

# MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

## 1. IDENTIFICATION OF SUBSTANCE/PREPARATION & COMPANY.

PRODUCT NAME: Benzyl Alcohol

PRODUCT CODE: 31541

SUPPLIER: The Soap Kitchen, Units 2 D&E Hatchmoor Ind/Est, Torrington, EX38 7HP  
Emergency Tel No: 01805 622944 Emergency Contact: Mr. Richard Phillips.

## 2. COMPOSITION / INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS.

DEFINITION/BOTANICAL ORIGIN: An aromatic alcohol of empirical formula  $C_6H_5CH_2OH$

CAS No: 100-51-6

CTFA Monograph ID: 286

Application: Cosmetic products

EINECS No: 202-859-9

INCI name: Benzyl Alcohol

## 3. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION:

Xn Harmful

## 4. FIRST-AID MEASURES:

INHALATION: Remove from exposure site to fresh air. Keep at rest. Obtain medical attention.

EYE CONTACT: Rinse immediately with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Contact a doctor if symptoms persist.

SKIN CONTACT: Remove contaminated clothes. Wash thoroughly with soap & water, flush with plenty of water. If irritation persists, seek medical advice.

INGESTION: Rinse mouth out with water. Seek medical advice immediately.

OTHER: When assessing action take Risk & Safety Phrases into account (Section 15)

## 5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES.

EXTINGUISHING MEDIA RECOMMENDED: Use  $CO_2$ , Dry Powder or Foam type Extinguishers, spraying extinguishing media to base of flames. Do not use direct water jet on burning material.

SPECIAL MEASURES: Avoid vapour inhalation. Keep away from sources of ignition. Do not smoke. Wear positive pressure self-contained breathing apparatus & protective clothing.

EXTINGUISHING PROCEDURES: Closed containers may build up pressure when exposed to heat and should be cooled with water spray.

## 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES.

PERSONAL PRECAUTIONS: Avoid inhalation & direct contact with skin & eyes. Use individual protective equipment (safety glasses, waterproof-boots, suitable protective clothing) in case of major spillages.

ENVIRONMENT PRECAUTIONS: Keep away from drains, soils, surface & ground waters.

CLEANING UP METHODS FOR SPILLAGES: Remove all potential ignition sources. Contain spilled material. Cover with an inert or non-combustible inorganic absorbent material, sweep up and remove to an approved disposal container. Observe state,

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federal & local disposal regulations.

## 7. HANDLING & STORAGE.

PRECAUTIONS IN HANDLING: Apply good manufacturing practice & industrial hygiene practices, ensuring proper ventilation. Observe good personal hygiene, and do not eat, drink or smoke whilst handling.

STORAGE CONDITIONS: Store in tightly closed original container, in a cool, dry & ventilated area away from heat sources & protected from light. Keep air contact to a minimum.

FIRE PROTECTION: Keep away from ignition sources & naked flames. Take precautions to avoid static discharges in working area.

## 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION.

RESPIRATORY PROTECTION: Avoid breathing product vapour. Apply local ventilation where possible.

VENTILATION: Ensure good ventilation of working area.

HAND PROTECTION: Avoid all skin contact. Use chemically resistant gloves if required.

EYE PROTECTION: Use safety glasses.

WORK/HYGIENE PRACTICES: Wash hands with soap & water after handling.

## 9. PHYSICAL & CHEMICAL PROPERTIES.

COLOUR: Colourless

APPEARANCE: Liquid

ODOUR: Aromatic

FLASH-POINT °C: 99.9

SPECIFIC GRAVITY @ 20°C: 1.04 – 1.06

## 10. STABILITY & REACTIVITY.

REACTIVITY: It presents no significant reactivity hazards, by itself or in contact with water. Avoid contact with strong acids, alkali or oxidising agents.

DECOMPOSITION: Liable to cause smoke & acrid fumes during combustion: carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide & other non-identified organic compounds may be formed.

## 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION.

LD<sub>50</sub> 1610 mg/kg oral rat  
LC50 >4178 mg/l/4h inh rat  
Literature values

## 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION.

BIODEGRADABILITY: Easily biodegradable

ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARD: Slightly harmful to the aquatic environment.

PRECAUTIONS: Prevent surface contamination of soil, ground & surface water.

## 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS.

Avoid disposing to drainage systems and into the environment. Seek expert advice.

## 14. TRANSPORT REGULATIONS.

Road (ADR/RID): n/a

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AIR (IATA): n/a  
SEA (IMDG): n/a  
CHIP: See section 15

#### 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION.

HAZARDS: Harmful  
SYMBOLS: Xn  
RISK PHRASES: R20/22 Harmful by inhalation and if swallowed  
SAFETY PHRASES: S24 Avoid contact with skin  
S26 In case of contact with eyes, rinse immediately with plenty of water and seek medical advice  
S62 If swallowed, do not induce vomiting: seek medical advice immediately and show container or label

#### 16. OTHER INFORMATION.

Cosmetics Directive 7<sup>th</sup> Amendment: Restrictions may apply. Product is classed as a sensitizer.

#### PACKAGING:

Type

Suitability

|                         |     |
|-------------------------|-----|
| Glass                   | Yes |
| Lacquer lined steel/tin | Yes |
| Aluminium               | Yes |
| HPPE                    | No  |
| F/HDPE                  | Yes |
| Other plastic           | No  |

#### SHELF LIFE

When stored within advised conditions, re-test after 12 months, then at 3 monthly intervals up to a maximum life of 36 months.

#### Q.C. REQUIREMENTS.

In-line with general product specification. Always satisfy suitability for specific application.

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