

Calcium carbonate

Botanical Source

Synonyms Pigment white 18;
Precipitated calcium carbonate;
Precarb-100

IUPAC Name

CAS Reference 471-34-1

E Number E170

Food Legislation

Council of Europe (CoE)	
Number	Comment
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US Food and Drug Administration	
Number	Comment
184.1191	Approved by the US FDA. FDA 21 CFR 184.1191

Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives (JECFA)		
Number	ADI	Comment
-	-	On the basis of the available data, the total daily intake arising from use levels necessary to achieve the desired effect does not represent a hazard to health

FEMA	
FEMA No.	Comment
	Generally recognised as safe as a flavour ingredient:GRAS List Number 3

Natural Occurrence and Use in Food
Used as a dietary supplement; also used in baked goods, chewing gum, beverages.

Estimated Intake from Food and Drink	
Daily Intake mg/kg/day	FEMA Possible Average Daily Intake mg

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Tobacco Product Related Chemical and Biological Studies for Ingredients Added in a Mixture

Smoke Chemistry		
Published Source	Level Tested %	Comment
BAT	0.90000	At maximum application level this ingredient is not associated with significant increases in levels of Hoffmann analytes in smoke.

Ames Activity		
Published Source	Level Tested %	Comment
BAT	0.90000	Within the sensitivity and specificity of the system the Ames activity of the cigarette smoke condensate was not increased by the addition of the ingredient.

Micronucleus		
Published Source	Level Tested %	Comment
BAT	0.90000	Within the sensitivity of the in vitro micronucleus assay the activity of the cigarette smoke condensate was not increased by the addition of the ingredient.

Neutral Red		
Published Source	Level Tested %	Comment
BAT	0.90000	Within the sensitivity of the test system the in vitro cytotoxicity of the cigarette smoke condensate was not increased by the addition of the ingredient.

Inhalation		
Published Source	Level Tested %	Comment
BAT	0.90000	The results indicate that the addition of the ingredient had no discernible effect on the inhalation toxicity of mainstream smoke.

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Tobacco Product Related Chemical and Biological Studies for Ingredients Tested Singly

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Toxicological Data on the Unburnt Ingredient

[+ve, positive; -ve, negative; ?, equivocal]

with, with metabolic activation; without, without metabolic activation]

In vitro

Test system	Test conditions	Endpoint	Activation status	Results	References
<i>Salmonella typhimurium</i> TA98, TA100	The paper is in Japanese with an English abstract, so details are unclear. Ames assay, tested up to at least 10 µg/plate (probably orders of magnitude more).	Mutation	With and without S9	-ve limited study, only two strains tested	Haresaku et al. 1985
<i>Salmonella typhimurium</i> TA97, TA102	Ames assay, tested up to 1 mg/plate. Paper in Japanese with English abstract and data tables.	Mutation	With and without S9	-ve limited study, only two strains tested	Fujita & Sasaki, 1987
<i>Saccharomyces cerevisiae</i> (one unspecified strain) and <i>Salmonella typhimurium</i> (three unspecified strains)	Microbial assay, no details given in citing review	Mutation	With and without S9	-ve	Litton Bionetics, Inc.1977

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