

# MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

# GOLDEN SEAL / HYDRASTIS TINCTURE

# 1. Identification of substance/preparation & company.

Product Name: Hydrastis canadensis Tincture

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## 2. COMPOSITION / INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS.

Alkaloids hydrastine, berberine and canadine

Carbohydrates starch

Ethanol

## 3. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION:

#### None documented.

Echinacea may interfere with immuno-suppressive therapy.

Pregnancy and Lactation: The safety of echinacea has not been established.

In view of the lack of toxicity data, excessive use of echinacea during pregnancy should be avoided.

## 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: If adverse reaction occurs rinse mouth out with water. Seek medical advice immediately.

#### 5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES.

Extinguishing media recommended: Use CO2, Dry Powder or Foam type of 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 for spillages: Remove all potential ignition sources.

Contain spilled material. Cover with an inert or non-combustible inorganic absorbent material, or sweep up and remove to an approved disposal container.

Observe state, federal & local disposal regulations.

#### 7. HANDLING & STORAGE (BULK PRODUCT ONLY).

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: yellow/green to brown

Appearance: tincture is mobile liquid

Odour: Characteristic

Flavour: Characteristic

Relative density at 150C:

Total Solids:

Ethanol content 45%

Bacteria Content: <105

Fungal Content: <104

Escherichia coli: Absent

Salmonella: Absent

Additional data:

## 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.

Echinacea is currently thought to be non-toxic but some papers have warned of possible interactions with immuno-suppressive drugs.

#### 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.

 $Road\ (ADR/RID): \qquad \qquad Air\ (IATA):$ 

Sea (IMDG): UN 1993:

## 15.REGULATORY INFORMATION.

According to Directive 88/379/EEC

Hazards:

Symbols:

Risk Phrases:

Safety Phrases:

## 16. OTHER INFORMATION.

Conc. % Limits:

PACKAGING:

Type / Suitability

Glass Yes

Lacquer lined steel/tin Yes

Aluminium Yes

HPPE Yes

F/HDPE Yes

Other plastic Yes

#### SHELF-LIFE

Min 36 months when stored within advised conditions.

## Q.C. REQUIREMENTS.

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

## Retest after 36 months.

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