Utility Nickel

Section 1. Identification of the Substance and Company

1.1 Product Identification:
Product Name: Utility Nickel
Synonyms: UNi, TNRC Utility Nickel, Dalian Utility Nickel, KNC Utility Nickel
Chemical Family: Metal.

EC No: 231-111-4
CAS No: 7440-02-0

1.2 Uses
Identified Uses:
- Stainless, special steels and special alloys manufacturing
- Integrated steel and iron
- EAF carbon steel manufacturing
- Powder metallurgy
- Metal surface treatment
- Production of nickel salts from nickel metal
- Manufacturing of batteries using positive nickel electrodes
- Ni catalyst production from NiO-containing catalyst precursor
- Use of pre-reduced nickel containing catalyst
- Production of magnets
- Production of nickel-containing products (electronics)
- Production of brazing alloys
- Use of brazing alloys
- Production of silver-nickel contact materials
- Use of silver-nickel contact materials
- Sputtering deposition
- Thin film deposition by evaporation technique
- Machining of nickel alloys and nickel-coated metal objects
- Use of Nickel metal for Thermal Spraying
- Use of Nickel metal and Nickel containing alloys for the production of steel and other alloys powder by atomisation
- Use of Ni-containing alloys for blasting

Uses Advised Against:
- Use of nickel in articles intended for direct and prolonged contact with the skin where the release of nickel exceed the limit set out in Directives 94/27/EC and 2004/6/EC and REACH regulation 1907/2009 (Annex XVII).
Use of nickel in nickel-containing food contact materials for which migration into foodstuff would exceed more than 0.1 mg/kg of nickel in accordance with the Council of Europe Guidelines on metals and alloys used as food contact materials

Use of nickel in immersion-type kettles which would release more than 0.05 mg/l of nickel into the water in accordance with the Council of Europe Guidelines on metals and alloys used as food contact materials

Use of nickel in commercially available “do-it-yourself” home electroplating kits.

1.3 Company Identification

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For Fire, Spill, or chemical emergency call CHEMTREC:

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<td>Singapore</td>
<td>+(65)-31581349</td>
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<td>Hong Kong</td>
<td>800-968-793</td>
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<td>South Korea</td>
<td>+(82) 070-7686-0086</td>
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<td>Taiwan</td>
<td>00801-14-8954 (toll-free)</td>
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<td>Japan</td>
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For all other regions please call: +1 703-527-3887

Section 2. Hazards Identification

2.1 Classification of the Substance:

- Skin Sensitization – Category 1;
- Respiratory Sensitization – Category 1;
- Carcinogenicity – Category 1B;
- Specific Target Organ Toxicity, Repeated exposure – Category 1

Hazard Pictograms: GHS07 - Exclamation mark, GHS08 - Health Hazard

Signal Word: Danger

Hazard Statements:

- H317 - May cause an allergic skin reaction.
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Section 3. Composition

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**Hazardous Ingredients**

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<td>Nickel</td>
<td>96 % min</td>
<td>7440-02-0</td>
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<td>Cobalt</td>
<td>1.4 - 1.8 %</td>
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<td>Iron</td>
<td>0.7 - 1.2 %</td>
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<td>Sulphur</td>
<td>0.13 - 0.16 %</td>
<td>7704-34-9</td>
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Section 4. First Aid Measures

**Ingestion:**

No specific first aid required.

**Inhalation:**

IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing. If experiencing respiratory symptoms: Call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician.

**Skin:**

IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of water. Remove contaminated clothing, and wash affected areas thoroughly with water. If skin irritation or rash occurs: Get medical advice/attention. Show label if possible.

**Eyes:**

Irrigate eyeball thoroughly with water for at least 10 minutes. If discomfort persists seek medical attention.

**Most important symptoms and affects, both acute and delayed:**

Inhalation: Cough, sore throat, wheezing, increased difficulty in breathing. Skin contact: Rash. Eye contact: Redness.

**Indication of immediate medical attention and special treatment needed:**

No special requirements

Section 5. Fire Fighting Measures

**Suitable extinguishing media:**

Any, type to be selected according to materials stored in the immediate neighborhood.

**Special risks:**

Non-flammable. May oxidize to Nickel Oxide if exposed to high temperatures within a fire. Keep containers cool with water spray.

**Special protective equipment for firefighting:**

None needed. Wear protective equipment if required for other materials within the immediate vicinity.
Section 6. Accidental Release Measures.

Person related precautionary measures: Avoid generation of dusty atmospheres. Do not inhale dusts. Contaminated work clothing should not be allowed out of the workplace. Use personal protective equipment as required. Wash hands, and face thoroughly after handling.

Environmental Protection measures: No specific measures needed.

Procedures for cleaning/absorption: Pick up and replace in original container. Nickel-containing material is normally collected to recover nickel values.

Section 7. Handling and Storage.

7.1 Precautions for Safe Handling: Provide adequate ventilation. Do not inhale dust. Wear appropriate nationally approved respirators if handling is likely to cause the concentration limits of airborne particulates to exceed the locally prescribed exposure limits. Wear suitable protective clothing and gloves. Contaminated work clothing should not be allowed out of the workplace. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.

7.2 Conditions for Safe Storage: Store locked up. Keep in the container supplied, and keep container closed when not in use. Local regulations should be followed regarding the storage of this product.

Section 8. Exposure Controls / Personal Protection.

8.1.1 Exposure Limits:

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<th>Nickel [7440-02-0] (mg/m³)</th>
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<td>ACGIH TLV-TWA¹</td>
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* - as Ni in inhalable fraction

8.2.1 Occupational exposure controls:

As supplied this product does not pose a health hazard by inhalation. Mechanical extraction ventilation may be required if user operations change it to other physical or chemical forms, whether as end products, intermediates...
or fugitive emissions, which are inhalable. Maintain airborne nickel levels as low as possible. Avoid repeated skin contact.

**PPE**

*Respiratory protection:* If required, use an approved respirator with particulate filters.

*Eye protection:* None

*Hand & Skin Protection:* Wear suitable protective clothing and gloves, which should be selected specifically for the working place, depending on concentration and quantity of the hazardous material (overalls and leather/rubber gloves). Wash skin thoroughly after handling and before eating, drinking or smoking. Change contaminated clothing frequently. Launder clothing and gloves as needed. Use of skin-protective barrier cream advised.

**Section 9. Physical and Chemical Properties.**

Silver-grey odourless metal.

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<th>Physical state at 20°C and 101.3 kPa</th>
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<td>Relative density</td>
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<td>Partition coefficient n-octanol/water (log value)</td>
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<td>Explosive properties</td>
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<td>Self-ignition temperature</td>
<td>Autoflammability is not applicable to massive nickel metal.</td>
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<td>Oxidising properties</td>
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<td>Granulometry</td>
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<td>Stability in organic solvents and identity of relevant degradation products</td>
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**Section 10. Stability and Reactivity.**

10.1 Reactivity
Stable under normal conditions.

10.2 Chemical stability
Stable under normal conditions.

10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions
Stable under normal conditions.

10.4 Conditions to avoid
This product can react vigorously with acids to liberate hydrogen, which can form explosive mixtures with air. Under special conditions nickel can react with carbon monoxide in reducing atmospheres to form nickel carbonyl, Ni(CO)₄, a toxic gas.

10.5 Incompatible materials
Acids, Strong oxidising agents.

10.6 Hazardous Decomposition Product(s)
Nickel carbonyl gas

**Section 11. Toxicological Information.**

The toxicological properties of this product are unknown. The toxicology of the reported ingredients is summarized below.

**Nickel**

**Acute Toxicity:**

a) Oral:
Non toxic - LD50 ORAL RAT >9000 mg/kg

b) Inhalation:
No information available

c) Dermal:
No information available

**Corrosivity/Irritation:**

a) Respiratory Tract:
None

b) Skin:
See sensitization section.

c) Eyes:
Mechanical irritation may be expected.

**Sensitization:**

a) Respiratory tract:
Nickel metal induced asthma is very rare. 3 case reports are available; the data is not sufficient to conclude that nickel metal is classified as a respiratory sensitizer.

b) Skin:
Nickel metal is a well-known skin sensitizer. Direct and prolonged skin contact with metallic nickel may induce nickel allergy and elicit nickel allergic skin reactions in those people already sensitized to nickel, so called nickel allergic contact dermatitis.

c) Pre-existing conditions:
Individuals known to be allergic to nickel should avoid contact with nickel whenever possible to reduce the likelihood of nickel allergic contact dermatitis reactions (skin rashes). Repeated contact may result in persistent chronic palmar/hand dermatitis in a smaller number of individuals, despite efforts to reduce or avoid nickel exposure.
Chronic toxicity:
  
  a) Oral: No information available
  
  b) Inhalation: Animal studies (rats) show that repeated dose inhalation of nickel damages the lung. Chronic inflammation, lung fibrosis and accumulation of nickel particles were observed.
  
  c) Dermal: Direct and prolonged skin contact with nickel metal may cause nickel sensitization resulting in nickel allergic contact dermatitis /skin rash.

Mutagenicity / Reproductive toxicity: No data.

Carcinogenicity:
  
  a) Ingestion: The U.S. National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) concluded that there is no evidence that nickel metal is carcinogenic when ingested.
  
  b) Inhalation: To date, there is no evidence that nickel metal causes cancer in humans based on epidemiology data from workers in the nickel producing and nickel consuming industries. A recent animal (rat) inhalation study showed no increased respiratory cancer risk for nickel metal powder indicating that no carcinogen classification is warranted for nickel metal. The U.S. National Toxicology Program has listed metallic nickel as reasonably anticipated to be a human carcinogen.

Copper

Acute Toxicity:

Skin Contact: A few instances of allergic skin rashes have been reported in workers exposed to metallic copper.

Ingestion: The lowest observed toxic oral dose of copper (TDLo) is 120 μg/kg in humans. This dose caused gastrointestinal effects.

Pre-existing Conditions: Wilson’s disease can occur in certain individuals with a rare inherited metabolic disorder characterized by retention of excessive amounts of copper in the liver, brain, kidneys, and corneas. These deposits eventually lead to tissue necrosis and
fibrosis, causing a variety of clinical effects, especially liver, (i.e. hepatic) disease and neurologic changes.

**Cobalt**

**Acute Toxicity:**
- **Oral:** LD$_{50}$ ORAL RAT 550 mg/kg. Acute Tox. 4; Harmful if swallowed.
- **Inhalation:** Low acute toxicity. Main Symptoms: cough, sore throat, wheezing, increased difficulty in breathing.
- **Dermal:** LD$_{50}$(Dermal) >2000mg/kg. Low acute toxicity.

**Corrosivity/Irritation**
- **Respiratory Tract:** None
- **Skin:** No data. Not classified. See sensitization section.
- **Eyes:** Low acute toxicity. Main Symptoms: Redness.

**Sensitization**
- **Respiratory tract:** Resp. Sens. 1; May cause allergy or asthma symptoms or breathing difficulties if inhaled.
- **Skin:** Skin Sens. 1; May cause an allergic skin reaction. Repeated contact with metallic cobalt can cause cobalt sensitivity and allergic skin rashes.
- **Pre-existing conditions:** Sensitized individuals may experience an allergic skin rash or asthma.

**Chronic Toxicity**
- **Oral:** No information available.
- **Inhalation:** No information available.
- **Dermal:** No information available.

**Mutagenicity / Reproductive Toxicity:** There is no evidence of mutagenic potential. Reproductive toxicity category 2; Suspected of damaging fertility. Specific effect: fertility impairment in males.

**Carcinogenicity**
- **Ingestion:** No data. Not classified.
- **Inhalation:** Carcinogenicity category 1B; May cause cancer by inhalation.

**Specific Target Organ Toxicity**
- **Single Exposure:** None anticipated.
- **Repeated Exposure:** None anticipated.

**Aspiration Hazard:** None.
Section 12. Ecological Information

12.1 Toxicity
Not classified as toxic to the aquatic environment

12.2 Persistence and degradability
The PBT and vPvB criteria of Annex XIII to the Regulation does not apply to inorganic substances, such as nickel metal. The methods for determining the biological degradability are not applicable to inorganic substances.

12.3 Bioaccumulative potential
Nickel does not tend to bioaccumulate or biomagnify in aquatic or terrestrial systems.

12.4 Mobility in soil
The substance is essentially insoluble in water.

12.5 Results of PBT and vPvB assessment
Not classified as PBT or vPvB.

12.6 Other adverse effects
None anticipated.

Section 13. Disposal Considerations

13.1 Waste treatment methods
Recover or recycle if possible. Dispose of contents in accordance with local, state or national legislation.

13.2 Additional Information
No information available.

Section 14. Transport Information

| U.S. Dept. of Transportation Regulations | Not regulated. |
| Canadian Transportation of Dangerous Goods Act | Not regulated. |
| European Agreement Concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road | Not regulated. |

Section 15. Regulatory Information

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Precautionary Statements:  
Prevention:  
P201 - Obtain special instructions before use  
P202 - Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood  
P260 - Do not breathe dust or fume  
P261 - Avoid breathing dust or fume  
P264 - Wash hands, and face thoroughly after handling.  
P270 - Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.  
P272 - Contaminated work clothing should not be allowed out of the workplace.  
P280 - Wear protective gloves and protective clothing  
P284 - In case of inadequate ventilation wear respiratory protection.

Response:  
P302+P352 - If on skin: Wash with plenty of soap and water.  
P304+P340 - IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing.  
P308+P313 - If exposed or concerned: Get medical advise/attention.  
P314 - Get medical advice/attention if you feel unwell.  
P333+P313 - If skin irritation or rash occurs: Get medical advice/attention.  
P342+P311 - If experiencing respiratory symptoms: Call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician.  
P362+P364 - Take off contaminated clothing and wash it before reuse.

Storage:  
P405 - store locked up

Disposal:  
P501 - Dispose of contents/container in accordance to local, regional, national and international regulations+

Section 16. Other Information.

Indications of change:
The following acronyms may be found in this document:

- **ACGIH**: American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists
- **DNEL**: Derived No Effect Level
- **LTEL**: Long Term Exposure Limit
- **LR**: Lead Registrant
- **MMAD**: Mass Median Aerodynamic Diameter
- **NIOSH**: National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health
- **OEL**: Occupational Exposure Limits
- **OR**: Only Representative
- **OSHA**: Occupational Safety and Health Administration
- **PBT**: PBT: Persistent, Bioaccumulative and Toxic
- **PNEC**: Predicted No Effect Concentration
- **STEL**: Short Term Exposure Limit
- **STOT**: Specific Target Organ Toxicity
- **TLV-TWA**: Threshold Limit Value – Time Weighted Average
- **vPvB**: very Persistent and very Bioaccumulative
- **WEL**: Workplace Exposure Limit (UK HSE EH40)

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1. Threshold Limit Values of the American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists. 2008.