

MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

1. IDENTIFICATION OF SUBSTANCE/PREPARATION & COMPANY.

Product name: **Basil Oil**

Product code: **1009**

Supplier: Shirley Price Aromatherapy Ltd. 8 Hawley Road, Hinckley, Leicestershire LE10 0PR

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2. COMPOSITION / INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS.

Definition/Botanical Origin: Definition: Essential oil obtained by steam distillation of the flowering tops & leaves of *Ocimum basilicum* Linne (Fam. *Labiatae*).

H. No: 3301.29 CAS No: 8015-73-4 Status: natural

CoE No: 308 FEMA: 2119 (Sweet Basil oil only) Additives: none

FDA: § 182.20 IFRA: not restricted RTECS:

RIFM: monograph EINECS: 283-900-8 FCCIV:

INCI name: Ocimum basilicum (Basil) Oil

3. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION:

Xn Harmful.

4. FIRST-AID MEASURES:

Inhalation: Remove from exposure site to fresh air. Keep at rest. Obtain medical attention.

Eye contact: Rinse immediately with plenty of water for at least 15 mins. Contact a doctor if symptoms persist.

Skin contact: Remove contaminated clothes. Wash thoroughly with soap & water, flush with plenty of water. If irritation persists, seek medical advice.

Ingestion: Rinse mouth out with water. Seek medical advice **immediately**.

Other: When assessing action take Risk & Safety Phrases into account (Section 15)

5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES.

Extinguishing media Use CO₂, Dry Powder or Foam type Extinguishers, spraying extinguishing media to base of flames. Do not use direct water jet on burning material.

Special measures: Avoid vapour inhalation. Keep away from sources of ignition. Do not smoke. Wear positive pressure self-contained breathing apparatus & protective clothing.

Extinguishing procedures: Closed containers may build up pressure when exposed to heat and should be cooled with water spray.

6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES.

Personal precautions: Avoid inhalation & direct contact with skin & eyes. Use individual protective equipment (safety glasses, waterproof-boots, suitable protective clothing) in case of major spillages.

Environment precautions: Keep away from drains, soils, surface & groundwaters.

Cleaning up methods Remove all potential ignition sources. Contain spilled material. Cover for spillages: with an inert or non-combustible inorganic absorbent material, sweep up and remove to an approved disposal container. Observe state, federal & local disposal regulations.

7. HANDLING & STORAGE.

Precautions in handling: Apply good manufacturing practice & industrial hygiene practices, ensuring proper ventilation. Observe good personal hygiene, and do not eat, drink or smoke whilst handling.

Storage conditions: Store in tightly closed original container, in a cool, dry & ventilated area away from heat sources & protected from light. Keep air contact to a minimum.

Fire protection: Keep away from ignition sources & naked flames. Take precautions to avoid static discharges in working area.

8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION.

Respiratory protection: Avoid breathing product vapour. Apply local ventilation where possible.

Ventilation: Ensure good ventilation of working area.

Hand protection: Avoid all skin contact. Use chemically resistant gloves if required.

Eye protection: Use safety glasses.

Work/Hygiene practices: Wash hands with soap & water after handling.

9. PHYSICAL & CHEMICAL PROPERTIES.

Colour: Light yellow

Appearance: Mobile liquid

Odour: Typical basil, reminiscent of aniseed

Flash point °C: 75

Specific gravity at 20°C: 0.905 - 0.955

Refractive index @ 20°C: 1.487 - 1.515

Solubility in vegetable oils: Soluble

Solubility in water: Insoluble

10. STABILITY & REACTIVITY.

Reactivity: It presents no significant reactivity hazards, by itself or in contact with water. Avoid contact with strong acids, alkali or oxidising agents.

Decomposition: Liable to cause smoke & acrid fumes during combustion: carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide & other non-identified organic compounds may be formed.

11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION.

High estragole (>10%) containing Basil oil: acute oral LD₅₀ : 1.4g/Kg *FCT* (1973) **11**, 867: D.L.J Opdyke found basil oil to be non-toxic, but methyl chavicol is known heptacarcinogen: see E.C. Miller et al. *Cancer Res.* **43**, 1124 (1983). For genotoxicity of Basil & Tarragon oils see F. Tateo et al: *J. Essen Oil Record* **1**, 11118 (May-June 1989). (N.B. Basil oils containing high linalol and low estragole contents are the preferred choice of many aromatherapists on reduced toxicity grounds).

12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION.

Biodegradability: Data not available

Precautions: Prevent surface contamination of soil, ground & surface water.

13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS.

Avoid disposing to drainage systems and into the environment. Seek expert advice.

14. TRANSPORT REGULATIONS.

Road (ADR/RID): n/a

Air (IATA) : n/a

Sea (IMDG): n/a

CHIP: See section 15

15. REGULATORY INFORMATION. According to Directive 88/379/EEC

Hazards: Harmful

Symbols: Xn

Risk Phrases: R22: Harmful if swallowed

Safety Phrases: S46 If swallowed seek medical advice immediately and show the container / label

16. OTHER INFORMATION.

Cosmetics Directive 7th Amendment: Restrictions may apply. A source of Eugenol ($\leq 0.5\%$), Limonene ($\leq 1\%$) and Linalool ($\leq 1.1\%$), listed as sensitisers. Check maximum usage levels for skin care products.

PACKAGING:

Type	Suitability
Glass	Yes
Lacquer lined steel/tin	Yes
Aluminium	Yes
HPPE	No
F/HDPE	Yes
Other plastic	No

SHELF LIFE

When stored within advised conditions, re-test after 12 months then at 3 monthly intervals up to a maximum life of 60 months.

Q.C. REQUIREMENTS.

In-line with general product specification. Always satisfy suitability for specific application.

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