

## 1. Identification

<b>Product identifier</b>	<b>Benzalkonium Chloride</b>	
<b>Other means of identification</b>		
<b>Catalog number</b>	1050993	
<b>Recommended use</b>	Specified quality tests and assay use only.	
<b>Recommended restrictions</b>	Not for use as a drug. Not for administration to humans or animals.	
<b>Manufacturer/Importer/Supplier/Distributor information</b>		
<b>Manufacturer</b>		
<b>Company name</b>	U. S. Pharmacopeia	
<b>Address</b>	12601 Twinbrook Parkway Rockville MD 20852-1790 United States	
<b>Telephone</b>	RS Technical Services	301-816-8129
<b>Website</b>	www.usp.org	
<b>E-mail</b>	RSTECH@usp.org	
<b>Emergency phone number</b>	CHEMTREC within US & Canada	1-800-424-9300
	CHEMTREC outside US & Canada	+1 703-527-3887

## 2. Hazard(s) identification

<b>Physical hazards</b>	Not classified.	
<b>Health hazards</b>	Skin corrosion/irritation	Category 2
	Serious eye damage/eye irritation	Category 1
<b>Environmental hazards</b>	Not classified.	
<b>OSHA defined hazards</b>	Not classified.	
<b>Label elements</b>		



<b>Signal word</b>	Danger	
<b>Hazard statement</b>	Causes skin irritation. Causes serious eye damage.	
<b>Precautionary statement</b>		
<b>Prevention</b>	Wash thoroughly after handling. Wear eye protection/face protection. Wear protective gloves.	
<b>Response</b>	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. If on skin: Wash with plenty of water. If skin irritation occurs: Get medical advice/attention. Take off contaminated clothing and wash before reuse.	
<b>Storage</b>	Not available.	
<b>Disposal</b>	Not available.	
<b>Hazard(s) not otherwise classified (HNOC)</b>	None known.	
<b>Supplemental information</b>	None.	

## 3. Composition/information on ingredients

### Mixture

Chemical name	Common name and synonyms	CAS number	%
Water		7732-18-5	96
Benzalkonium Chloride	Alkyldimethylbenzylammonium chloride	8001-54-5	4

#### 4. First-aid measures

<b>Inhalation</b>	Move to fresh air. Call a physician if symptoms develop or persist.
<b>Skin contact</b>	Wash off with soap and plenty of water. If skin irritation occurs: Get medical advice/attention. Take off contaminated clothing and wash before reuse.
<b>Eye contact</b>	Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. Call a physician or poison control center immediately.
<b>Ingestion</b>	Rinse mouth. If ingestion of a large amount does occur, call a poison control center immediately.
<b>Most important symptoms/effects, acute and delayed</b>	Skin irritation. Serious eye damage.
<b>Indication of immediate medical attention and special treatment needed</b>	Provide general supportive measures and treat symptomatically.
<b>General information</b>	Remove from exposure. Remove contaminated clothing. For treatment advice, seek guidance from an occupational health physician or other licensed health-care provider familiar with workplace chemical exposures. In the United States, the national poison control center phone number is 1-800-222-1222. If person is not breathing, give artificial respiration. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen if available. Persons developing serious hypersensitivity (anaphylactic) reactions must receive immediate medical attention.

#### 5. Fire-fighting measures

<b>Suitable extinguishing media</b>	Water fog. Foam. Dry chemical powder. Carbon dioxide (CO <sub>2</sub> ).
<b>Unsuitable extinguishing media</b>	Do not use water jet as an extinguisher, as this will spread the fire.
<b>Specific hazards arising from the chemical</b>	No unusual fire or explosion hazards noted.
<b>Special protective equipment and precautions for firefighters</b>	Wear suitable protective equipment.
<b>Fire fighting equipment/instructions</b>	Move containers from fire area if you can do so without risk. As with all fires, evacuate personnel to a safe area. Firefighters should use self-contained breathing equipment and protective clothing.
<b>Specific methods</b>	Use standard firefighting procedures and consider the hazards of other involved materials.
<b>General fire hazards</b>	No unusual fire or explosion hazards noted.

#### 6. Accidental release measures

<b>Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures</b>	Keep unnecessary personnel away. Wear appropriate personal protective equipment. Avoid inhalation of vapors. Do not touch damaged containers or spilled material unless wearing appropriate protective clothing. Ensure adequate ventilation. For personal protection, see section 8 of the SDS.
<b>Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up</b>	Absorb spillage with suitable absorbent material. For waste disposal, see section 13 of the SDS. Clean surface thoroughly to remove residual contamination.
<b>Environmental precautions</b>	Avoid discharge into drains, water courses or onto the ground.

#### 7. Handling and storage

<b>Precautions for safe handling</b>	As a general rule, when handling USP Reference Standards, avoid all contact and inhalation of dust, mists, and/or vapors associated with the material. Clean equipment and work surfaces with suitable detergent or solvent after use. After removing gloves, wash hands and other exposed skin thoroughly. Select and use containment devices and personal protective equipment based on a risk assessment of material potency and exposure potential.
<b>Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities</b>	Store in tight container as defined in the USP-NF. This material should be handled and stored per label instructions to ensure product integrity.

#### 8. Exposure controls/personal protection

<b>Occupational exposure limits</b>	No exposure limits noted for ingredient(s).
<b>Biological limit values</b>	No biological exposure limits noted for the ingredient(s).

<b>Appropriate engineering controls</b>	For laboratory operations, use good technique and limit open handling. Control exposures to below the occupational exposure level (if available). Select and use containment devices and personal protective equipment based on a risk assessment of exposure potential. Cover all containers for solutions and slurries while being transferred.
<b>Individual protection measures, such as personal protective equipment</b>	
<b>Eye/face protection</b>	Wear safety glasses with side shields, chemical splash goggles, or full face shield, if necessary. Base the choice of protection on the job activity and potential for contact with eyes or face. An emergency eye wash station should be available.
<b>Skin protection</b>	
<b>Hand protection</b>	Wear nitrile or other impervious gloves if skin contact is possible. When the material is dissolved or suspended in an organic solvent, wear gloves that provide protection against the solvent.
<b>Other</b>	Wear lab coat. Base the choice of skin protection on the job activity, potential for skin contact and solvents and reagents in use. Do not wear protective garments in common areas (e.g., cafeterias) or out-of-doors.
<b>Respiratory protection</b>	Respirators are generally not required for laboratory operations. Chose respiratory protection appropriate to the task and the level of existing engineering controls.
<b>Thermal hazards</b>	Wear appropriate thermal protective clothing, when necessary.
<b>General hygiene considerations</b>	Handling practices in this SDS are recommendations for laboratory use of reference standards. Procedures for any other uses or quantities should be determined after an appropriate assessment.

## 9. Physical and chemical properties

<b>Appearance</b>	Appearance descriptions are general information and not specific to any USP lot.
<b>Physical state</b>	Liquid.
<b>Form</b>	Liquid.
<b>Color</b>	Clear. Colorless.
<b>Odor</b>	Not available.
<b>Odor threshold</b>	Not available.
<b>pH</b>	Not available.
<b>Melting point/freezing point</b>	Not available.
<b>Initial boiling point and boiling range</b>	Not available.
<b>Flash point</b>	Not available.
<b>Evaporation rate</b>	Not available.
<b>Flammability (solid, gas)</b>	Not applicable.
<b>Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits</b>	
<b>Flammability limit - lower (%)</b>	Not available.
<b>Flammability limit - upper (%)</b>	Not available.
<b>Explosive limit - lower (%)</b>	Not available.
<b>Explosive limit - upper (%)</b>	Not available.
<b>Vapor pressure</b>	Not available.
<b>Vapor density</b>	Not available.
<b>Relative density</b>	Not available.
<b>Solubility(ies)</b>	
<b>Solubility (water)</b>	Not available.
<b>Auto-ignition temperature</b>	Not available.
<b>Decomposition temperature</b>	Not available.
<b>Viscosity</b>	Not available.

## 10. Stability and reactivity

<b>Reactivity</b>	The product is stable and non-reactive under normal conditions of use, storage and transport.
<b>Chemical stability</b>	Material is stable under normal conditions.

<b>Possibility of hazardous reactions</b>	No dangerous reaction known under conditions of normal use.
<b>Conditions to avoid</b>	Contact with incompatible materials.
<b>Incompatible materials</b>	None known.
<b>Hazardous decomposition products</b>	Irritating and/or toxic fumes or gases. Emits toxic fumes under fire conditions.

## 11. Toxicological information

### Information on likely routes of exposure

<b>Inhalation</b>	Knowledge about health hazard is incomplete.
<b>Skin contact</b>	Causes skin irritation.
<b>Eye contact</b>	Causes serious eye damage.
<b>Ingestion</b>	Knowledge about health hazard is incomplete.
<b>Symptoms related to the physical, chemical, and toxicological characteristics</b>	Not available.

### Information on toxicological effects

#### Acute toxicity

Components	Species	Test Results
Benzalkonium Chloride (CAS 8001-54-5)		
<b>Acute</b>		
<b>Dermal</b>		
LD50	Rat	930 mg/kg
<b>Oral</b>		
LD50	Rat	240 mg/kg

**Skin corrosion/irritation** Causes skin irritation.

**Serious eye damage/eye irritation** Causes serious eye damage.

#### Respiratory or skin sensitization

**Respiratory sensitization** Knowledge about health hazard is incomplete.

**Skin sensitization** Knowledge about health hazard is incomplete.

**Germ cell mutagenicity** Knowledge about mutagenicity is incomplete.

#### Mutagenicity

Benzalkonium Chloride

In vitro chromosome aberration: Syrian hamster embryo cells  
Result: Negative.  
In vitro micronucleus assay (human lymphocytes)  
Result: Positive.  
Mutagenicity (Salmonella typhimurium - reverse mutation assay)  
Result: Negative.  
Mutagenicity, B. Subtilis rec-assay.  
Result: Negative.  
Mutagenicity, DNA polymerase assay in E. Coli: Repairable DNA damage.

#### Carcinogenicity

Benzalkonium Chloride

Knowledge about carcinogenicity is incomplete.

Carcinogenicity (life time study), administered dermally: No skin tumors were induced.  
Species: Mouse  
Carcinogenicity (life time study), administered dermally: No skin tumors were induced.  
Species: Rabbit  
Carcinogenicity, administered orally.  
Result: Negative.  
Species: Guinea pig  
Carcinogenicity, administered orally.  
Result: Negative.  
Species: Rat

## IARC Monographs. Overall Evaluation of Carcinogenicity

Not listed.

## OSHA Specifically Regulated Substances (29 CFR 1910.1001-1050)

Not regulated.

## US. National Toxicology Program (NTP) Report on Carcinogens

Not listed.

**Reproductive toxicity** Knowledge about health hazard is incomplete.

### Reproductivity

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100 mg/kg/day Reproductivity / Developmental, No teratogenicity noted. (administered intravaginally during early gestation)

Species: Mouse

50 - 200 mg/kg Reproductivity / Developmental, Embryotoxicity and fetotoxicity at high doses; no teratogenicity. (administered intravaginally)

Species: Rat

**Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure** Knowledge about health hazard is incomplete.

**Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure** Knowledge about health hazard is incomplete.

**Aspiration hazard** Knowledge about health hazard is incomplete.

## 12. Ecological information

### Ecotoxicity

#### Components

#### Species

#### Test Results

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#### Aquatic

Fish

LC50

Guppy (Poecilia reticulata)

1.3 mg/l, 96 hours

**Persistence and degradability** No data is available on the degradability of this product.

**Bioaccumulative potential** No data available.

**Mobility in soil** No data available.

**Other adverse effects** No other adverse environmental effects (e.g. ozone depletion, photochemical ozone creation potential, endocrine disruption, global warming potential) are expected from this component.

## 13. Disposal considerations

**Disposal instructions** Dispose in accordance with all applicable regulations. Under RCRA, it is the responsibility of the user of the product to determine, at the time of disposal, whether the product meets RCRA criteria for hazardous waste.

**Local disposal regulations** Dispose in accordance with all applicable regulations.

**Hazardous waste code** The waste code should be assigned in discussion between the user, the producer and the waste disposal company.

**Waste from residues / unused products** Empty containers or liners may retain some product residues. This material and its container must be disposed of in a safe manner (see: Disposal instructions).

**Contaminated packaging** Since emptied containers may retain product residue, follow label warnings even after container is emptied.

## 14. Transport information

### DOT

Not regulated as dangerous goods.

### IATA

Not regulated as dangerous goods.

**Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL 73/78 and the IBC Code** Not established.

**General information** It is the shipper's responsibility to determine the correct transport classification at the time of shipment.

## 15. Regulatory information

**US federal regulations** This product is a "Hazardous Chemical" as defined by the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard, 29 CFR 1910.1200.

**TSCA Section 12(b) Export Notification (40 CFR 707, Subpt. D)**

Not regulated.

**CERCLA Hazardous Substance List (40 CFR 302.4)**

Not listed.

**SARA 304 Emergency release notification**

Not regulated.

**OSHA Specifically Regulated Substances (29 CFR 1910.1001-1050)**

Not regulated.

**Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA)**

**Hazard categories** Immediate Hazard - Yes  
Delayed Hazard - No  
Fire Hazard - No  
Pressure Hazard - No  
Reactivity Hazard - No

**SARA 302 Extremely hazardous substance**

Not listed.

**SARA 311/312 Hazardous chemical** Yes

**SARA 313 (TRI reporting)**

Not regulated.

**Other federal regulations**

**Clean Air Act (CAA) Section 112 Hazardous Air Pollutants (HAPs) List**

Not regulated.

**Clean Air Act (CAA) Section 112(r) Accidental Release Prevention (40 CFR 68.130)**

Not regulated.

**Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA)** Not regulated.

**US state regulations** California Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (Proposition 65): This material is not known to contain any chemicals currently listed as carcinogens or reproductive toxins.

**International Inventories**

Country(s) or region	Inventory name	On inventory (yes/no)*
Australia	Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances (AICS)	Yes
Canada	Domestic Substances List (DSL)	Yes
Canada	Non-Domestic Substances List (NDSL)	No
China	Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances in China (IECSC)	Yes
Europe	European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances (EINECS)	No
Europe	European List of Notified Chemical Substances (ELINCS)	No
Japan	Inventory of Existing and New Chemical Substances (ENCS)	No
Korea	Existing Chemicals List (ECL)	Yes
New Zealand	New Zealand Inventory	Yes
Philippines	Philippine Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances (PICCS)	Yes
United States & Puerto Rico	Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) Inventory	No

\*A "Yes" indicates that all components of this product comply with the inventory requirements administered by the governing country(s)

A "No" indicates that one or more components of the product are not listed or exempt from listing on the inventory administered by the governing country(s).

## 16. Other information, including date of preparation or last revision

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