



MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

1. Identification of Substance/Preparation & Company

PRODUCT NAME: Birch
PRODUCT CODE: BIRCH
SUPPLIER: Green Valley Aromatherapy Ltd.,
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2. Composition / Information on Ingredients

DEFINITION/BOTANICAL ORIGIN: The volatile oil distilled from the bark of *Betula lenta*.

H-No:	CAS No: 68917-50-0	Status: natural
CoE No: 89n	FEMA: 2154	Additives: none
FDA: §	IFRA: not restricted	Application:
RIFM:	EINECS:	RTECS:
INCI name: <i>Betula lenta</i>		FCCIV:

3. Hazards Identification

Xn Harmful. R22 Harmful if swallowed.

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 minutes. 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 out mouth 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 & ground waters.

CLEAN UP METHODS Remove all potential ignition sources. Contain spilled material. Cover with an inert or

FOR SPILLAGES: non-combustible inorganic absorbent material, sweep up and remove to an approved disposal container. Observe municipal, federal and local disposal regulations.

7. Handling & Storage

PRECAUTIONS IN HANDLING: Apply good manufacturing practice & industrial hygiene practices, ensuring proper ventilation. Observe good personal hygiene. 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: Clear, colourless to slightly yellow liquid

APPEARANCE: Clear mobile liquid

ODOUR: Medicinal

FLASH POINT °C: 96

SPECIFIC GRAVITY @ 20°C: 1.1820 – 1.1870

OPTICAL ROTATION @ 20°C: -8° to +2°

REFRACTIVE INDEX @ 20°C: 1.535 – 1.538

SOLUBILITY IN 75% ETHANOL @ 20°C: 1 + 2

SOLUBILITY IN VEGETABLE OILS: Soluble

SOLUBILITY IN WATER: Insoluble

Typical Analysis by GLC/GCMS:

CONSTITUENT	PERCENTAGE
Methyl salicylate	99.0
Betulene	0.2
Betulinal	0.2

10. Stability & Reactivity

REACTIVITY:	It presents no significant reactivity hazards, by itself or in contact with water. Avoid contact with strong acids, alkali or oxidizing agents.
DECOMPOSITION:	Liable to cause smoke & acrid fumes during combustion: carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide and other non-identified organic compounds may be formed.

11. Toxicological Information

According to RIFM-Monograph:

ACUTE TOXICITY: Oral LD50. 1.7g/kg ; Dermal LD50. 5.0g/kg

IRRITATION: Tested without irritation at 4%

SENSITISATION: Tested without sensitisation at 4%

PHOTOTOXICITY: Reported to be non phototoxic

N.B. above figures refer to rodent tests. Methyl salicylate (93-98% of the oil) is believed to be 4-5 times more toxic to humans.

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/ICAO):	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 this container/label

16. Other Information

PACKAGING:	TYPE	SUITABILITY
	Glass	Yes
	Lacquer lined steel/tin	Yes
	Aluminums	Yes
	HPPE	No
	F/HDPE	Yes
	Other Plastic	No

SHELF LIFE

Minimum 12 months when stored within advised conditions. Re-test after 12 months then every 3 months, up to a maximum of 36 months.

Q.C REQUIREMENTS

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

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