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# Material Safety Data Sheet

## Benzyltrimethylammonium chloride MSDS

### Section 1: Chemical Product and Company Identification

**Product Name:** Benzyltrimethylammonium chloride

**Catalog Codes:** SLB2419

**CAS#:** 56-93-9

**RTECS:** BO8400000

**TSCA:** TSCA 8(b) inventory: Benzyltrimethylammonium chloride

**CI#:** Not applicable.

**Synonym:** Benzalkonium chloride.

**Chemical Name:** Benzenemethanaminium, N,N,N-trimethyl-,chloride

**Chemical Formula:** C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>N(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>.Cl

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### Section 2: Composition and Information on Ingredients

**Composition:**

Name	CAS #	% by Weight
Benzyltrimethylammonium chloride	56-93-9	100

**Toxicological Data on Ingredients:** Benzyltrimethylammonium chloride LD50: Not available. LC50: Not available.

### Section 3: Hazards Identification

**Potential Acute Health Effects:**

Very hazardous in case of skin contact (irritant, sensitizer), of eye contact (irritant), of ingestion, of inhalation. Hazardous in case of skin contact (permeator). Inflammation of the eye is characterized by redness, watering, and itching. Skin inflammation is characterized by itching, scaling, reddening, or, occasionally, blistering.

**Potential Chronic Health Effects:**

CARCINOGENIC EFFECTS: Not available. MUTAGENIC EFFECTS: Not available. TERATOGENIC EFFECTS: Not available. DEVELOPMENTAL TOXICITY: Not available. Repeated or prolonged exposure is not known to aggravate medical condition.

### Section 4: First Aid Measures

**Eye Contact:**

Check for and remove any contact lenses. In case of contact, immediately flush eyes with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Cold water may be used. Get medical attention immediately.

**Skin Contact:**

In case of contact, immediately flush skin with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes while removing contaminated clothing and shoes. Cover the irritated skin with an emollient. Cold water may be used. Wash clothing before reuse. Thoroughly clean shoes before reuse. Get medical attention immediately.

**Serious Skin Contact:**

Wash with a disinfectant soap and cover the contaminated skin with an anti-bacterial cream. Seek medical attention.

**Inhalation:**

If inhaled, remove to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. Get medical attention.

**Serious Inhalation:**

Evacuate the victim to a safe area as soon as possible. Loosen tight clothing such as a collar, tie, belt or waistband. If breathing is difficult, administer oxygen. If the victim is not breathing, perform mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. Seek medical attention.

**Ingestion:**

Do NOT induce vomiting unless directed to do so by medical personnel. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. If large quantities of this material are swallowed, call a physician immediately. Loosen tight clothing such as a collar, tie, belt or waistband.

**Serious Ingestion:** Not available.

## Section 5: Fire and Explosion Data

**Flammability of the Product:** May be combustible at high temperature.

**Auto-Ignition Temperature:** Not available.

**Flash Points:** Not available.

**Flammable Limits:** Not available.

**Products of Combustion:** These products are carbon oxides (CO, CO<sub>2</sub>), nitrogen oxides (NO, NO<sub>2</sub>...).

**Fire Hazards in Presence of Various Substances:**

Highly flammable in presence of open flames and sparks. Flammable in presence of heat, of oxidizing materials, of reducing materials.

**Explosion Hazards in Presence of Various Substances:**

Risks of explosion of the product in presence of mechanical impact: Not available. Risks of explosion of the product in presence of static discharge: Not available.

**Fire Fighting Media and Instructions:**

SMALL FIRE: Use DRY chemical powder. LARGE FIRE: Use water spray, fog or foam. Do not use water jet.

**Special Remarks on Fire Hazards:** Keep container tightly closed.

**Special Remarks on Explosion Hazards:** Not available.

## Section 6: Accidental Release Measures

**Small Spill:** Use appropriate tools to put the spilled solid in a convenient waste disposal container.

**Large Spill:** Use a shovel to put the material into a convenient waste disposal container.

## Section 7: Handling and Storage

**Precautions:**

Keep away from heat. Keep away from sources of ignition. Empty containers pose a fire risk, evaporate the residue under a fume hood. Ground all equipment containing material. Do not breathe dust. In case of insufficient ventilation, wear suitable respiratory equipment. If you feel unwell, seek medical attention and show the label when possible. Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Keep away from incompatibles such as oxidizing agents, reducing agents.

**Storage:** Keep container tightly closed. Keep container in a cool, well-ventilated area.

## Section 8: Exposure Controls/Personal Protection

**Engineering Controls:**

Use process enclosures, local exhaust ventilation, or other engineering controls to keep airborne levels below recommended exposure limits. If user operations generate dust, fume or mist, use ventilation to keep exposure to airborne contaminants below the exposure limit.

**Personal Protection:**

Splash goggles. Lab coat. Dust respirator. Be sure to use an approved/certified respirator or equivalent. Gloves.

**Personal Protection in Case of a Large Spill:**

Splash goggles. Full suit. Dust respirator. Boots. Gloves. A self contained breathing apparatus should be used to avoid inhalation of the product. Suggested protective clothing might not be sufficient; consult a specialist BEFORE handling this product.

**Exposure Limits:** Not available.

## Section 9: Physical and Chemical Properties

**Physical state and appearance:** Solid. (Crystalline solid.)

**Odor:** Not available.

**Taste:** Not available.

**Molecular Weight:** 185.7 g/mole

**Color:** Colorless.

**pH (1% soln/water):** Not available.

**Boiling Point:** Not available.

**Melting Point:** Decomposition temperature: 239°C (462.2°F)

**Critical Temperature:** Not available.

**Specific Gravity:** 1.04 (Water = 1)

**Vapor Pressure:** Not applicable.

**Vapor Density:** Greater than air.

**Volatility:** Not available.

**Odor Threshold:** Not available.

**Water/Oil Dist. Coeff.:** Not available.

**Ionicity (in Water):** Cationic.

**Dispersion Properties:** See solubility in water, methanol, diethyl ether.

**Solubility:**

Easily soluble in cold water. Soluble in methanol. Partially soluble in hot water, diethyl ether. Insoluble in n-octanol.

## Section 10: Stability and Reactivity Data

**Stability:** The product is stable.

**Instability Temperature:** Not available.

**Conditions of Instability:** Not available.

**Incompatibility with various substances:**

Reactive with oxidizing agents, reducing agents. Slightly reactive to reactive with metals, acids, alkalis.

**Corrosivity:**

Corrosive in presence of steel. Slightly corrosive in presence of aluminum, of zinc, of copper. Non-corrosive in presence of glass.

**Special Remarks on Reactivity:** Not available.

**Special Remarks on Corrosivity:** Corrosive.

**Polymerization:** Will not occur.

## Section 11: Toxicological Information

**Routes of Entry:** Dermal contact. Eye contact. Inhalation. Ingestion.

**Toxicity to Animals:**

LD50: Not available. LC50: Not available.

**Chronic Effects on Humans:** Not available.

**Other Toxic Effects on Humans:**

Very hazardous in case of skin contact (irritant, sensitizer), of ingestion, of inhalation. Hazardous in case of skin contact (permeator).

**Special Remarks on Toxicity to Animals:** Not available.

**Special Remarks on Chronic Effects on Humans:** Not available.

**Special Remarks on other Toxic Effects on Humans:** Not available.

## Section 12: Ecological Information

**Ecotoxicity:** Not available.

**BOD5 and COD:** Not available.

**Products of Biodegradation:**

Possibly hazardous short term degradation products are not likely. However, long term degradation products may arise.

**Toxicity of the Products of Biodegradation:** The products of degradation are more toxic.

**Special Remarks on the Products of Biodegradation:** Not available.

## Section 13: Disposal Considerations

**Waste Disposal:**

## Section 14: Transport Information

**DOT Classification:** Not a DOT controlled material (United States).

**Identification:** : Not available. UNNA: 1170 PG: III

**Special Provisions for Transport:** Not applicable.

### Section 15: Other Regulatory Information

**Federal and State Regulations:** TSCA 8(b) inventory: Benzyltrimethylammonium chloride

**Other Regulations:** OSHA: Hazardous by definition of Hazard Communication Standard (29 CFR 1910.1200).

**Other Classifications:**

**WHMIS (Canada):** CLASS D-2B: Material causing other toxic effects (TOXIC).

**DSCL (EEC):**

R38- Irritating to skin. R41- Risk of serious damage to eyes. R43- May cause sensitization by skin contact.

**HMIS (U.S.A.):**

**Health Hazard:** 2

**Fire Hazard:** 1

**Reactivity:** 0

**Personal Protection:** E

**National Fire Protection Association (U.S.A.):**

**Health:** 2

**Flammability:** 1

**Reactivity:** 0

**Specific hazard:**

**Protective Equipment:**

Gloves. Lab coat. Dust respirator. Be sure to use an approved/certified respirator or equivalent. Wear appropriate respirator when ventilation is inadequate. Splash goggles.

### Section 16: Other Information

**References:**

-The Sigma-Aldrich Library of Chemical Safety Data, Edition II. -Hawley, G.G.. The Condensed Chemical Dictionary, 11e ed., New York N.Y., Van Nostrand Reinold, 1987.

**Other Special Considerations:** Not available.

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