

## SAFETY DATA SHEET

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**1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION****1.1 Product identifiers**

Product name : Benzoic acid

Product Number : 242381  
Brand : Sigma-Aldrich

CAS-No. : 65-85-0

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

Identified uses : Laboratory chemicals, Synthesis of substances

**1.3 Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet**

Company : Sigma-Aldrich  
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USA

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**1.4 Emergency telephone number**

Emergency Phone # : +1-703-527-3887 (CHEMTREC)

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**2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION****2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture****GHS Classification in accordance with 29 CFR 1910 (OSHA HCS)**

Skin irritation (Category 2), H315

Serious eye damage (Category 1), H318

Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure, Inhalation (Category 1), Lungs, H372

Acute aquatic toxicity (Category 3), H402

For the full text of the H-Statements mentioned in this Section, see Section 16.

**2.2 GHS Label elements, including precautionary statements**

Pictogram



Signal word

Danger

Hazard statement(s)

H315

Causes skin irritation.

H318

Causes serious eye damage.

H372

Causes damage to organs (Lungs) through prolonged or repeated exposure if inhaled.

H402

Harmful to aquatic life.

Precautionary statement(s)

P260

Do not breathe dust/ fume/ gas/ mist/ vapours/ spray.

P264

Wash skin thoroughly after handling.

P270

Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.

P273

Avoid release to the environment.

P280

Wear protective gloves/ eye protection/ face protection.

|                           |                                                                                                                                                                           |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| P302 + P352               | IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water.                                                                                                                           |
| P305 + P351 + P338 + P310 | 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/doctor. |
| P314                      | Get medical advice/ attention if you feel unwell.                                                                                                                         |
| P332 + P313               | If skin irritation occurs: Get medical advice/ attention.                                                                                                                 |
| P362                      | Take off contaminated clothing and wash before reuse.                                                                                                                     |
| P501                      | Dispose of contents/ container to an approved waste disposal plant.                                                                                                       |

## 2.3 Hazards not otherwise classified (HNOC) or not covered by GHS - none

## 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

### 3.1 Substances

|                     |                                                |
|---------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| Formula             | : C <sub>7</sub> H <sub>6</sub> O <sub>2</sub> |
| Molecular weight    | : 122.12 g/mol                                 |
| CAS-No.             | : 65-85-0                                      |
| EC-No.              | : 200-618-2                                    |
| Registration number | : 01-211945536-33-XXXX                         |

#### Hazardous components

| Component    | Classification                                                                | Concentration |
|--------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| Benzoic acid |                                                                               |               |
|              | Skin Irrit. 2; Eye Dam. 1; STOT RE 1; Aquatic Acute 3; H315, H318, H372, H402 | 90 - 100 %    |

For the full text of the H-Statements mentioned in this Section, see Section 16.

## 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

### 4.1 Description of 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. Take victim immediately to hospital. Consult a physician.

#### In case of eye contact

Rinse thoroughly with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes and consult a physician. Continue rinsing eyes during transport to hospital.

#### If swallowed

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

### 4.2 Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed

The most important known symptoms and effects are described in the labelling (see section 2.2) and/or in section 11

### 4.3 Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

No data available

## 5. FIREFIGHTING MEASURES

### 5.1 Extinguishing media

#### Suitable extinguishing media

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

## 5.2 Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture

No data available

## 5.3 Advice for firefighters

Wear self-contained breathing apparatus for firefighting if necessary.

## 5.4 Further information

No data available

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## 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

### 6.1 Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

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

For personal protection see section 8.

### 6.2 Environmental precautions

Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so. Do not let product enter drains. Discharge into the environment must be avoided.

### 6.3 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.

### 6.4 Reference to other sections

For disposal see section 13.

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## 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

### 7.1 Precautions for safe handling

Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Avoid formation of dust and aerosols. Further processing of solid materials may result in the formation of combustible dusts. The potential for combustible dust formation should be taken into consideration before additional processing occurs.

Provide appropriate exhaust ventilation at places where dust is formed.

For precautions see section 2.2.

### 7.2 Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

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

### 7.3 Specific end use(s)

Apart from the uses mentioned in section 1.2 no other specific uses are stipulated

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## 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

### 8.1 Control parameters

#### Components with workplace control parameters

Contains no substances with occupational exposure limit values.

#### Derived No Effect Level (DNEL)

| Application Area | Exposure routes | Health effect              | Value                 |
|------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| Workers          | Inhalation      | Long-term local effects    | 0.1 mg/m <sup>3</sup> |
| Workers          | Inhalation      | Long-term systemic effects | 3 mg/m <sup>3</sup>   |
| Workers          | Skin contact    | Long-term systemic effects | 62.5mg/kg BW/d        |

#### Predicted No Effect Concentration (PNEC)

| Compartment                  | Value       |
|------------------------------|-------------|
| Soil                         | 0.151 mg/kg |
| Marine water                 | 0.034 mg/l  |
| Marine sediment              | 0.175 mg/kg |
| Fresh water sediment         | 1.75 mg/kg  |
| Sewage treatment plant       | 100 mg/l    |
| Aquatic intermittent release | 0.331 mg/l  |

## 8.2 Exposure controls

### Appropriate engineering controls

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

### Personal protective equipment

#### Eye/face 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 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.

##### Full contact

Material: Nitrile rubber

Minimum layer thickness: 0.11 mm

Break through time: 480 min

Material tested:Dermatril® (KCL 740 / Aldrich Z677272, Size M)

##### Splash contact

Material: Nitrile rubber

Minimum layer thickness: 0.11 mm

Break through time: 480 min

Material tested:Dermatril® (KCL 740 / Aldrich Z677272, Size M)

data source: KCL GmbH, D-36124 Eichenzell, phone +49 (0)6659 87300, e-mail sales@kcl.de, test method: EN374

If used in solution, or mixed with other substances, and under conditions which differ from EN 374, contact the supplier of the CE approved gloves. This recommendation is advisory only and must be evaluated by an industrial hygienist and safety officer familiar with the specific situation of anticipated use by our customers. It should not be construed as offering an approval for any specific use scenario.

#### 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.

#### 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).

#### Control of environmental exposure

Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so. Do not let product enter drains. Discharge into the environment must be avoided.

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## 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

### 9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties

- |                                            |                                                         |
|--------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| a) Appearance                              | Form: crystalline<br>Colour: white                      |
| b) Odour                                   | No data available                                       |
| c) Odour Threshold                         | No data available                                       |
| d) pH                                      | 2.5 - 3.5 at 20 °C (68 °F)                              |
| e) Melting point/freezing point            | Melting point/range: 121 - 125 °C (250 - 257 °F) - lit. |
| f) Initial boiling point and boiling range | 249 °C (480 °F) - lit.                                  |
| g) Flash point                             | 121 °C (250 °F) - closed cup                            |

|                                                 |                                          |
|-------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| h) Evaporation rate                             | No data available                        |
| i) Flammability (solid, gas)                    | No data available                        |
| j) Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits | No data available                        |
| k) Vapour pressure                              | 13 hPa (10 mmHg) at 132 °C (270 °F)      |
| l) Vapour density                               | 4.22 - (Air = 1.0)                       |
| m) Relative density                             | 1.320 g/cm <sup>3</sup> at 20 °C (68 °F) |
| n) Water solubility                             | 2.9 g/l at 25 °C (77 °F)                 |
| o) Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water       | log Pow: 1.88                            |
| p) Auto-ignition temperature                    | No data available                        |
| q) Decomposition temperature                    | No data available                        |
| r) Viscosity                                    | No data available                        |
| s) Explosive properties                         | No data available                        |
| t) Oxidizing properties                         | No data available                        |

## 9.2 Other safety information

Relative vapour density 4.22 - (Air = 1.0)

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## 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

### 10.1 Reactivity

No data available

### 10.2 Chemical stability

Stable under recommended storage conditions.

### 10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions

No data available

### 10.4 Conditions to avoid

No data available

### 10.5 Incompatible materials

Strong oxidizing agents, Strong bases, Strong reducing agents

### 10.6 Hazardous decomposition products

Hazardous decomposition products formed under fire conditions. - Carbon oxides

Other decomposition products - No data available

In the event of fire: see section 5

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## 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### 11.1 Information on toxicological effects

#### Acute toxicity

LD50 Oral - Rat - female - 2,360 mg/kg

(OECD Test Guideline 401)

Remarks: Behavioral: Somnolence (general depressed activity). Cyanosis

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

LD50 Dermal - Rabbit - > 2,000 mg/kg

No data available

#### Skin corrosion/irritation

Classified according to Regulation (EU) 1272/2008, Annex VI (Table 3.1/3.2)

**Serious eye damage/eye irritation**

Eyes - Rabbit

Result: Corrosive

(Directive 67/548/EEC, Annex V, B.5.)

**Respiratory or skin sensitisation**

Maximisation Test - Guinea pig

Result: Does not cause skin sensitisation.

(OECD Test Guideline 406)

**Germ cell mutagenicity**

No data available

Ames test

S. typhimurium

Result: negative

**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.

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

No data available

**Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure**

No data available

**Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure**

Inhalation - Causes damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure. - Lungs

**Aspiration hazard**

No data available

**Additional Information**

RTECS: DG0875000

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

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**12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION****12.1 Toxicity**

Toxicity to fish LC50 - *Lepomis macrochirus* - 44.6 mg/l - 96 h

Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates Immobilization EC50 - *Daphnia magna* (Water flea) - 860 mg/l - 48 h

Toxicity to algae static test EC50 - *Pseudokirchneriella subcapitata* - > 33.1 mg/l - 72 h (OECD Test Guideline 201)

**12.2 Persistence and degradability**

Expected to be biodegradable

**12.3 Bioaccumulative potential**

Bioaccumulation *Leuciscus idus* (Golden orfe) - 3 d - 50 µg/l

Bioconcentration factor (BCF): 5.3

**12.4 Mobility in soil**

No data available

## 12.5 Results of PBT and vPvB assessment

PBT/vPvB assessment not available as chemical safety assessment not required/not conducted

## 12.6 Other adverse effects

An environmental hazard cannot be excluded in the event of unprofessional handling or disposal.  
Harmful to aquatic life.

No data available

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## 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

### 13.1 Waste treatment methods

#### Product

Offer surplus and non-recyclable solutions to a licensed disposal company. Contact a licensed professional waste disposal service to dispose of this material. Dissolve or mix the material with a combustible solvent and burn in a chemical incinerator equipped with an afterburner and scrubber.

#### 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  
Poison Inhalation Hazard: No

### IMDG

Not dangerous goods

### IATA

Not dangerous goods

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## 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

### SARA 302 Components

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

### SARA 313 Components

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

### 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

### Full text of H-Statements referred to under sections 2 and 3.

|               |                                                                            |
|---------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Aquatic Acute | Acute aquatic toxicity                                                     |
| Eye Dam.      | Serious eye damage                                                         |
| H315          | Causes skin irritation.                                                    |
| H318          | Causes serious eye damage.                                                 |
| H372          | Causes damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure if inhaled. |
| H402          | Harmful to aquatic life.                                                   |
| Skin Irrit.   | Skin irritation                                                            |
| STOT RE       | Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure                         |

**HMIS Rating**

|                        |   |
|------------------------|---|
| Health hazard:         | 3 |
| Chronic Health Hazard: |   |
| Flammability:          | 1 |
| Physical Hazard        | 0 |

**NFPA Rating**

|                    |   |
|--------------------|---|
| Health hazard:     | 3 |
| Fire Hazard:       | 1 |
| Reactivity Hazard: | 0 |

**Further information**

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