

Lemongrass

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MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

ACCORDING TO EC LEGISLATION 91/155/E EC

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1. Identification:

Commercial name: Lemongrass essential oil.
Botanical Nomenclature: Cymbopogon flexuosus.
INCI name: Not available.
CAS number: 8007-02-1.
EINECS CAS number: 91844-92-7
EEC number: 295-161-9.

2. Composition:

Main components: Citral.
Additives (e.g. carriers, preservatives, antioxidants): Nil.

3. Potential Health Hazards:

Inhalation: None identified.
Skin: Concentrated liquid and vapours irritating to skin by prolonged exposure.
Eyes: Irritating to eyes with possible damage.
Ingestion: Harmful if swallowed.

4. First aid:

Inhalation: If discomfort is felt, remove person to a well ventilated area with plenty of fresh air.
Skin: Remove contaminated clothing. Wash affected area with plenty of soap and water.
Eyes: Flush immediately with plenty of cool water for 10 to 20 minutes. Seek medical advice from a Medical Doctor.
Ingestion: Seek immediate medical care.

5. In case of fire:

Extinguishing Media: Foam, Carbon dioxide.
Do not use: Water.
Special precautions: wear breathing apparatus as toxic vapours may be released during fire.

6. Spill and Leak Procedure:

Individual precautions: Eliminate sources of ignition. Keep area well ventilated and isolate the spill.
Environmental protection: Prevent the liquid from entering the drains and sewers.
Cleaning methods: Soak up the spill using inert absorbents. For large spills use pumps.

7. Handling and storage:

Store in a cool, dry and dark place in suitable containers (aluminium cans or lacquer lined steel drums).
Handle in a well ventilated area.
Keep away from sources of heat and ignition.

8. Personal Protection / Exposure control:

Respiratory protection: wear breathing apparatus when working in an area of high vapour concentration.
Skin protection: Use protective gloves. wear protective clothing when possibility exists of contact.
Eye protection: Goggles should be worn.
General precautions: Use good industrial hygiene practise.

Reddish-brown liquid

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9. Physiochemical properties:

Appearance:

Odour:

Neutral

Pungent, warm, heavy with lemon
undertones

pH:

Not available

Boiling point:

72°C

Flash point:

Autoignition Temperature:

Not available

Not available

Explosion Limits:

Vapour pressure (25°C):

Not available

>1 (air=1)

Vapour Density:

Specific Gravity (25°C):

0.889 to 0.911 g/ml

Optical Rotation (25°C):

-3° to + 1°

Refractive Index (25°C):

1.485 to 1.489

Solubility in water (20°):

Negligible

Partition Coefficient log P o/w:

Not available

Evaporation rate:

<1 (Butyl Acetate=1)

10. Stability and Reactivity:

Chemical stability: Stable.

Conditions to avoid: Normally stable. Not reactive with water.

Hazardous Decomposition Products: Not available.

11. Sensitisers:

Citral 90%, Eugenol 0.3%, Geraniol 7%, Citronellol 0.8%, Limonene 4%, Linalool
2%. Total 100%

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12. Toxicological Information:

According to RIFM- Monograph:

Acute Toxicity: Oral LD50: 5 g/kg in rats.
Dermal LD50:

2 g/kg in rabbits.

Irritation:

Tested without irritation at 4%.

Sensitisation:

Tested without sensitisation at 4%.

Phototoxicity:

No phototoxic reaction reported.

13. Ecotoxicological information:

Fish Toxicity: LCO/EC50: Not available.

Bacteriotoxicity: ECO/EC50: Not available.

14. Disposal Method:

Check Federal, State and Local Regulations.

15. Transport Information:

Non-hazardous material transport in suitable containers.

16. Legislation:

Meets IFRA and RIFM guidelines.

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