

FREEZE-DRIED NCIMB CULTURES : ACDP GROUP 1

HAZARD INFORMATION

PRODUCT: Freeze-dried bacterial culture.

STRAIN NAME:

USE: Inoculum for preparing laboratory culture.

PHYSICAL & CHEMICAL PROPERTIES: Dry powder sealed *in vacuo*. Chemically inactive.

FIRE HAZARDS: None.

HEALTH HAZARDS: This strain is considered to belong to Hazard Group 1, defined by the Advisory Committee on Dangerous Pathogens (ACDP) as "a biological agent unlikely to cause human disease". **It should NOT be assumed**, however, that this organism will be innocuous in all situations or that infection can never occur.

For more detailed information consult a standard text such as reference 3 below.

HANDLING/USE: Ampoules must be opened and used by, or under the direct supervision of, persons trained and competent in microbiological techniques, and in laboratories meeting the containment requirements for ACDP Category 1 organisms (see reference 1 below). Instructions for opening ampoules and a summary of ACDP 1 containment requirements are provided with this notice.

This culture should not be used by, or in the presence of, compromised persons (page 6 reference 1).

STORAGE: Refrigerator or cool, dark, place. Avoid direct sunlight.

DISPOSAL: After opening, discard remains of ampoule into disinfectant. Hypochlorite solution (at least 2500 ppm available chlorine) is recommended. Allow to soak overnight before disposing of safely. Autoclave all subcultures before disposal.

SPILLAGE: If ampoule is accidentally broken, soak contaminated area with disinfectant. Pick up any broken glass with forceps.

FIRST AID: Wash contaminated skin thoroughly with antiseptic soap and water. If skin is broken and wound contamination is suspected, seek immediate medical attention. In the event of ingestion/inhalation, seek immediate medical attention. Inform medical practitioner of name of culture and of any advice given under 'ADDITIONAL INFORMATION' below.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

REFERENCES:

1. The Approved List of biological agents. Advisory Committee on Dangerous Pathogens. HMSO 2004.
2. The Management Design and Operation of Microbiological Containment Laboratories A.C.D.P. HMSO 2001
3. Bergey's Manual of Systematic Bacteriology (4 Vols). Editor-in-chief J. G. Holt. Williams and Wilkins Co: Baltimore, Hong Kong, London, Sydney. 1984, 1986, 1989.

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