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MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEETS

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Benzyl Alcohol

1. CHEMICAL PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION

Product Name: Benzyl Alcohol
Synonyms: Benzenecarbinol; Benzenemethanol; alpha-Hydroxytoluene; Phenylmethyl Alcohol; Phenyl Carbinol
Molecular Formula: $C_6H_5CH_2OH$
Molecular Weight: 108.14

2. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Ingredient(s)	CAS Number	% (by weight)
BENZYL ALCOHOL	100-51-6	100.0

3. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

HARMFUL IF SWALLOWED, INHALED OR ABSORBED THROUGH SKIN. CAUSES IRRITATION TO SKIN, EYES AND RESPIRATORY TRACT. AFFECTS CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM. COMBUSTIBLE LIQUID AND VAPOR.

NFPA Hazard Ratings: Health - 2, Flammability - 1, Reactivity - 0

NOTE: NFPA ratings involve data and interpretations that may vary from company to company. They are intended only for rapid, general identification of the magnitude of the specific hazard. To deal adequately with the safe handling of this material, all the information contained in this MSDS must be considered.

Potential Health Effects

Eye: Can cause severe eye irritation. Symptoms include stinging, tearing, redness, and swelling of eyes. Can injure eye tissue.

Skin: Can cause skin irritation. Prolonged or repeated contact may dry the skin. Symptoms may include redness, burning, and drying and cracking of skin, burns and other skin damage.

Swallowing: Swallowing small amounts of this material during normal handling is not likely to cause harmful effects. Swallowing large amounts may be harmful.

Inhalation: Causes irritation to the respiratory tract. Symptoms may include coughing, shortness of breath. May be absorbed into the bloodstream with symptoms similar to ingestion.

Symptoms of Exposure: Signs and symptoms of exposure to this material through breathing, swallowing, and/or passage of the material through the skin may include: stomach or intestinal upset (nausea, vomiting, diarrhea) irritation (nose, throat, airways), central nervous system depression (dizziness, drowsiness, weakness, fatigue, nausea, headache, unconsciousness).

Target Organ Effects: No data

Developmental Information: No data

Cancer Information: No data

Other Health Effects: No data

Primary Route(s) of Entry: Inhalation, Skin contact.

4. FIRST AID MEASURES

Inhalation: Remove to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. Get medical attention.

Ingestion: Give large amounts of water to drink. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Get medical attention.

Skin Contact: Immediately flush skin with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Remove contaminated clothing and shoes. Get medical attention. Wash clothing before reuse. Thoroughly clean shoes before reuse.

Eye Contact: Immediately flush eyes with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes, lifting lower and upper eyelids occasionally. Get medical attention immediately.

5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

Flash Point: 210.0F (98.8C) TCC

Explosive Limit: No data

Autoignition Temperature: No data

Hazardous Products of Combustion May form: carbon dioxide and carbon monoxide.

Fire and Explosion Hazards: No special fire hazards are known to be associated with this product.

Extinguishing Media: regular foam, carbon dioxide, dry chemical.

Fire Fighting Instructions: Water may be used to keep fire-exposed containers cool until fire is out. Wear a self-contained breathing apparatus with a full face piece operated in the positive pressure demand mode with appropriate turn-out gear and chemical resistant personal protective equipment. Refer to the personal protective equipment section of this MSDS.

6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Small Spill: Absorb liquid on vermiculite, floor absorbent or other absorbent material.

Large Spill: Eliminate all ignition sources (flares, flames including pilot lights, electrical sparks). Persons not wearing protective equipment should be excluded from area of spill until clean-up has been completed. Stop spill at source. Prevent from entering drains, sewers, streams or other bodies of water. Prevent from spreading. If runoff occurs, notify authorities as required. Pump or vacuum transfer spilled product to clean containers for recovery. Absorb unrecoverable product. Transfer contaminated absorbent, soil and other materials to containers for disposal. Per good environmental management practices, prevent run-off to sewers, streams and other bodies of water. Stop spill at the source. Cover sewer grates and dike the spill. Absorb spilled material on to absorbents. Shovel materials into container. Close container tightly and dispose of properly.

7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

Handling: Containers of this material may be hazardous when emptied. Since emptied containers retain product residues (vapor, liquid, and/or solid), all hazard precautions given in the data sheet must be observed.

8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

Eye Protection : Chemical splash goggles in compliance with OSHA regulations are advised; however, OSHA regulations also permit other type safety glasses. Consult your safety representative.

Skin Protection: Wear resistant gloves (consult your safety equipment supplier). To prevent repeated or prolonged skin contact, wear impervious clothing and boots.

Respiratory Protections: If workplace exposure limit(s) of product or any component is exceeded (see exposure guidelines), a NIOSH/MSHA approved air supplied respirator is advised in absence of proper environmental control. OSHA regulations also permit other NIOSH/MSHA respirators (negative pressure type) under specified conditions (see your industrial hygienist). Engineering or administrative controls should be implemented to reduce exposure.

Engineering Controls: Provide sufficient mechanical (general and/or local exhaust) ventilation to maintain exposure below TLV(s).

Exposure Guidelines
Component

BENZYL ALCOHOL (100-51-6)
No exposure limits established

9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Boiling Point: (for product) 401.0F (205.0C) @ 760 mmHg
Vapor Pressure: (for product) .040 mmHg @ 68.00F
Specific Vapor Density: 3.700 @ AIR=1
Specific Gravity: 1.050 @ 77.00F
Liquid Density : 8.750 lbs/gal @ 77.00 F; 1.050 kg/l @ 25.00C
Percent Volatiles: 100.0%
Evaporation Rate: SLOWER THAN ETHYL ETHER
Appearance: No data
State: LIQUID
Physical Form: NEAT
Color: COLORLESS
Odor: MILD ODOR
pH: Not applicable

10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Hazardous Polymerization: Product will not undergo hazardous polymerization.

Hazardous Decomposition May form: carbon dioxide and carbon monoxide.

Chemical Stability: Stable.

Incompatibility: Avoid contact with: strong mineral acids, strong oxidizing agents

11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Oral rat LD50: 1230 mg/kg; skin rabbit LD50: 2000 mg/kg; irritation, eye rabbit, standard Draize, 750 ug, open, severe; irritation, skin rabbit, standard Draize, 10 mg/24-hour, open, mild; investigated as a tumorigen, mutagen, reproductive effector.

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Ingredient	---NTP Carcinogen---		
	Known	Anticipated	IARC Category
Benzyl Alcohol (100-51-6)	No	No	None

12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Environmental Fate: When released into the soil, this material is expected to leach into groundwater. When released into the soil, this material may evaporate to a moderate extent. When released into the soil, this material may biodegrade to a moderate extent. When released into water, this material is not expected to evaporate significantly. When released into water, this material may biodegrade to a moderate extent. This material has an estimated bioconcentration factor (BCF) of less than 100. This material is not expected to significantly bioaccumulate. When released into the air, this material is expected to be readily degraded by reaction with photochemically produced hydroxyl radicals. When released into the air, this material is expected to have a half-life between 1 and 10 days. When released into the air, this material may be removed from the atmosphere to a moderate extent by wet deposition.

Environmental Toxicity: The LC50/96-hour values for fish are from 10 to over 100 mg/l. This material may be toxic to aquatic life.

13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATION

Whatever cannot be saved for recovery or recycling should be managed in an appropriate and approved waste disposal facility. Processing, use or contamination of this product may change the waste management options. State and local disposal regulations may differ from federal disposal regulations. Dispose of container and unused contents in accordance with federal, state and local requirements.

14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

DOT Information - 49 CFR 172.101
DOT Description: NON-REGULATED BY D.O.T.
Container/Mode: 55 GAL DRUM/TRUCK PACKAGE
NOS Component: None
RQ (Reportable Quantity) - 49 CFR 172.101 Not applicable

15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

US Federal Regulations
TSCA (Toxic Substances Control Act) Status
TSCA (UNITED STATES) The intentional ingredients of this product are listed.

CERCLA RQ - 40 CFR 302.4(a)
None listed

SARA 302 Components - 40 CFR 355 Appendix A
None

Section 311/312 Hazard Class - 40 CFR 370.2
Immediate(X) Delayed() Fire() Reactive() Sudden Release of Pressure()

SARA 313 Components - 40 CFR 372.65 None

International Regulations
Inventory Status: Not determined

State and Local Regulations
California Proposition 65: None

Pennsylvania RTK Label Information
BENZENEMETHANOL 100-51-6

16. OTHER INFORMATION

The information contained herein is based on current knowledge and experience; no responsibility is accepted that the information is sufficient or correct in all cases. Users should consider these data only as a supplement to other information gathered by them and must make independent determinations of suitability and completeness of

information from all sources to assure proper use and disposal of these materials and the safety and health of employees and customers and the protection of the environment.