



MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

1. Identification of Substance/Preparation & Company

PRODUCT NAME: Litsea Cubeba (May Chang)
PRODUCT CODE: LITSEA
SUPPLIER: Green Valley Aromatherapy Ltd.,
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2. Composition / Information on Ingredients

DEFINITION/BOTANICAL ORIGIN:	From the steam distillation of fruit of <i>Litsea cubeba</i> C.H. Pearson (Fam. Lauraceae).	
H-No: 3301.29.6	CAS No: 68855-99-2	Status: natural
Rtecs: R17280000	FEMA: 2624	Additives: none
FDA: 182.2	IFRA: not restricted	Application: Aromatherapy, skincare, etc
RIFM:	EINECS:	RTECS: R17280000
INCI name: <i>Litsea cubeba</i>		FCCIV: official

3. Hazards Identification

Xi Irritating to skin. May cause sensitization.

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 FOR SPILLAGES: Remove all potential ignition sources. Contain spilled material. Cover with an inert or 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:	Pale yellow
APPEARANCE:	Mobile liquid
ODOUR:	Fresh, citrus
FLASH POINT °C:	>70
SPECIFIC GRAVITY @ 20°C:	0.8800 – 0.980
OPTICAL ROTATION @ 20°C:	-1° to +10°
REFRACTIVE INDEX @ 20°C:	1.480 – 1.500
SOLUBILITY IN 75% ETHANOL @ 20°C:	
SOLUBILITY IN VEGETABLE OILS:	Soluble
SOLUBILITY IN WATER:	Insoluble

Typical Analysis by GLC/GCMS:

CONSTITUENT	PERCENTAGE
alpha Pinene	1.2
Camphene	0.5
beta Pinene	1.1
Sabinene	1.7
Myrcene	0.6
Limonene	11.7
1,8-Cineole	1.3
6-methyl ept-5-ene-2-one	1.3
Citronellal	0.2
Linalool	2.2
Cis citral	29.8
Trans Citral	41.6
Nerol	0.5
Geraniol	0.9

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

The material has no formal safety testing. The presence of a large proportion of citral could perhaps present a skin sensitization hazard, although the presence of other materials such as limonene may act as a quencher.

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: Irritant
SYMBOLS: Xi
RISK PHRASES: R38: Irritating to skin
R43: May cause sensitization by skin contact.
SAFETY PHRASES: S24: Avoid contact with skin.
S36/37: Wear suitable protective clothing and gloves.

16. Other Information

Cosmetics Directive 7th Amendment: Restrictions may apply. A source of Citral, Geraniol, Citronellol, Limeonene and Linalool, listed as sensitisers. Check maximum usage levels for skin care products.

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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