

# Safety data sheet

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## 1 Identification of the substance/mixture and of the company/undertaking

### 1.1. Product identifier

Trade name: Benzalkonium chloride

Article number: 14520

### 1.2. Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against

Application of the substance / the preparation Laboratory chemicals

### 1.3. Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

#### Manufacturer/Supplier:

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## 2 Hazards identification

### 2.1. Classification of the substance or mixture

Classification according to Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008



GHS05

Skin Corr. 1B H314 Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.



GHS09

Aquatic Acute 1 H400 Very toxic to aquatic life.



GHS07

Acute Tox. 4 H302 Harmful if swallowed.

Classification according to Directive 67/548/EEC or Directive 1999/45/EC



C; Corrosive

R34: Causes burns.



Xn; Harmful

R22: Harmful if swallowed.



N; Dangerous for the environment

R50: Very toxic to aquatic organisms.

### Information concerning particular hazards for human and environment:

The product has to be labelled due to the calculation procedure of the "General Classification guideline for preparations of the EU" in the latest valid version.

### Classification system:

The classification was made according to the latest editions of the EU-lists, and expanded upon from company and literature data.

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**2.2. Label elements****Labelling according to Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008**

The product is classified and labelled according to the CLP regulation.

**Hazard pictograms** GHS05, GHS07, GHS09**Signal word** Danger**Hazard-determining components of labelling:**

Quaternary ammonium compounds, benzyl-C12-16-alkyldimethyl, chlorides

**Hazard statements**

H302 Harmful if swallowed.

H314 Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.

H400 Very toxic to aquatic life.

**Precautionary statements**

P273 Avoid release to the environment.

P280 Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection.

P303+P361+P353 IF ON SKIN (or hair): Remove/Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/shower.

P304+P340 IF INHALED: Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing.







P305+P351+P338 IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.

P405 Store locked up.

**2.3. Other hazards****Results of PBT and vPvB assessment****PBT:** Not applicable.**vPvB:** Not applicable.

### 3 Composition/information on ingredients

**3.2. Chemical characterization: Mixtures****Description:** Mixture of the substances listed below with harmless additions.**Dangerous components:**

CAS: 68424-85-1	Quaternary ammonium compounds, benzyl-C12-16-alkyldimethyl, chlorides	40-70%
EINECS: 270-325-2	 C R34;  Xn R22;  N R50	
	 Skin Corr. 1B, H314;  Aquatic Acute 1, H400;  Acute Tox. 4, H302	

**Regulation (EC) No 648/2004 on detergents / Labelling for contents**

cationic surfactants	≥ 30%
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**Additional information** For the wording of the listed risk phrases refer to section 16.

### 4 First aid measures

**4.1. Description of first aid measures****General information**

Remove contaminated clothing.

Symptoms of poisoning may even occur after several hours; therefore medical observation for at least 48 hours after the accident.

**After inhalation** Supply fresh air and to be sure call for a doctor.**After skin contact** Immediately wash with water and soap and rinse thoroughly.**After eye contact** Rinse opened eye for several minutes under running water. Then consult doctor.**After swallowing** Drink copious amounts of water and provide fresh air. Call for doctor immediately.**Information for doctor****4.2. Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed**

No further relevant information available.

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- **4.3. Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed**  
No further relevant information available.

### 5 Firefighting measures

- **5.1. Extinguishing media**
- **Suitable extinguishing agents** Use fire fighting measures that suit the environment.
- **5.2. Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture** No further relevant information available.
- **5.3. Advice for firefighters**
- **Protective equipment:** Mount respiratory protective device.

### 6 Accidental release measures

- **6.1. Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures**  
Wear protective equipment. Keep unprotected persons away.
- **6.2. Environmental precautions:**  
Dilute with plenty of water.  
Do not allow to enter sewers/ surface or ground water.  
Inform respective authorities in case of seepage into water course or sewage system.
- **6.3. Methods and material for containment and cleaning up:**  
Absorb with liquid-binding material (sand, diatomite, acid binders, universal binders, sawdust).  
Use neutralizing agent.  
Dispose contaminated material as waste according to item 13.  
Ensure adequate ventilation.
- **6.4. Reference to other sections**  
See Section 8 for information on personal protection equipment.  
See Section 13 for disposal information.

### 7 Handling and storage

- **Handling**
- **7.1. Precautions for safe handling**  
Ensure good ventilation/exhaustion at the workplace.  
Prevent formation of aerosols.
- **Information about protection against explosions and fires:** No special measures required.
- **7.2. Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities**
- **Storage**
- **Requirements to be met by storerooms and receptacles:** No special requirements.
- **Information about storage in one common storage facility:** Not required.
- **Further information about storage conditions:** Keep receptacle tightly sealed.
- **7.3. Specific end use(s)** No further relevant information available.

### 8 Exposure controls/personal protection

- **Additional information about design of technical systems:** No further data; see item 7.
- **8.1. Control parameters**
- **Components with limit values that require monitoring at the workplace:**  
The product does not contain any relevant quantities of materials with critical values that have to be monitored at the workplace.
- **Additional information:** The lists that were valid during the creation were used as basis.

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- **8.2. Exposure controls**
- **Personal protective equipment**
- **General protective and hygienic measures**  
Keep away from foodstuffs, beverages and feed.  
Immediately remove all soiled and contaminated clothing  
Wash hands before breaks and at the end of work.  
Avoid contact with the eyes and skin.
- **Breathing equipment:**  
Short term filter device:  
Filter P2.
- **Protection of hands:**  
Protective gloves.  
The glove material has to be impermeable and resistant to the product/ the substance/ the preparation.  
Due to missing tests no recommendation to the glove material can be given for the product/ the preparation/ the chemical mixture.  
Selection of the glove material on consideration of the penetration times, rates of diffusion and the degradation
- **Material of gloves**  
The selection of the suitable gloves does not only depend on the material, but also on further marks of quality and varies from manufacturer to manufacturer. As the product is a preparation of several substances, the resistance of the glove material can not be calculated in advance and has therefore to be checked prior to the application.
- **Penetration time of glove material**  
The exact break through time has to be found out by the manufacturer of the protective gloves and has to be observed.
- **For the permanent contact of a maximum of 15 minutes gloves made of the following materials are suitable:**  
Chloroprene rubber, CR  
Nitrile rubber, NBR  
Butyl rubber, BR
- **Eye protection:** Tightly sealed goggles.
- **Body protection:** Protective work clothing.

## 9 Physical and chemical properties

### · 9.1. Information on basic physical and chemical properties

#### · General Information

#### · Appearance:

Form:	Viscous
Colour:	Colourless
Odour:	Aromatic

· **pH-value (10 g/l) at 20°C:** 5 - 7

#### · Change in condition

Melting point/Melting range: undetermined

Boiling point/Boiling range: ca. 100°C

· **Flash point:** > 100°C (DIN 51758)

· **Self igniting:** Product is not selfigniting.

· **Danger of explosion:** Product does not present an explosion hazard.

· **Density at 20°C:** 0.98 g/cm<sup>3</sup> (DIN 51757)

#### · Solubility in / Miscibility with

Water: Fully miscible

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- **Viscosity:**  
**dynamic at 20°C:** ca. 300 mPas (DIN 53015)
- **Solvent content:**  
**Organic solvents:** 0.0 %
- **VOC %:** 0.00 %
- **9.2. Other information** No further relevant information available.

### 10 Stability and reactivity

- **10.1. Reactivity**
- **10.2. Chemical stability**
- **Thermal decomposition / conditions to be avoided:** No decomposition if used according to specifications.
- **10.3. Possibility of hazardous reactions** No dangerous reactions known
- **10.4. Conditions to avoid** No further relevant information available.
- **10.5. Incompatible materials:** No further relevant information available.
- **10.6. Hazardous decomposition products:**  
Nitrogen oxides (NOx)  
Hydrogen chloride (HCl)  
Carbon monoxide and carbon dioxide

### 11 Toxicological information

- **11.1. Information on toxicological effects**
- **Acute toxicity:**

· **LD/LC50 values that are relevant for classification:**

**68424-85-1 Quaternary ammonium compounds, benzyl-C12-16-alkyldimethyl, chlorides**

Oral	LD50	426 mg/kg (rat)
	LC50/96h	0.28 mg/l (Fish)

- **Primary irritant effect:**
- **on the skin:** Caustic effect on skin and mucous membranes.
- **on the eye:** Strong caustic effect.
- **Sensitization:** No sensitizing effects known.
- **Additional toxicological information:**  
The product shows the following dangers according to the calculation method of the General EU Classification Guidelines for Preparations as issued in the latest version:  
Harmful  
Corrosive  
Swallowing will lead to a strong caustic effect on mouth and throat and to the danger of perforation of esophagus and stomach.

### 12 Ecological information

- **12.1. Toxicity**

· **Acquatic toxicity:**

**68424-85-1 Quaternary ammonium compounds, benzyl-C12-16-alkyldimethyl, chlorides**

EC50/48h	0.025 mg/l (Daphnia magna)
EC50/72h	0.049 mg/l (Scenedesmus subspicatus)

- **12.2. Persistence and degradability** No further relevant information available.
- **Behaviour in environmental systems:**
- **12.3. Bioaccumulative potential** No further relevant information available.
- **12.4. Mobility in soil** No further relevant information available.

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- **Ecotoxicological effects:**
- **Remark:** Very toxic for fish
- **Additional ecological information:**
- **General notes:**  
 Water hazard class 2 (German Regulation) (Self-assessment): hazardous for water.  
 Do not allow product to reach ground water, water course or sewage system.  
 Must not reach sewage water or drainage ditch undiluted or unneutralized.  
 Danger to drinking water if even small quantities leak into the ground.  
 Also poisonous for fish and plankton in water bodies.  
 Very toxic for aquatic organisms
- **12.5. Results of PBT and vPvB assessment**
- **PBT:** PBT - assessment not available.
- **vPvB:** vPvB - assessment not available.
- **12.6. Other adverse effects** No further relevant information available.

### 13 Disposal considerations

- **13.1. Waste treatment methods**
- **Recommendation**  
 Must not be disposed of together with household garbage. Do not allow product to reach sewage system.
- **Uncleaned packagings:**
- **Recommendation:** Disposal must be made according to official regulations.
- **Recommended cleansing agent:** Water, if necessary with cleansing agents.

### 14 Transport information

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|---|--|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· <b>14.1. UN-Number</b></li> <li>· <b>ADR, IMDG, IATA</b></li> </ul>                                | <p>1760</p>  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· <b>14.2. UN proper shipping name</b></li> <li>· <b>ADR</b></li> <li>· <b>IMDG, IATA</b></li> </ul> | <p>1760 CORROSIVE LIQUID, N.O.S. (Quaternary ammonium compounds, benzyl-C12-16-alkyldimethyl, chlorides)</p> <p>CORROSIVE LIQUID, N.O.S. (Quaternary ammonium compounds, benzyl-C12-16-alkyldimethyl, chlorides)</p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· <b>14.3. Transport hazard class(es)</b></li> <li>· <b>ADR</b></li> </ul>                           | <p>8 Corrosive substances.</p>   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· <b>Class</b></li> <li>· <b>Label</b></li> </ul>  | <p>8</p>   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· <b>IMDG</b></li> </ul>   | <p>8</p>   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· <b>Class</b></li> </ul>  | <p>8 Corrosive substances.</p>   |

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· <b>Label</b>	8
· <b>IATA</b>	
	
· <b>Class</b>	8 Corrosive substances.
· <b>Label</b>	8
· <b>14.4. Packing group</b>	
· <b>ADR, IMDG, IATA</b>	II
· <b>14.5. Environmental hazards:</b>	Not applicable.
· <b>Marine pollutant:</b>	Yes
	Symbol (fish and tree)
· <b>Special marking (ADR):</b>	Symbol (fish and tree)
· <b>14.6. Special precautions for user</b>	Warning: Corrosive substances.
· <b>Danger code (Kemler):</b>	80
· <b>EMS Number:</b>	F-A,S-B
· <b>14.7. Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL73/78 and the IBC Code</b>	Not applicable.
· <b>Transport/Additional information:</b>	
· <b>ADR</b>	
· <b>Tunnel restriction code</b>	E
· <b>UN "Model Regulation":</b>	UN1760, CORROSIVE LIQUID, N.O.S., 8, II

### 15 Regulatory information

- **15.1. Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture**
- **National regulations**
- **Water hazard class:** Water hazard class 2 (Self-assessment): hazardous for water.
- **15.2. Chemical safety assessment:** A Chemical Safety Assessment has not been carried out.

### 16 Other information

*This information is based on our present knowledge. However, this shall not constitute a guarantee for any specific product features and shall not establish a legally valid contractual relationship.*

- **Relevant phrases**

H302 Harmful if swallowed.

H314 Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.

H400 Very toxic to aquatic life.

R22 Harmful if swallowed.

R34 Causes burns.

R50 Very toxic to aquatic organisms.

- **Department issuing MSDS:** Product safety department

- **Contact:** +49 6221 13840-35

- **Abbreviations and acronyms:**

PBT: persistent, bioaccumulative, toxic substance (REACH)

vPvB: very persistent, very bioaccumulative substance (REACH)

REACH: Regulation concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals

CLP: Regulation on classification, labelling and packaging of substances and mixtures

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ADR: Accord européen sur le transport des marchandises dangereuses par Route (European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road)

RID: Règlement international concernant le transport des marchandises dangereuses par chemin de fer (Regulations Concerning the International Transport of Dangerous Goods by Rail)

IMDG: International Maritime Code for Dangerous Goods

IATA: International Air Transport Association

ICAO: International Civil Aviation Organization

GHS: Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals

LC50: Lethal concentration, 50 percent

LD50: Lethal dose, 50 percent

· **\* Data compared to the previous version altered.**

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