

SECTION 1: Identification

1.1. Product identifier

Trade name : BENZOIC ACID
 IUPAC name : benzoic acid
 EC-No. : 200-618-2
 CAS-No. : 65-85-0
 UN-No. (ADR) : 3077
 Product code : 102080xxx
 Formula : C6H5COOH

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

Recommended uses and restrictions : For laboratory use only

1.3. Supplier's details

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1.4. Emergency telephone number

Emergency number : +27 11 452 1116

SECTION 2: Hazards identification

2.1. Classification of the substance or mixture

Classification according to the United Nations GHS

Acute toxicity (oral), Category 5 H303
 Skin corrosion/irritation, Category 2 H315
 Serious eye damage/eye irritation, Category 1 H318
 Specific target organ toxicity — Repeated exposure, Category 1 H372
 Hazardous to the aquatic environment — Acute Hazard, Category 3 H402
 Hazardous to the aquatic environment - Chronic Hazard Not classified
 Full text of H statements : see section 16

2.2. Label elements

Labelling according to the United Nations GHS

Hazard pictograms (GHS-ZA) :



Signal word (GHS-ZA) :

Danger

Hazard statements (GHS-ZA) :

H303 - May be harmful if swallowed
 H315 - Causes skin irritation.
 H318 - Causes serious eye damage.
 H372 - Causes damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure.
 H402 - Harmful to aquatic life

Precautionary statements (GHS-ZA) :

P260 - Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/vapours/spray.
 P264 - Wash hands, forearms and face thoroughly after handling.
 P270 - Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.
 P273 - Avoid release to the environment.
 P280 - Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection.
 P302+P352 - IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of water.
 P305+P351+P338 - IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.
 P310 - Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor.
 P312 - Call a POISON CENTER or doctor if you feel unwell.
 P314 - Get medical advice/attention if you feel unwell.
 P321 - Specific treatment (see supplemental first aid instruction on this label).

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P332+P313 - If skin irritation occurs: Get medical advice/attention.
P362+P364 - Take off contaminated clothing and wash it before reuse.
P501 - Dispose of contents/container to hazardous or special waste collection point, in accordance with local, regional, national and/or international regulation.

2.3. Other hazards

Adverse physicochemical, human health and environmental effects : Causes damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure, Harmful if swallowed, Causes skin irritation, Causes serious eye damage, Harmful to aquatic life

SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients

3.1. Substances

IUPAC name : benzoic acid

Substance identification codes: See section 1.1

Name	Product identifier	%	Classification according to the United Nations GHS
Benzoic acid (Main constituent)	(CAS-No.) 65-85-0	≥ 99	Acute Tox. 5 (Oral), H303 Skin Irrit. 2, H315 Eye Dam. 1, H318 STOT RE 1, H372 Aquatic Acute 3, H402 Aquatic Chronic Not classified

Full text of H-statements: see section 16

3.2. Mixtures

Not applicable

SECTION 4: First aid measures

4.1. Description of first aid measures

First-aid measures general : Call a poison center or a doctor if you feel unwell.
First-aid measures after inhalation : Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing.
First-aid measures after skin contact : Wash skin with plenty of water. Take off contaminated clothing. If skin irritation occurs: Get medical advice/attention.
First-aid measures after eye contact : Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. Call a physician immediately.
First-aid measures after ingestion : Rinse mouth. Call a poison center or a doctor if you feel unwell.

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

Symptoms/effects after skin contact : Irritation.
Symptoms/effects after eye contact : Serious damage to eyes.

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

Treat symptomatically.

SECTION 5: Firefighting measures

5.1. Extinguishing media

Suitable extinguishing media : Water spray. Dry powder. Foam.

5.2. Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture

Hazardous decomposition products in case of fire : Toxic fumes may be released.

5.3. Advice for firefighters

Protection during firefighting : Do not attempt to take action without suitable protective equipment. Self-contained breathing apparatus. Complete protective clothing.

SECTION 6: Accidental release measures

6.1. Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

No additional information available

6.1.1. For non-emergency personnel

Emergency procedures : Ventilate spillage area. Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/vapours/spray. Avoid contact with skin and eyes.

6.1.2. For emergency responders

Protective equipment : Do not attempt to take action without suitable protective equipment. For further information refer to section 8: "Exposure controls/personal protection".

6.2. Environmental precautions

Avoid release to the environment.

6.3. Methods and material for containment and cleaning up

For containment : Collect spillage.

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Methods for cleaning up	: Mechanically recover the product.
Other information	: Dispose of materials or solid residues at an authorized site.

SECTION 7: Handling and storage

7.1. Precautions for safe handling

Precautions for safe handling	: Ensure good ventilation of the work station. Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/vapours/spray. Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Wear personal protective equipment.
Hygiene measures	: Wash contaminated clothing before reuse. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. Always wash hands after handling the product.

7.2. Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Storage conditions	: Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep cool.
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SECTION 8: Exposure controls/personal protection

8.1. Control parameters

No additional information available

8.2. Appropriate engineering controls

Appropriate engineering controls	: Ensure good ventilation of the work station.
Environmental exposure controls	: Avoid release to the environment.

8.3. Individual protection measures, such as personal protective equipment (PPE)

Hand protection	: Protective gloves
Eye protection	: Safety glasses
Skin and body protection	: Wear suitable protective clothing
Respiratory protection	: Full face mask with filter type A at conc. in air > exposure limit

Personal protective equipment symbol(s):



8.4. Exposure limit values for the other components

No additional information available

SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties

9.1. Information on basic physical and chemical properties

Physical state	: Solid
Appearance	: No data available
Molecular mass	: 122.12 g/mol
Colour	: No data available
Odour	: No data available
Odour threshold	: No data available
pH	: 2.8 Temp.: 25 °C
pH solution	: No data available
Relative evaporation rate (butylacetate=1)	: No data available
Relative evaporation rate (ether=1)	: No data available
Melting point	: 122.4 °C Sublimation: 'yes' Subl. temp.: 100 °C
Freezing point	: Not applicable
Boiling point	: No data available
Flash point	: Not applicable
Auto-ignition temperature	: Not applicable
Decomposition temperature	: No data available
Flammability (solid, gas)	: Non flammable.
Vapour pressure	: 0.0011 hPa Temp.: 20 °C
Vapour pressure at 50 °C	: No data available
Relative vapour density at 20 °C	: No data available
Relative density	: No data available
Relative density of saturated gas/air mixture	: No data available

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Density	: No data available
Relative gas density	: No data available
Solubility	: No data available
Partition coefficient n-octanol/water (Log Pow)	: No data available
Partition coefficient n-octanol/water (Log Kow)	: No data available
Viscosity, kinematic	: No data available
Viscosity, dynamic	: No data available
Explosive properties	: No data available
Oxidising properties	: No data available
Explosive limits	: Not applicable
Lower explosive limit (LEL)	: No data available
Upper explosive limit (UEL)	: No data available

9.2. Other information

No additional information available

SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity

10.1. Reactivity

The product is non-reactive under normal conditions of use, storage and transport.

10.2. Chemical stability

Stable under normal conditions.

10.3. Possibility of hazardous reactions

No dangerous reactions known under normal conditions of use.

10.4. Conditions to avoid

None under recommended storage and handling conditions (see section 7).

10.5. Incompatible materials

No additional information available

10.6. Hazardous decomposition products

Under normal conditions of storage and use, hazardous decomposition products should not be produced.

SECTION 11: Toxicological information

11.1. Information on toxicological effects

Acute toxicity (oral)	: May be harmful if swallowed.
Acute toxicity (dermal)	: Not classified
Acute toxicity (inhalation)	: Not classified

BENZOIC ACID (65-85-0)	
LD50 oral	2250 mg/kg bodyweight Animal: mouse, Guideline: OECD Guideline 401 (Acute Oral Toxicity), 95% CL: 1875 - 2700
LD50 dermal rabbit	> 2000 mg/kg bodyweight Animal: rabbit
LC50 inhalation rat (mg/l)	> 12.2 mg/L air. Animal: rat

Skin corrosion/irritation	: Causes skin irritation. pH: 2.8 Temp.: 25 °C
Serious eye damage/irritation	: Causes serious eye damage. pH: 2.8 Temp.: 25 °C
Respiratory or skin sensitisation	: Not classified
Germ cell mutagenicity	: Not classified
Carcinogenicity	: Not classified
Reproductive toxicity	: Not classified
STOT-single exposure	: Not classified
STOT-repeated exposure	: Causes damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure.

BENZOIC ACID (65-85-0)	
NOAEL (oral, rat, 90 days)	1000 mg/kg bodyweight Animal: rat
NOAEL (dermal, rat/rabbit, 90 days)	> 2500 mg/kg bodyweight Animal: rabbit, Guideline: EPA OPP 82-2 (Repeated Dose Dermal Toxicity -21/28 Days)
NOAEC (inhalation, rat, dust/mist/fume, 90 days)	≤ 0.025 mg/l air Animal: rat, Guideline: OECD Guideline 412 (Subacute Inhalation Toxicity: 28-Day Study)

Aspiration hazard	: Not classified
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SECTION 12: Ecological information

12.1. Toxicity

Ecology - general	: Harmful to aquatic life.
Hazardous to the aquatic environment, short-term (acute)	: Harmful to aquatic life.
Hazardous to the aquatic environment, long-term (chronic)	: Not classified.

BENZOIC ACID (65-85-0)	
LC50 fish 1	47.3 mg/l Test organisms (species): Oncorhynchus mykiss (previous name: Salmo gairdneri)
LC50 fish 2	44.6 mg/l Test organisms (species): Lepomis macrochirus
EC50 72h algae (1)	> 33.1 mg/l Test organisms (species): Pseudokirchneriella subcapitata (previous names: Raphidocelis subcapitata, Selenastrum capricornutum)
NOEC (chronic)	≥ 25 mg/l Test organisms (species): Daphnia magna Duration: '21 d'
NOEC chronic fish	> 120 mg/l Test organisms (species): Oncorhynchus mykiss (previous name: Salmo gairdneri) Duration: '28 d'

12.2. Persistence and degradability

BENZOIC ACID (65-85-0)	
Persistence and degradability	No additional information available

12.3. Bioaccumulative potential

BENZOIC ACID (65-85-0)	
Bioaccumulative potential	No additional information available

12.4. Mobility in soil

BENZOIC ACID (65-85-0)	
Mobility in soil	No additional information available

12.5. Other adverse effects

Ozone	: Not classified
Other adverse effects	: No additional information available




SECTION 13: Disposal considerations

13.1. Disposal methods

Waste treatment methods	: Dispose of contents/container in accordance with licensed collector's sorting instructions.
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SECTION 14: Transport information

In accordance with SANS / IMDG / IATA

SANS	IMDG	IATA
14.1. UN number		
3077	3077	3077
14.2. Proper Shipping Name		
ENVIRONMENTALLY HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE, SOLID, N.O.S.	ENVIRONMENTALLY HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE, SOLID, N.O.S.	Environmentally hazardous substance, solid, n.o.s.
14.3. Transport hazard class(es)		
9	9	9
		 Not applicable
14.4. Packing group		
III	III	III
14.5. Environmental hazards		
Dangerous for the environment : No	Dangerous for the environment : No	Dangerous for the environment : No
: No supplementary information available		

14.6. Special precautions for user

- SANS

Special provisions (SANS)	: 179, 274, 331, 335
Limited quantities (SANS)	: 5 kg

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Limited quantities (SANS)	: 5 kg
Packagings, large packagings and IBCs	: P002, IBC08, LP02
Packing instructions (SANS)	
Packagings, large packagings and IBCs Special packing instructions (SANS)	: PP12, B3
Portable tank and bulk containers instructions (SANS)	: T1, BK2
Portable tank and bulk container special provisions (SANS)	: TP33

- IMDG

Special provisions (IMDG)	: 274, 335, 966, 967, 969
Limited quantities (IMDG)	: 5 kg
Excepted quantities (IMDG)	: E1
Packing instructions (IMDG)	: LP02, P002
Special packing provisions (IMDG)	: PP12
IBC packing instructions (IMDG)	: IBC08
IBC special provisions (IMDG)	: B3
Tank instructions (IMDG)	: BK1, BK2, BK3, T1
Tank special provisions (IMDG)	: TP33
EmS-No. (Fire)	: F-A - FIRE SCHEDULE Alfa - GENERAL FIRE SCHEDULE
EmS-No. (Spillage)	: S-F - SPILLAGE SCHEDULE Foxtrot - WATER-SOLUBLE MARINE POLLUTANTS
Stowage category (IMDG)	: A

- IATA

PCA Excepted quantities (IATA)	: E1
PCA Limited quantities (IATA)	: Y956
PCA limited quantity max net quantity (IATA)	: 30kgG
PCA packing instructions (IATA)	: 956
PCA max net quantity (IATA)	: 400kg
CAO packing instructions (IATA)	: 956
CAO max net quantity (IATA)	: 400kg
Special provisions (IATA)	: A97, A158, A179, A197
ERG code (IATA)	: 9L

14.7. Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL 73/78 and the IBC Code

Not applicable

SECTION 15: Regulatory information

15.1. Safety, health, and environmental national regulations specific for the product

Regulatory reference	: SANS 10234:2008; SANS 11014:2010; SANS 10228:2012; SANS 10229:2010; SANS 10232(1,2,4), SANS 10231:2018; Occupational Health and Safety Act 85 of 1993; National Road Traffic Act 93 of 1996.
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SECTION 16: Other information

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H315	Causes skin irritation.
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H372	Causes damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure.
H402	Harmful to aquatic life

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The data provided in this Safety Data Sheet (SDS) is correct to the best of our knowledge. The data relates to the specific product as named and is intended as a guide to the safe handling of the product in all its facets. The data may no longer be valid if the product is used in any process or in combination with other products. This SDS is not a quality specification nor any form of guarantee.