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# NOSB NATIONAL LIST FILE CHECKLIST

## PROCESSING

**MATERIAL NAME:** Sodium citrates

**CATEGORY:** Synthetic Allowed

Complete?: 3/17

✓

**NOSB Database Form**

✓

**References**

✓

**MSDS (or equivalent)**

✓

**FASP (FDA)**

✓

**Date file mailed out:** 2/14/95

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**TAP Reviews from:** Bob Durst

Richard Theuer

Steven Harper

**Supplemental Information:**

**MISSING INFORMATION:** \_\_\_\_\_



# USDA/TAP Reviewer Comment Form

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Material: Sodium citrates

Reviewer: Bob Durst

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Is this substance Natural or Synthetic? Explain (if appropriate)

It is a synthetic substance.

Please comment on the accuracy of the information in the file:

The file is accurate.

This material should be added to the National List as:

Synthetic Allowed,

Prohibited Natural, or

? This material does not belong on the National List because: see comments below.

Are there any restriction or limitations that should be placed on this material by use or application on the National List?

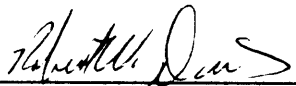
Must be listed on the ingredient label if it used used.

Any additional comments or references?

There are alternatives to the use of sodium citrate. These would include citric acid, and potassium citrate. Since there is a chance of producing an 'organic' citric acid, and the use of the potassium salt has some slight health benefit (in the reduction of sodium intake) it might be considered for exclusion from the list.

As with all synthetic inorganic salts, source must be food grade. In addition each lot should be analyzed for toxic element concentrations (mercury, lead, cadmium, arsenic, thallium and antimony) and a near zero tolerance adopted.

Signature



Date

3/11/95



USDA/TAP REVIEWER  
COMMENT FORM

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Original mailing date: 14 Feb 1995.

Name of Material: Calcium Citrate 21CFR182.1195  
21CFR182.5195  
21CFR182.6195  
Potassium Citrate 21CFR182.1625  
21CFR182.6625  
Sodium Citrate 21CFR182.1751  
21CFR182.6751  
Reviewer Name: Richard C. Theuer

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**SYNTHETIC** Citric acid salts of calcium, potassium and sodium are prepared by the neutralization of purified citric acid with a suitable pH adjusting agent (calcium hydroxide, potassium hydroxide or sodium hydroxide, respectively). These pH adjusting agents are synthetic so the resulting citrate salts are equally synthetic. Citric acid is normally produced by fermentation of a glucose or other carbohydrate substrate by citric acid bacteria so it is natural, in the judgment of this reviewer, even though citric acid is reacted with calcium to form the insoluble calcium citrate in a step integral to its isolation and purification.

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**COMMENTS RE SECTION 2119(m) CRITERIA:**

1. Citric acid is an essential cell metabolite. The "citric acid cycle" is a critical metabolic pathway in animals. Calcium, potassium and sodium are all essential nutrients for man and other animals.
  2. These citrate salts are multipurpose GRAS food ingredients. They are used as nutrients, sequestrants (chelating agents), pH adjusting agents, buffering agents, etc.
  4. Alternatives to the citrates in some applications are various phosphates. Similar pH control and sequestrant action can be achieved with sodium citrate and sodium phosphate, but sodium citrate will not alter the phosphate level in the food.
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The following substances should be added to the National List of Substances as allowed synthetic ingredients in Organic Food:

calcium citrate  
potassium citrates  
sodium citrates.

12 Mar 1995



## Identification

<b>Common Name</b>	<b>Sodium citrates</b>	<b>Chemical Name</b> 1,2,3 Propanetri-carboxylic acid
<b>Other Names</b>	Trisodium Citrate	
<b>Code #: CAS</b>	6132-04-3	<b>Code #: Other</b>
<b>N. L. Category</b>	Synthetic Allowed	<b>MSDS</b> <input checked="" type="radio"/> yes <input type="radio"/> no

## Chemistry

**Family**

**Composition**     $C_6H_5Na_3O_7 \cdot 2H_2O$

**Properties**        May be anhydrous or contain two molecules of water of crystallization. Colorless crystals or white crystalline powder. Soluble in water, insoluble in alcohol.

**How Made**        Fermentation of carbohydrates to citric acid. Citric acid is reacted with sodium hydroxide.

Processing

## Use/Action

**Type of Use**

**Specific Use(s)**    pH control agent (buffer), flavor enhancer, stabilizer. Nutrient for cultured buttermilk. Soft drinks, cheese, ice cream, sauces.

**Action**             Buffering action to prevent coagulation of proteins and other chemical components.

**Combinations**

## Status

**OFPA**

**N. L. Restriction**

**EPA, FDA, etc**    FDA-GRAS

**Directions**

**Safety Guidelines**

**State Differences**

**Historical status**

**International status**

## OFPA Criteria

**2119(m)1: chemical interactions**      **Not Applicable**

**2119(m)2: toxicity & persistence**      **Not Applicable**

**2119(m)3: manufacture & disposal consequences**

No, fully biodegradable.

**2119(m)4: effect on human health**

GRAS and is naturally occurring in milk.

**2119(m)5: agroecosystem biology**      **Not Applicable**

**2119(m)6: alternatives to substance**  
Phosphates, citric acid, potassium citrate.

**2119(m)7: Is it compatible?**

Non-toxic, occurs naturally, and is absolutely necessary for production in dairy systems. (SH).

## References

Food Chemicals Codex, 3rd Ed., National Academy Press, Washington D.C. 1981.

Jean-Jacques Mathieu, Technical Services, ADM Food Additives Division, 1995, written communication.



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**MSDS for SODIUM CITRATE, DIHYDRATE**  
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**1 - PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION**  
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PRODUCT NAME: SODIUM CITRATE, DIHYDRATE  
FORMULA: HOC(COONa)(CH2COONa)2 2H2O  
FORMULA WT: 294.10  
CAS NO.: 06132-04-3 NIOSH/RTECS NO.: GE8300000  
COMMON SYNONYMS: TRISODIUM CITRATE PRODUCT CODES: 3646,3649,3650  
EFFECTIVE: 11/25/86 REVISION #03

**PRECAUTIONARY LABELLING**

BAKER SAF-T-DATA(TM) SYSTEM  
HEALTH - 0 NONE  
FLAMMABILITY - 0 NONE  
REACTIVITY - 0 NONE  
CONTACT - 1 SLIGHT

HAZARD RATINGS ARE 0 TO 4 (0 = NO HAZARD; 4 = EXTREME HAZARD).

LABORATORY PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT: SAFETY GLASSES; LAB COAT

**PRECAUTIONARY LABEL STATEMENTS**

CAUTION

MAY CAUSE IRRITATION

DURING USE AVOID CONTACT WITH EYES, SKIN, CLOTHING. WASH THOROUGHLY AFTER HANDLING. WHEN NOT IN USE KEEP IN TIGHTLY CLOSED CONTAINER.

SAF-T-DATA(TM) STORAGE COLOR CODE: ORANGE (GENERAL STORAGE)

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**2 - HAZARDOUS COMPONENTS**  
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COMPONENT	%	CAS NO.
NOT APPLICABLE		

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**3 - PHYSICAL DATA**  
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BOILING POINT: N/A VAPOR PRESSURE(MM HG): N/A  
MELTING POINT: N/A VAPOR DENSITY(AIR=1): N/A  
SPECIFIC GRAVITY: N/A EVAPORATION RATE: N/A  
(H2O=1) (BUTYL ACETATE=1)  
SOLUBILITY(H2O): APPRECIABLE (MORE THAN 10%) % VOLATILES BY VOLUME: 0  
APPEARANCE & ODOR: WHITE ODORLESS CRYSTALS, GRANULES, OR POWDER.

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**4 - FIRE AND EXPLOSION HAZARD DATA**  
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FLASH POINT (CLOSED CUP) N/A  
FLAMMABLE LIMITS: UPPER - N/A % LOWER - N/A %  
FIRE EXTINGUISHING MEDIA  
USE EXTINGUISHING MEDIA APPROPRIATE FOR SURROUNDING FIRE.  
SPECIAL FIRE-FIGHTING PROCEDURES  
FIREFIGHTERS SHOULD WEAR PROPER PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT AND SELF-CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUS WITH FULL FACEPIECE OPERATED IN POSITIVE PRESSURE MODE.  
TOXIC GASES PRODUCED: CARBON MONOXIDE, CARBON DIOXIDE

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**5 - HEALTH HAZARD DATA**  
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TOXICITY: LD50 (IPR-RAT)(MG/KG) - 1548    LD50 (IV-MOUSE) (MG/KG) - 170  
CARCINOGENICITY: NTP: NO    IARC: NO    Z LIST: NO    OSHA REG: NO  
EFFECTS OF OVEREXPOSURE  
  CONTACT WITH SKIN OR EYES MAY CAUSE IRRITATION.  
  INHALATION OF DUST MAY CAUSE IRRITATION TO UPPER RESPIRATORY TRACT.  
TARGET ORGANS: NONE IDENTIFIED  
MEDICAL CONDITIONS GENERALLY AGGRAVATED BY EXPOSURE: NONE IDENTIFIED  
ROUTES OF ENTRY: INHALATION, SKIN CONTACT, EYE CONTACT  
EMERGENCY AND FIRST AID PROCEDURES  
  INGESTION: IF SWALLOWED AND THE PERSON IS CONSCIOUS, IMMEDIATELY GIVE  
            LARGE AMOUNTS OF WATER. GET MEDICAL ATTENTION.  
  INHALATION: IF A PERSON BREATHE IN LARGE AMOUNTS, MOVE THE EXPOSED  
            PERSON TO FRESH AIR. GET MEDICAL ATTENTION.  
  EYE CONTACT: IMMEDIATELY FLUSH WITH PLENTY OF WATER FOR AT LEAST 15  
            MINUTES. GET MEDICAL ATTENTION.  
  SKIN CONTACT: IMMEDIATELY WASH WITH PLENTY OF SOAP AND WATER FOR AT LEAST  
            15 MINUTES.

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**6 - REACTIVITY DATA**  
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STABILITY: STABLE            HAZARDOUS POLYMERIZATION: WILL NOT OCCUR  
CONDITIONS TO AVOID: FLAME  
DECOMPOSITION PRODUCTS: CARBON MONOXIDE, CARBON DIOXIDE

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**7 - SPILL AND DISPOSAL PROCEDURES**  
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STEPS TO BE TAKEN IN THE EVENT OF A SPILL OR DISCHARGE  
  WEAR SUITABLE PROTECTIVE CLOTHING. CAREFULLY SWEEP UP AND REMOVE.  
DISPOSAL PROCEDURE  
  DISPOSE IN ACCORDANCE WITH ALL APPLICABLE FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL  
  ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATIONS.

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**8 - PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT**  
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VENTILATION:            USE ADEQUATE GENERAL OR LOCAL EXHAUST VENTILATION  
                            TO KEEP FUME OR DUST LEVELS AS LOW AS POSSIBLE.  
RESPIRATORY PROTECTION: NONE REQUIRED WHERE ADEQUATE VENTILATION  
                            CONDITIONS EXIST. IF AIRBORNE CONCENTRATION IS  
                            HIGH, USE AN APPROPRIATE RESPIRATOR OR DUST MASK.  
EYE/SKIN PROTECTION:    SAFETY GLASSES WITH SIDESHIELDS, GLOVES ARE RECOMMENDED.

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**9 - STORAGE AND HANDLING PRECAUTIONS**  
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SAF-T-DATA(TM) STORAGE COLOR CODE:    ORANGE (GENERAL STORAGE)  
SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS  
  KEEP CONTAINER TIGHTLY CLOSED. SUITABLE FOR ANY CHEMICAL STORAGE AREA.

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**10 - TRANSPORTATION DATA AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**  
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DOMESTIC (D.O.T.)  
PROPER SHIPPING NAME    CHEMICALS, N.O.S. (NON-REGULATED)  
INTERNATIONAL (I.M.O.)  
PROPER SHIPPING NAME    CHEMICALS, N.O.S. (NON-REGULATED)

ICNUM=2737

U.S. FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION  
FOOD ADDITIVE SAFETY PROFILE

SODIUM CITRATE

IS#:	000068042	HUMAN CONSUMPTION:	22.3163	MG/KG BW/DAY/PERSON
ISP#:	2737	MARKET DISAPPEARANCE:	26333333.333	LBS/YR
IP#:	ASP	MARKET SURVEY:	87	
IS#:	3026	JECFA:	NL-C	
IMA#:	3026	JECFA ADI:		MG/KG BW/DAY/PERSON
IAS#:	3	JECFA ESTABLISHED:	1979	
POTENTIAL BEVERAGE USE LAST UPDATE:			940115	

I: 258.07 DENSITY: LOGP:

STRUCTURE CATEGORIES: A6

COMPONENTS:

NONYMS:

TRISODIUM CITRATE, ANHYDROUS  
 TRISODIUM CITRATE  
 1,2,3-PROPANETRICARBOXYLIC ACID, 2-HYDROXY-, TRISODIUM SALT  
 TRISODIUM 2-HYDROXY-1,2,3-PROPANETRICARBOXYLATE  
 CITRIC ACID, TRISODIUM SALT  
 SODIUM CITRATE (NA3C6H5O7)  
 CITRATE, SODIUM  
 CITRATE, TRISODIUM

CHEMICAL FUNCTION: F

TECHNICAL EFFECT:

EMULSIFIER OR EMULSIFIER SALT  
 PH CONTROL AGENT  
 COLOR OR COLORING ADJUNCT  
 SURFACE-ACTIVE AGENT  
 NUTRIENT SUPPLEMENT  
 SEQUESTRANT  
 FLAVORING AGENT OR ADJUVANT  
 STABILIZER OR THICKENER  
 MALTING OR FERMENTING AID

IR REG NUMBERS:	182.1751	182.6751	133.169
	150.141	150.161	131.185
	131.160	133.179	131.111
	131.112	131.144	133.173
	131.138	131.146	184.1751

MINIMUM TESTING LEVEL: 3

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COMMENTS: STUDY 1 FROM SCOGS-84

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 X 7: ACUTE TOXICITY INFORMATION

STUDY: 10 SOURCE: ARCH INST PASTEUR D'ALGERIE XXX (1):55-56  
 SPECIES: RAT YEAR: 1952  
 LD50: 1240 MG/KG BW

COMMENTS: STUDY 10 LD50 => 1240 MG/KG

STUDY: 1 SOURCE: THEOR MED 19:625-630  
 SPECIES: MOUSE YEAR: 1965  
 LD50: 7100 MG/KG BW

COMMENTS: STUDY 9 => 1240 MG/KG

STUDY: 11 SOURCE: ARCH INST PASTEUR D'ALGERIE XXX (1):55-56  
 SPECIES: GUINEA PIG YEAR: 1952  
 LD50: 1240 MG/KG BW

COMMENTS: STUDY 11 LD50 => 1240 MG/KG

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 X 9: ORAL TOXICITY STUDIES (OTHER THAN ACUTE)

STUDY: 16 COMPLETEteness: C SOURCE: JPN J CANCER RES 83:31-39  
 TYPE: SHORT TERM YEAR: 1992  
 SPECIES: RAT LEL: > MG/KG BW/DAY  
 DURATION: 56 DAYS HNEL: 2500 MG/KG BW/DAY  
 EFFECTS: NO EFFECTS

TESTS:

COMMENTS: ONE DOSE LEVEL ONLY; MALES ONLY; TUMOR PROMOTION STUDY  
 INCREASED SALT INTAKE CAUSED SOME PHYSIOLOGICAL EFFECTS  
 NO TOXICOLOGICAL EFFECTS

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 X 3: GENETIC TOXICITY STUDIES

STUDY: 2A COMPLETEteness: SOURCE:  
 TYPE: YEAR:  
 SPECIES: LEL: MG/KG BW/DAY  
 DURATION: HNEL:  
 EFFECTS:  
 TESTS:  
 COMMENTS: