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**1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION**

Product name : Benzoic acid

Product Number : 242381  
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**2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION****Emergency Overview****OSHA Hazards**

Harmful by ingestion., Irritant, Harmful by inhalation.

Irritant

**GHS Classification**

Acute toxicity, Oral (Category 5)  
Serious eye damage (Category 1)  
Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure (Category 3)

**GHS Label elements, including precautionary statements**

Pictogram



Signal word

Danger

Hazard statement(s)

H303 May be harmful if swallowed.  
H318 Causes serious eye damage.  
H335 May cause respiratory irritation.

Precautionary statement(s)

P261 Avoid breathing dust/ fume/ gas/ mist/ vapours/ spray.  
P280 Wear protective gloves/ eye protection/ face protection.  
P305 + P351 + P338 IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.

**HMIS Classification**

Health hazard: 2  
Flammability: 1  
Physical hazards: 0

**NFPA Rating**

**Health hazard:** 2  
**Fire:** 1  
**Reactivity Hazard:** 0

#### Potential Health Effects

**Inhalation** Harmful if inhaled. Causes respiratory tract irritation.  
**Skin** Harmful if absorbed through skin. Causes skin irritation.  
**Eyes** Causes eye irritation.  
**Ingestion** Harmful if swallowed.

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### 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Formula : C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>6</sub>O<sub>2</sub>  
Molecular Weight : 122.12 g/mol

Component		Concentration
<b>Benzoic acid</b>		
CAS-No.	65-85-0	-
EC-No.	200-618-2	-

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### 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

#### General advice

Consult a physician. Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance. Move out of dangerous area.

#### If inhaled

If breathed in, move person into fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. Consult a physician.

#### In case of skin contact

Wash off with soap and plenty of water. Consult a physician.

#### In case of eye contact

Rinse thoroughly with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes and consult a physician.

#### If swallowed

Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Rinse mouth with water. Consult a physician.

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### 5. FIREFIGHTING MEASURES

#### Conditions of flammability

Not flammable or combustible.

#### Suitable extinguishing media

Use water spray, alcohol-resistant foam, dry chemical or carbon dioxide.

#### Special protective equipment for firefighters

Wear self contained breathing apparatus for fire fighting if necessary.

#### Hazardous combustion products

Hazardous decomposition products formed under fire conditions. - Carbon oxides

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### 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

#### Personal precautions

Use personal protective equipment. Avoid dust formation. Avoid breathing vapors, mist or gas. Ensure adequate ventilation. Evacuate personnel to safe areas. Avoid breathing dust.

#### Environmental precautions

Do not let product enter drains.

#### Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up

Pick up and arrange disposal without creating dust. Sweep up and shovel. Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal.

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### 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

### Precautions for safe handling

Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Avoid formation of dust and aerosols. Provide appropriate exhaust ventilation at places where dust is formed.

### Conditions for safe storage

Keep container tightly closed in a dry and well-ventilated place.

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## 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

Contains no substances with occupational exposure limit values.

### Personal protective equipment

#### Respiratory protection

Where risk assessment shows air-purifying respirators are appropriate use a full-face particle respirator type N100 (US) or type P3 (EN 143) respirator cartridges as a backup to engineering controls. If the respirator is the sole means of protection, use a full-face supplied air respirator. Use respirators and components tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or CEN (EU).

#### Hand protection

Handle with gloves. Gloves must be inspected prior to use. Use proper glove removal technique (without touching glove's outer surface) to avoid skin contact with this product. Dispose of contaminated gloves after use in accordance with applicable laws and good laboratory practices. Wash and dry hands.

#### Eye protection

Face shield and safety glasses Use equipment for eye protection tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or EN 166(EU).

#### Skin and body protection

Complete suit protecting against chemicals, The type of protective equipment must be selected according to the concentration and amount of the dangerous substance at the specific workplace.

#### Hygiene measures

Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice. Wash hands before breaks and at the end of workday.

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## 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

### Appearance

Form	crystalline
Colour	white

### Safety data

pH	2.5 - 3.5 at 20 °C (68 °F)
Melting point/freezing point	Melting point/range: 121 - 125 °C (250 - 257 °F) - lit.
Boiling point	249 °C (480 °F) - lit.
Flash point	121 °C (250 °F) - closed cup
Ignition temperature	572 °C (1,062 °F)
Autoignition temperature	no data available
Lower explosion limit	no data available
Upper explosion limit	no data available
Vapour pressure	13 hPa (10 mmHg) at 132 °C (270 °F)
Density	1.320 g/cm <sup>3</sup> at 20 °C (68 °F)
Water solubility	2.9 g/l at 25 °C (77 °F)
Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water	log Pow: 1.88

Relative vapour density	4.22 - (Air = 1.0)
Odour	no data available
Odour Threshold	no data available
Evaporation rate	no data available

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## 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

### Chemical stability

Stable under recommended storage conditions.

### Possibility of hazardous reactions

no data available

### Conditions to avoid

no data available

### Materials to avoid

Strong oxidizing agents, Strong bases, Strong reducing agents

### Hazardous decomposition products

Hazardous decomposition products formed under fire conditions. - Carbon oxides

Other decomposition products - no data available

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## 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### Acute toxicity

#### Oral LD50

LD50 Oral - rat - > 2,000 mg/kg

#### Inhalation LC50

LC50 Inhalation - rat - 4 h - > 12.2 mg/l

#### Dermal LD50

LD50 Dermal - rabbit - > 10,000 mg/kg

#### Other information on acute toxicity

no data available

### Skin corrosion/irritation

Skin - rabbit - Mild skin irritation - 24 h - Draize Test

### Serious eye damage/eye irritation

Eyes - rabbit - Risk of serious damage to eyes. - Draize Test

### Respiratory or skin sensitization

no data available

### Germ cell mutagenicity

no data available

### Carcinogenicity

IARC: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as probable, possible or confirmed human carcinogen by IARC.

ACGIH: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a carcinogen or potential carcinogen by ACGIH.

NTP: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a known or anticipated carcinogen by NTP.

OSHA: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a carcinogen or potential carcinogen by OSHA.

### Reproductive toxicity

no data available

### Teratogenicity

no data available

### Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure (Globally Harmonized System)

Inhalation - May cause respiratory irritation. - Lungs

### Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure (Globally Harmonized System)

no data available

### Aspiration hazard

no data available

### Potential health effects

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<b>Skin</b>	Harmful if absorbed through skin. Causes skin irritation.
<b>Eyes</b>	Causes eye irritation.

### Signs and Symptoms of Exposure

To the best of our knowledge, the chemical, physical, and toxicological properties have not been thoroughly investigated.

### Synergistic effects

no data available

### Additional Information

RTECS: DG0875000

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## 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### Toxicity

Toxicity to fish	LC50 - <i>Gambusia affinis</i> (Mosquito fish) - 180 mg/l - 96 h
Toxicity to algae	Growth inhibition EC50 - <i>Scenedesmus quadricauda</i> (Green algae) - > 10 mg/l - 14 d

### Persistence and degradability

no data available

### Bioaccumulative potential

Bioaccumulation	<i>Leuciscus idus</i> (Golden orfe) - 3 d
	Bioconcentration factor (BCF): 5.3

### Mobility in soil

no data available

### PBT and vPvB assessment

no data available

### Other adverse effects

no data available

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## 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

### Product

Offer surplus and non-recyclable solutions to a licensed disposal company. Contact a licensed professional waste disposal service to dispose of this material.

### Contaminated packaging

Dispose of as unused product.

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## 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

### DOT (US)

UN number: 3077 Class: 9 Packing group: III  
Proper shipping name: Environmentally hazardous substances, solid, n.o.s. (Benzoic acid)  
Reportable Quantity (RQ): 5000 lbs  
Marine pollutant: No  
Poison Inhalation Hazard: No

**IMDG**

Not dangerous goods

**IATA**

Not dangerous goods

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**15. REGULATORY INFORMATION**

**OSHA Hazards**

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**SARA 302 Components**

SARA 302: No chemicals in this material are subject to the reporting requirements of SARA Title III, Section 302.

**SARA 313 Components**

SARA 313: This material does not contain any chemical components with known CAS numbers that exceed the threshold (De Minimis) reporting levels established by SARA Title III, Section 313.

**SARA 311/312 Hazards**

Acute Health Hazard

**Massachusetts Right To Know Components**

	CAS-No.	Revision Date
Benzoic acid	65-85-0	2007-03-01

**Pennsylvania Right To Know Components**

	CAS-No.	Revision Date
Benzoic acid	65-85-0	2007-03-01

**New Jersey Right To Know Components**

	CAS-No.	Revision Date
Benzoic acid	65-85-0	2007-03-01

**California Prop. 65 Components**

This product does not contain any chemicals known to State of California to cause cancer, birth defects, or any other reproductive harm.

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**16. OTHER INFORMATION**

**Further information**

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