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## Material Safety Data Sheet

### Benzalkonium Chloride Solution, 17% MSDS

#### Section 1: Chemical Product and Company Identification

**Product Name:** Benzalkonium Chloride Solution, 17%

**Catalog Codes:** SLB1084

**CAS#:** Mixture.

**RTECS:** Not applicable.

**TSCA:** TSCA 8(b) inventory: Water

**CI#:** Not available.

**Synonym:**

**Chemical Name:** Not applicable.

**Chemical Formula:** Not applicable.

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#### Section 2: Composition and Information on Ingredients

**Composition:**

Name	CAS #	% by Weight
Benzalkonium chloride	8001-54-5	17
Water	7732-18-5	83

**Toxicological Data on Ingredients:** Benzalkonium chloride: ORAL (LD50): Acute: 240 mg/kg [Rat]. Water ORAL (LD50): Acute: >90ml/kg [Rat]

#### Section 3: Hazards Identification

**Potential Acute Health Effects:**

Very hazardous in case of skin contact (irritant), of eye contact (irritant), of ingestion, . Hazardous in case of skin contact (corrosive, permeator). Slightly hazardous in case of eye contact (corrosive), of inhalation (lung sensitizer). Liquid or spray mist may produce tissue damage particularly on mucous membranes of eyes, mouth and respiratory tract. Skin contact may produce burns. Inhalation of the spray mist may produce severe irritation of respiratory tract, characterized by coughing, choking, or shortness of breath. 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: Mutagenic for mammalian somatic cells. [Benzalkonium chloride]. Mutagenic for

bacteria and/or yeast. [Benzalkonium chloride].

TERATOGENIC EFFECTS: Not available.

DEVELOPMENTAL TOXICITY: Classified Reproductive system/toxin/female, Reproductive system/toxin/male [POSSIBLE] [Benzalkonium chloride].

The substance may be toxic to kidneys, liver, heart, gastrointestinal tract, cardiovascular system, central nervous system (CNS).

Repeated or prolonged exposure to the substance can produce target organs damage. Repeated or prolonged contact with spray mist may produce chronic eye irritation and severe skin irritation. Repeated or prolonged exposure to spray mist may produce respiratory tract irritation leading to frequent attacks of bronchial infection.

## 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 immediate medical attention.

### Inhalation:

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

### 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. WARNING: It may be hazardous to the person providing aid to give mouth-to-mouth resuscitation when the inhaled material is toxic, infectious or corrosive. Seek immediate 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:** Non-flammable.

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

**Flash Points:** Not applicable.

**Flammable Limits:** Not applicable.

**Products of Combustion:** Not available.

**Fire Hazards in Presence of Various Substances:** Not applicable.

### 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:** Not applicable.

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

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

## Section 6: Accidental Release Measures

**Small Spill:**

Dilute with water and mop up, or absorb with an inert dry material and place in an appropriate waste disposal container.

**Large Spill:**

Corrosive liquid.

Stop leak if without risk. Absorb with DRY earth, sand or other non-combustible material. Do not touch spilled material. Use water spray curtain to divert vapor drift. Prevent entry into sewers, basements or confined areas; dike if needed. Call for assistance on disposal.

## Section 7: Handling and Storage

**Precautions:**

Keep locked up.. Keep container dry. Do not ingest. Do not breathe gas/fumes/ vapor/spray. Never add water to this product. In case of insufficient ventilation, wear suitable respiratory equipment. If ingested, seek medical advice immediately and show the container or the label. Avoid contact with skin and eyes.

**Storage:** Keep container tightly closed. Keep container in a cool, well-ventilated area. Do not store above 23°C (73.4°F).

## Section 8: Exposure Controls/Personal Protection

**Engineering Controls:**

Provide exhaust ventilation or other engineering controls to keep the airborne concentrations of vapors below their respective threshold limit value.

**Personal Protection:**

Face shield. Full suit. Vapor respirator. Be sure to use an approved/certified respirator or equivalent. Gloves. Boots.

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

Splash goggles. Full suit. Vapor 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:** Liquid.

**Odor:** Aromatic. (Slight.)

**Taste:** Bitter.

**Molecular Weight:** Not applicable.

**Color:** Clear Colorless.

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

**Boiling Point:** The lowest known value is 100°C (212°F) (Water).

**Melting Point:** Not available.

**Critical Temperature:** Not available.

**Specific Gravity:** Weighted average: 1 (Water = 1)

**Vapor Pressure:** The highest known value is 2.3 kPa (@ 20°C) (Water).

**Vapor Density:** The highest known value is 0.62 (Air = 1) (Water).

**Volatility:** Not available.

**Odor Threshold:** Not available.

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

**Ionicity (in Water):** Not available.

**Dispersion Properties:** See solubility in water, acetone.

**Solubility:**

Easily soluble in cold water, hot water.

Soluble in acetone.

Very slightly soluble in diethyl ether.

## Section 10: Stability and Reactivity Data

**Stability:** The product is stable.

**Instability Temperature:** Not available.

**Conditions of Instability:** Excess heat, dust generation, moisture, incompatible materials. (Benzalkonium chloride)

**Incompatibility with various substances:** Slightly reactive to reactive with oxidizing agents.

**Corrosivity:** Non-corrosive in presence of glass, of stainless steel(304), of stainless steel(316).

**Special Remarks on Reactivity:** Also incompatible with nitrates, anion detergents (Benzalkonium chloride)

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

**Polymerization:** Will not occur.

## Section 11: Toxicological Information

**Routes of Entry:** Absorbed through skin. Dermal contact. Eye contact. Ingestion.

**Toxicity to Animals:** Acute oral toxicity (LD50): 1412 mg/kg (Rat) (Calculated value for the mixture).

**Chronic Effects on Humans:**

MUTAGENIC EFFECTS: Mutagenic for mammalian somatic cells. [Benzalkonium chloride]. Mutagenic for bacteria and/or yeast. [Benzalkonium chloride].

DEVELOPMENTAL TOXICITY: Classified Reproductive system/toxin/female, Reproductive system/toxin/male [POSSIBLE] [Benzalkonium chloride].

Contains material which may cause damage to the following organs: kidneys, liver, heart, gastrointestinal tract, cardiovascular system, central nervous system (CNS).

**Other Toxic Effects on Humans:**

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

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

**Special Remarks on Chronic Effects on Humans:**

May affect genetic material (mutagen) and cause adverse reproductive effects (fetotoxicity, fertility (female)) based on laboratory experiments on animals. (Benzalkonium chloride)

**Special Remarks on other Toxic Effects on Humans:**

Corrosive

Severely irritates eyes, upper respiratory tract, skin, and mucous membranes.

Harmful if swallowed, inhaled, or absorbed through skin.

Acute Potential Health Effects:

Skin: Causes severe skin irritation and possible burns.

Eyes: Causes severe eye irritation and possible burns.

Ingestion: Harmful if swallowed. Causes digestive tract irritation with possible burns. May affect behavior (central nervous system depression, depression) and metabolism. May produce burning pains in the mouth, throat, and abdomen, profuse salivation, muscle weakness. May also affect the respiratory system and cardiovascular system, liver and kidneys.

Inhalation: May cause severe irritation of the respiratory tract and mucous membranes with sore throat, coughing, shortness of breath, and delayed lung edema.

Chronic Potential Health Effects:

Prolonged or repeated skin contact may cause dermatitis.

Repeated or prolonged exposure may cause allergic reactions in sensitive individuals. May cause cyanosis of the skin and lips caused by lack of oxygen.

## 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:** Not available.

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

## Section 13: Disposal Considerations

**Waste Disposal:**

Waste must be disposed of in accordance with federal, state and local environmental control regulations.

## Section 14: Transport Information

**DOT Classification:** Class 8: Corrosive material

**Identification:** : Corrosive liquids n.o.s.(Benzalkonium Chloride, solution, 17%) (Benzalkonium chloride) UNNA: 1760 PG: III

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

## Section 15: Other Regulatory Information

**Federal and State Regulations:** No products were found.

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

**Other Classifications:**

**WHMIS (Canada):**

CLASS D-1B: Material causing immediate and serious toxic effects (TOXIC).

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

CLASS E: Corrosive liquid.

**DSCL (EEC):**

R34- Causes burns.

S1/2- Keep locked up and out of the reach of children.

S26- In case of contact with eyes, rinse immediately with plenty of water and seek medical advice.

S36/37- Wear suitable protective clothing and gloves.

S39- Wear eye/face protection.

S45- In case of accident or if you feel unwell, seek medical advice immediately (show the label where possible).

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

**Health Hazard:** 3

**Fire Hazard:** 0

**Reactivity:** 0

**Personal Protection:**

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

**Health:** 3

**Flammability:** 0

**Reactivity:** 0

**Specific hazard:**

**Protective Equipment:**

Gloves.

Full suit.

Vapor respirator. Be sure to use an approved/certified respirator or equivalent. Wear appropriate respirator when ventilation is inadequate.

Face shield.

**Section 16: Other Information**

**References:** Not available.

**Other Special Considerations:** Not available.

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