

## SAFETY DATA SHEET

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**SECTION 1: Identification of the substance/mixture and of the company/undertaking****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**

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**SECTION 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  
Short-term (acute) aquatic hazard (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 Statements	
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 Statements	
P260	Do not breathe dust/ fume/ gas/ mist/ vapors/ 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

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## SECTION 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

Component	Classification	Concentration
<b>Benzoic acid</b>		
	Skin Irrit. 2; Eye Dam. 1; STOT RE 1; Aquatic Acute 3; H315, H318, H372, H402	<= 100 %

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

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## SECTION 4: First aid measures

### 4.1 Description of first-aid measures

#### General advice

Show this material safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance.

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**If inhaled**

After inhalation: fresh air. Call in physician.

**In case of skin contact**

In case of skin contact: Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/ shower.

**In case of eye contact**

After eye contact: rinse out with plenty of water. Immediately call in ophthalmologist. Remove contact lenses.

**If swallowed**

After swallowing: immediately make victim drink water (two glasses at most). 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

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**SECTION 5: Firefighting measures****5.1 Extinguishing media**

No data available

**5.2 Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture**

Carbon oxides

Combustible.

Development of hazardous combustion gases or vapours possible in the event of fire.

**5.3 Advice for firefighters**

Stay in danger area only with self-contained breathing apparatus. Prevent skin contact by keeping a safe distance or by wearing suitable protective clothing.

**5.4 Further information**

Prevent fire extinguishing water from contaminating surface water or the ground water system.

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**SECTION 6: Accidental release measures****6.1 Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures**

Advice for non-emergency personnel: Avoid generation and inhalation of dusts in all circumstances. Avoid substance contact. Ensure adequate ventilation. Evacuate the danger area, observe emergency procedures, consult an expert.

For personal protection see section 8.

**6.2 Environmental precautions**

Do not let product enter drains.

### 6.3 Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up

Cover drains. Collect, bind, and pump off spills. Observe possible material restrictions (see sections 7 and 10). Take up dry. Dispose of properly. Clean up affected area. Avoid generation of dusts.

### 6.4 Reference to other sections

For disposal see section 13.

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## SECTION 7: Handling and storage

### 7.1 Precautions for safe handling

#### Advice on safe handling

Work under hood. Do not inhale substance/mixture.

#### Hygiene measures

Immediately change contaminated clothing. Apply preventive skin protection. Wash hands and face after working with substance.

For precautions see section 2.2.

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

#### Storage conditions

Tightly closed. Dry. Keep in a well-ventilated place. Keep locked up or in an area accessible only to qualified or authorized persons.

#### Storage class

Storage class (TRGS 510): 6.1C: Combustible, acute toxic Cat.3 / toxic compounds or compounds which causing chronic effects

### 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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## SECTION 8: Exposure controls/personal protection

### 8.1 Control parameters

#### Ingredients with workplace control parameters

Component	CAS-No.	Value	Control parameters	Basis
Benzoic acid	65-85-0	TWA	0.5 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	USA. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)
	Remarks	Not suspected as a human carcinogen Danger of cutaneous absorption		

#### Derived No Effect Level (DNEL)

Application Area	Routes of exposure	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
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### Predicted No Effect Concentration (PNEC)

Compartment	Value
Soil	0.151 mg/kg
Sea water	0.034 mg/l
Sea 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

Immediately change contaminated clothing. Apply preventive skin protection. Wash hands and face after working with substance.

### Personal protective equipment

#### Eye/face protection

Use equipment for eye protection tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or EN 166(EU). Tightly fitting safety goggles

#### Skin protection

This recommendation applies only to the product stated in the safety data sheet, supplied by us and for the designated use. When dissolving in or mixing with other substances and under conditions deviating from those stated in EN 16523-1 please contact the supplier of CE-approved gloves (e.g. KCL GmbH, D-36124 Eichenzell, Internet: [www.kcl.de](http://www.kcl.de)).

Full contact

Material: Nitrile rubber

Minimum layer thickness: 0.11 mm

Break through time: 480 min

Material tested:KCL 741 Dermatril® L

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Splash contact

Material: Nitrile rubber

Minimum layer thickness: 0.11 mm

Break through time: 480 min

Material tested:KCL 741 Dermatril® L

#### Body Protection

protective clothing

#### Control of environmental exposure

Do not let product enter drains.

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## SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties

### 9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties

a) Appearance	Form: crystalline Color: white
b) Odor	No data available
c) Odor Threshold	No data available
d) pH	2.8 at 25 °C (77 °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	No data available
h) Evaporation rate	No data available
i) Flammability (solid, gas)	No data available
j) Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits	No data available
k) Vapor pressure	No data available
l) Vapor density	4.22 - (Air = 1.0)
m) Density	1.26 g/cm <sup>3</sup> at 15 °C (59 °F)
Relative density	No data available
n) Water solubility	No data available
o) Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water	log Pow: 1.88 - Bioaccumulation is not expected.
p) Autoignition temperature	No data available
q) Decomposition temperature	No data available
r) Viscosity	No data available
s) Explosive properties	No data available
t) Oxidizing properties	none

### 9.2 Other safety information

Surface tension	67.5 mN/m at 1g/l at 20 °C (68 °F) - OECD Test Guideline 115
Relative vapor density	4.22 - (Air = 1.0)

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## SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity

### 10.1 Reactivity

The following applies in general to flammable organic substances and mixtures: in correspondingly fine distribution, when whirled up a dust explosion potential may generally be assumed.

### 10.2 Chemical stability

The product is chemically stable under standard ambient conditions (room temperature) .

### 10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions

Risk of ignition or formation of inflammable gases or vapours with:

Fluorine

Exothermic reaction with:

bases

Strong oxidizing agents

Strong bases

nitrites

strong reducing agents

### 10.4 Conditions to avoid

no information available

### 10.5 Incompatible materials

No data available

### 10.6 Hazardous decomposition products

In the event of fire: see section 5

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## SECTION 11: Toxicological information

### 11.1 Information on toxicological effects

#### Acute toxicity

LD50 Oral - Mouse - male and female - 2,250 mg/kg

(OECD Test Guideline 401)

Symptoms: Nausea, Vomiting, Irritation of mucous membranes

LC50 Inhalation - Rat - male and female - 4 h - > 12.2 mg/l - dust/mist

Remarks: (ECHA)

Symptoms: Cough, Possible damages:, mucosal irritations

LD50 Dermal - Rabbit - male and female - > 2,000 mg/kg

Remarks: (ECHA)

#### Skin corrosion/irritation

Skin - Guinea pig

Result: Skin irritation - 3 h

Remarks: (ECHA)

Remarks: (Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008, Annex VI)

#### Serious eye damage/eye irritation

Eyes - Rabbit

Result: Corrosive - 21 Days

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

Remarks: (Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008, Annex VI)

### **Respiratory or skin sensitization**

Local lymph node assay (LLNA) - Mouse

Result: negative

Remarks: (ECHA)

### **Germ cell mutagenicity**

Test Type: Mutagenicity (mammal cell test): chromosome aberration.

Test system: Chinese hamster fibroblasts

Metabolic activation: without metabolic activation

Result: Positive results were obtained in some in vitro tests.

Remarks: (ECHA)

Test Type: Micronucleus test

Test system: mouse lymphoma cells

Metabolic activation: with and without metabolic activation

Method: OECD Test Guideline 487

Result: negative

### **Carcinogenicity**

IARC: No ingredient 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 ingredient 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 on OSHA's list of regulated carcinogens.

### **Reproductive toxicity**

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

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

### **Aspiration hazard**

No data available

## **11.2 Additional Information**

Repeated dose toxicity - Rat - male and female - inhalation (dust/mist/fume) - 28 Days

Repeated dose toxicity - Rabbit - male and female - Dermal - 21 Days - NOAEL (No observed adverse effect level) - > 2,500 mg/kg

RTECS: DG0875000

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



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## SECTION 12: Ecological information

### 12.1 Toxicity

Toxicity to fish	static test LC50 - Lepomis macrochirus - 44.6 mg/l - 96 h (US-EPA)
Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates	static test LC50 - Daphnia magna (Water flea) - > 100 mg/l - 48 h (US-EPA)
Toxicity to algae	static test ErC50 - Pseudokirchneriella subcapitata - > 33.1 mg/l - 72 h (OECD Test Guideline 201)
Toxicity to bacteria	static test IC50 - activated sludge - > 1,000 mg/l - 3 h (OECD Test Guideline 209)  microtox test EC50 - Photobacterium phosphoreum - 17 mg/l - 30 min Remarks: (Lit.)
Toxicity to fish(Chronic toxicity)	semi-static test EC50 - Oncorhynchus mykiss (rainbow trout) - > 120 mg/l - 28 d (OECD Test Guideline 204)
Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates(Chronic toxicity)	semi-static test EC50 - Daphnia magna (Water flea) - > 25 mg/l - 21 d (OECD Test Guideline 211)

### 12.2 Persistence and degradability

Biodegradability	anaerobic - Exposure time 35 d Result: 89.5 % - Biodegradable (OECD Test Guideline 311)
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### 12.3 Bioaccumulative potential

No data available

### 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 Endocrine disrupting properties

No data available

### 12.7 Other adverse effects

No data available

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**SECTION 13: Disposal considerations****13.1 Waste treatment methods****Product**

Waste material must be disposed of in accordance with the national and local regulations. Leave chemicals in original containers. No mixing with other waste. Handle uncleaned containers like the product itself. See [www.retrologistik.com](http://www.retrologistik.com) for processes regarding the return of chemicals and containers, or contact us there if you have further questions.

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**SECTION 14: Transport information****DOT (US)**

UN number: 3077 Class: 9 Packing group: III  
Proper shipping name: Environmentally hazardous substance, solid, n.o.s. (Benzoic acid)  
Reportable Quantity (RQ): 5000 lbs  
Poison Inhalation Hazard: No

**IMDG**

Not dangerous goods

**IATA**

Not dangerous goods

**Further information**

Not classified as dangerous in the meaning of transport regulations.

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**SECTION 15: Regulatory information****SARA 302 Components**

This material does not contain any components with a section 302 EHS TPQ.

**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

**Massachusetts Right To Know Components**

	CAS-No.	Revision Date
Benzoic acid	65-85-0	1993-02-16

**Pennsylvania Right To Know Components**

	CAS-No.	Revision Date
Benzoic acid	65-85-0	1993-02-16

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## SECTION 16: Other information

### Further information

The information is believed to be correct but is not exhaustive and will be used solely as a guideline, which is based on current knowledge of the chemical substance or mixture and is applicable to appropriate safety precautions for the product. It does not represent any guarantee of the properties of the product. Sigma-Aldrich Corporation and its Affiliates shall not be held liable for any damage resulting from handling or from contact with the above product. See [www.sigma-aldrich.com](http://www.sigma-aldrich.com) and/or the reverse side of invoice or packing slip for additional terms and conditions of sale.

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