# SAFETY DATA SHEET SPECTRUM®



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## 1. Identification

**Product identifier** 

Product Name BENZALKONIUM CHLORIDE

Other means of identification

Product Code(s) B3775

UN/ID no UN2923

Synonyms None

Recommended use of the chemical and restrictions on use

Recommended use No information available

Restrictions on use No information available

Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

**Supplier Address** 

Spectrum Chemical Mfg. Corp. 14422 South San Pedro St. Gardena, CA 90248 (310) 516-8000

Emergency telephone number

Emergency Telephone Chemtrec 1-800-424-9300

# 2. Hazard(s) identification

## Classification

Acute toxicity - Oral	Category 3
Acute toxicity - Dermal	Category 4
Skin corrosion/irritation	Category 1 Sub-category A
Serious eye damage/eye irritation	Category 1
Respiratory sensitization	Category 1A
Skin sensitization	Category 1B

# Hazards not otherwise classified (HNOC)

Not applicable

## Label elements

Danger

## Hazard statements

Toxic if swallowed

Harmful in contact with skin

Causes severe skin burns and eye damage

May cause allergy or asthma symptoms or breathing difficulties if inhaled

May cause an allergic skin reaction



Appearance Pieces or powder or gel

Physical state Solid

Odor No information available

## **Precautionary Statements - Prevention**

Wash face, hands and any exposed skin thoroughly after handling

Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product

Do not breathe dusts or mists

Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection

In case of inadequate ventilation wear respiratory protection

## **Precautionary Statements - Response**

Specific treatment (see .? on this label)

Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor

IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing

Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor

Call a POISON CENTER or doctor if you feel unwell

IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/ shower

Wash contaminated clothing before reuse

IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing

Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor

IF SWALLOWED: Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor

Rinse mouth

Do NOT induce vomiting

## **Precautionary Statements - Storage**

Store locked up.

## **Precautionary Statements - Disposal**

Dispose of contents/container to an approved waste disposal plant

### Other information

No information available.

# 3. Composition/information on ingredients

## Substance

Chemical name	CAS No	Weight-%	Trade secret
Benzalkonium Chloride	8001-54-5	100	*

<sup>\*</sup>The exact percentage (concentration) of composition has been withheld as a trade secret.

# 4. First-aid measures

### Description of first aid measures

General advice Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance. Immediate medical attention is

required.

Inhalation Remove to fresh air. If breathing has stopped, give artificial respiration. Get medical

> attention immediately. Do not use mouth-to-mouth method if victim ingested or inhaled the substance; give artificial respiration with the aid of a pocket mask equipped with a one-way valve or other proper respiratory medical device. If breathing is difficult, (trained personnel should) give oxygen. Delayed pulmonary edema may occur. Get immediate medical advice/attention. May cause allergic respiratory reaction. Avoid direct contact with skin. Use

barrier to give mouth-to-mouth resuscitation.

Eye contact Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids, for at least 15 minutes. Keep

eye wide open while rinsing. Do not rub affected area. Remove contact lenses, if present

and easy to do. Continue rinsing. Get immediate medical advice/attention.

Wash off immediately with soap and plenty of water while removing all contaminated Skin contact

clothes and shoes. Get immediate medical advice/attention. May cause an allergic skin

reaction.

Ingestion Do NOT induce vomiting. Clean mouth with water and drink afterwards plenty of water.

Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Get immediate medical

advice/attention. May produce an allergic reaction.

Ensure that medical personnel are aware of the material(s) involved, take precautions to Self-protection of the first aider

> protect themselves and prevent spread of contamination. Avoid contact with skin, eyes or clothing. Avoid direct contact with skin. Use barrier to give mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. Use personal protective equipment as required. See section 8 for more information.

Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed

Burning sensation. May cause allergy or asthma symptoms or breathing difficulties if Symptoms

inhaled. Coughing and/ or wheezing. Itching. Rashes. Hives.

Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

Product is a corrosive material. Use of gastric lavage or emesis is contraindicated. Note to physicians

> Possible perforation of stomach or esophagus should be investigated. Do not give chemical antidotes. Asphyxia from glottal edema may occur. Marked decrease in blood pressure may occur with moist rales, frothy sputum, and high pulse pressure. May cause

sensitization in susceptible persons. Treat symptomatically.

# 5. Fire-fighting measures

Suitable Extinguishing Media Use extinguishing measures that are appropriate to local circumstances and the

surrounding environment.

CAUTION: Use of water spray when fighting fire may be inefficient. Large Fire

Do not scatter spilled material with high pressure water streams.

Unsuitable extinguishing media

Specific hazards arising from the

chemical

The product causes burns of eyes, skin and mucous membranes. Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating gases and vapors. Product is or contains a sensitizer. May

cause sensitization by inhalation and skin contact.

**Hazardous combustion products** Ammonia. hydrogen chloride gas.

**Explosion data** 

Sensitivity to mechanical impact none.

Sensitivity to static discharge none.

Special protective equipment for

fire-fighters

Firefighters should wear self-contained breathing apparatus and full firefighting turnout

gear. Use personal protection equipment.

# 6. Accidental release measures

Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

Personal precautions Avoid contact with skin, eyes or clothing. Ensure adequate ventilation. Use personal

protective equipment as required. Attention! Corrosive material. Evacuate personnel to safe

areas. Keep people away from and upwind of spill/leak.

**Other information** Refer to protective measures listed in Sections 7 and 8.

Methods and material for containment and cleaning up

**Methods for containment** Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so.

**Methods for cleaning up** Pick up and transfer to properly labeled containers.

# 7. Handling and storage

## Precautions for safe handling

Advice on safe handling Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice. Avoid contact with

skin, eyes or clothing. In case of insufficient ventilation, wear suitable respiratory equipment. Handle product only in closed system or provide appropriate exhaust ventilation. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. Take off contaminated clothing and wash before reuse. Provide extract ventilation to points where emissions

occur. Remove contaminated clothing and shoes.

Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Storage Conditions Keep containers tightly closed in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place. Keep out of the reach

of children. Store locked up. Protect from moisture. Store away from other materials.

# 8. Exposure controls/personal protection

Control parameters

**Exposure Limits** The following ingredients are the only ingredients of the product above the cut-off level (or

level that contributes to the hazard classification of the mixture) which have an exposure limit applicable in the region for which this safety data sheet is intended or other

recommended limit. At this time, the other relevant constituents have no known exposure

limits from the sources listed here.

Appropriate engineering controls

Engineering controls Showers

Eyewash stations Ventilation systems.

Individual protection measures, such as personal protective equipment

**Eye/face protection** Tight sealing safety goggles. Face protection shield.

**Hand protection** Wear suitable gloves. Impervious gloves.

**Skin and body protection** Wear suitable protective clothing. Long sleeved clothing. Chemical resistant apron.

exceeded or irritation is experienced, ventilation and evacuation may be required.

## **General hygiene considerations**

Avoid contact with skin, eyes or clothing. Wear suitable gloves and eye/face protection. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. Remove and wash contaminated clothing and gloves, including the inside, before re-use. Contaminated work clothing should not be allowed out of the workplace. Regular cleaning of equipment, work area and clothing is recommended. Wash hands before breaks and immediately after handling the product.

# 9. Physical and chemical properties

Information on basic physical and chemical properties

Physical state Solid

AppearancePieces or powder or gelColorWhite to yellowishOdorNo information availableOdor thresholdNo information available

Property Values Remarks • Method

pHno data availableNone knownMelting point / freezing pointno data availableNone knownBoiling point / boiling rangeno data availableNone known

Flash point 250 °C / 482 °F Cleveland Open Cup

Evaporation rateno data availableNone knownFlammability (solid, gas)no data availableNone knownFlammability Limit in AirNone known

Upper flammability or explosive No data available

limits

Lower flammability or explosive No data available

limits

Vapor pressureNo data availableNone knownVapor densityno data availableNone knownRelative density0.96None knownWater solubilitySoluble in waterNone knownSolubility(ies)Soluble in AlcoholNone known

Soluble in Benzene Slightly soluble in Ether

Partition coefficientNo data availableNone knownAutoignition temperatureno data availableNone known

Decomposition temperatureNone knownKinematic viscosityno data availableNone knownDynamic viscosityNo data availableNone known

Other information

Explosive properties

Oxidizing properties

No information available

# 10. Stability and reactivity

**Reactivity** No information available.

**Chemical stability** Stable under normal conditions.

Possibility of hazardous reactions None under normal processing.

**Conditions to avoid** Exposure to air or moisture over prolonged periods.

**Incompatible materials** Acids. Bases. Oxidizing agent.

Hazardous decomposition products None known based on information supplied.

# 11. Toxicological information

#### Information on likely routes of exposure

**Product Information** 

**Inhalation** Specific test data for the substance or mixture is not available. Corrosive by inhalation.

(based on components). Inhalation of corrosive fumes/gases may cause coughing, choking, headache, dizziness, and weakness for several hours. Pulmonary edema may occur with tightness in the chest, shortness of breath, bluish skin, decreased blood pressure, and increased heart rate. Inhaled corrosive substances can lead to a toxic edema of the lungs.

Pulmonary edema can be fatal. May cause sensitization in susceptible persons.

Eye contact Specific test data for the substance or mixture is not available. Causes serious eye

damage. (based on components). Corrosive to the eyes and may cause severe damage

including blindness. May cause irreversible damage to eyes.

**Skin contact** Specific test data for the substance or mixture is not available. Corrosive. (based on

components). Causes burns. Repeated or prolonged skin contact may cause allergic reactions with susceptible persons. May be absorbed through the skin in harmful amounts.

Harmful in contact with skin.

**Ingestion** Specific test data for the substance or mixture is not available. Causes burns. (based on

components). Ingestion causes burns of the upper digestive and respiratory tracts. May cause severe burning pain in the mouth and stomach with vomiting and diarrhea of dark blood. Blood pressure may decrease. Brownish or yellowish stains may be seen around the mouth. Swelling of the throat may cause shortness of breath and choking. May cause lung damage if swallowed. May be fatal if swallowed and enters airways. May cause additional

affects as listed under "Inhalation".

Symptoms related to the physical, chemical and toxicological characteristics

Symptoms Redness. Burning. May cause blindness. Coughing and/ or wheezing. Symptoms of allergic

reaction may include rash, itching, swelling, trouble breathing, tingling of the hands and

feet, dizziness, lightheadedness, chest pain, muscle pain, or flushing.

**Acute toxicity** 

**Numerical measures of toxicity** 

Chemical name	Oral LD50	Dermal LD50	Inhalation LC50
Benzalkonium Chloride	= 240 mg/kg (Rat)	= 1420 mg/kg (rat)	-
8001-54-5			

# Delayed and immediate effects as well as chronic effects from short and long-term exposure

**Skin corrosion/irritation** Classification based on data available for ingredients. Causes burns.

**Serious eye damage/eye irritation** Classification based on data available for ingredients. Risk of serious damage to eyes.

Causes burns.

Respiratory or skin sensitization Germ cell mutagenicity

May cause sensitization by inhalation.

No information available.

Reproductive toxicity No information available.

STOT - single exposure
STOT - repeated exposure
Aspiration hazard

No information available.
No information available.
No information available.

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Other adverse effects No information available.

Interactive effects

No information available.

# 12. Ecological information

Ecotoxicity

Chemical name	Algae/aquatic plants	Fish	Toxicity to	Crustacea
	<b>5</b>		microorganisms	
Benzalkonium Chloride	-	LC50: 0.223 - 0.46mg/L	-	-
8001-54-5		(96h, Lepomis		
		macrochirus) LC50:		
		0.823 - 1.61mg/L (96h,		
		Oncorhynchus mykiss)		
		LC50: =1.3mg/L (96h,		
		Poecilia reticulata) LC50:		
		=2.4mg/L (96h, Oryzias		
		latipes)		

Persistence and degradability

Bioaccumulation

No information available. Inherently biodegradable.

Other adverse effects No information available.

# 13. Disposal considerations

Waste treatment methods

Waste from residues/unused

products

Dispose of in accordance with local regulations. Dispose of waste in accordance with

environmental legislation.

**Contaminated packaging** Do not reuse empty containers.

# 14. Transport information

DOT

UN/ID no UN2923

**Proper Shipping Name:** Corrosive solids, toxic, n.o.s. (Benzalkonium Chloride)

Hazard class 8
Subsidiary Class 6.1
Packing group:

**Description:** UN2923, Corrosive solids, toxic, n.o.s. ,8,(6.1), PG II

**TDG** 

**UN-No:** UN2923

**Proper Shipping Name:** Corrosive solid, toxic, n.o.s.

Hazard class 8
Packing Group:

**Description:** UN2923,CORROSIVE SOLID, TOXIC, N.O.S.,8(6.1),PG II

ICAO (air)

**UN-No:** UN2923

**Proper Shipping Name:** Corrosive solid, toxic, n.o.s.

Hazard class 8
Packing Group: ||

**Description:** UN2923, Corrosive solid, toxic, n.o.s., 8(6.1), PG II

<u>IATA</u>

UN number UN2923

**Proper Shipping Name:** Corrosive solid, toxic, n.o.s.

Transport hazard class(es) 8
Packing group | |

**Description:** UN2923, Corrosive solid, toxic, n.o.s., 8(6.1), PG II

**RID** 

UN number UN2923

**Proper Shipping Name:** Corrosive solid, toxic, n.o.s.

Transport hazard class(es) 8
Packing group | |

**Description:** UN2923 Corrosive solid, toxic, n.o.s.,8(6.1),II

**ADR** 

UN number UN2923

**Proper Shipping Name:** Corrosive solid, toxic, n.o.s.

Transport hazard class(es) 8
Packing group | |

**Description:** UN2923 Corrosive solid, toxic, n.o.s.,8(6.1),II

# 15. Regulatory information

#### **International Inventories**

TSCA Not listed

Note \*Contact supplier for details. One or more substances in this product are either not listed

on the US TSCA inventory, listed on the confidential US TSCA inventory or are otherwise

exempted from inventory listing requirements

DSL/NDSL Complies
EINECS/ELINCS Does not Comply

ENCS This product complies with ENCS: IECSC This product complies with China:

KECL Complies PICCS Complies

AICS All the constituents of this material are listed on the Australian Inventory of Chemical

Substances (AICS).

Legend:

TSCA - United States Toxic Substances Control Act Section 8(b) Inventory

DSL/NDSL - Canadian Domestic Substances List/Non-Domestic Substances List

EINECS/ELINCS - European Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances/European List of Notified Chemical Substances

ENCS - Japan Existing and New Chemical Substances
IECSC - China Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances

**KECL** - Korean Existing and Evaluated Chemical Substances

**PICCS** - Philippines Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances

## **US Federal Regulations**

## **SARA 313**

Section 313 of Title III of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA). This product does not contain any chemicals which are subject to the reporting requirements of the Act and Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 372.

# SARA 311/312 Hazard Categories

Should this product meet EPCRA 311/312 Tier reporting criteria at 40 CFR 370, refer to Section 2 of this SDS for appropriate classifications.

### **CWA (Clean Water Act)**

This product does not contain any substances regulated as pollutants pursuant to the Clean Water Act (40 CFR 122.21 and 40

### **CERCLA**

This material, as supplied, does not contain any substances regulated as hazardous substances under the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) (40 CFR 302) or the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) (40 CFR 355). There may be specific reporting requirements at the local, regional, or state level pertaining to releases of this material.

## **US State Regulations**

## **California Proposition 65**

This product does not contain any Proposition 65 chemicals.

#### U.S. State Right-to-Know Regulations

This product does not contain any substances regulated under applicable state right-to-know regulations

## U.S. EPA Label Information

EPA Pesticide Registration Number Not applicable

# 16. Other information

NFPA

Health hazards 3 Flammability 1 Instability 0

Physical and chemical properties -

HMIS

Health hazards \* 2 Flammability 1 Physical hazards 0 Personal protection X Chronic Hazard Star Legend

\* = Chronic Health Hazard

# Key or legend to abbreviations and acronyms used in the safety data sheet

Legend Section 8: EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

TWA TWA (time-weighted average) STEL STEL (Short Term Exposure Limit)

Ceiling Maximum limit value

## Key literature references and sources for data used to compile the SDS

Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ChemView Database

European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) EPA (Environmental Protection Agency)

Acute Exposure Guideline Level(s) (AEGL(s))

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency High Production Volume Chemicals

Food Research Journal

Hazardous Substance Database

International Uniform Chemical Information Database (IUCLID)

Japan GHS Classification

Australia National Industrial Chemicals Notification and Assessment Scheme (NICNAS)

NIOSH (National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health)

National Library of Medicine's ChemID Plus (NLM CIP)

National Library of Medicine's PubMed database (NLM PUBMED)

National Toxicology Program (NTP)

New Zealand's Chemical Classification and Information Database (CCID)

Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development Environment, Health, and Safety Publications

Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development High Production Volume Chemicals Program

Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development Screening Information Data Set

## World Health Organization

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**Revision Note** No information available.

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