Federation inventory : All components are listed or exempted.
New Zealand	: All components are listed or exempted.
Republic of Korea	: All components are listed or exempted.
Taiwan	: All components are listed or exempted.
Turkey	: All components are listed or exempted.
United States	: All components are active or exempted.
Viet Nam	: All components are listed or exempted.

Section 16. Other information

National Fire Protection Association (U.S.A.)



Procedure used to derive the classification

Classification	Justification
Not classified.	

History

Date of printing	: 02/20/2024
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Key to abbreviations	: ADR = The European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road ATE = Acute Toxicity Estimate BCF = Bioconcentration Factor DOT = Department of Transportation GHS = Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals IATA = International Air Transport Association IBC = Intermediate Bulk Container IMDG = International Maritime Dangerous Goods LogPow = logarithm of the octanol/water partition coefficient MARPOL = International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution From Ships, 1973 as modified by the Protocol of 1978. ("Marpol" = marine pollution) N/A = Not available RID = The Regulations concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Rail SGG = Segregation Group TDG = Transportation of Dangerous Goods UN = United Nations

References : Not available.

■ Indicates information that has changed from previously issued version.

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