



# 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 *Litsea cubeba* C.H. Pearson (Fam. *Lauraceae*).  
**H-No:** 3301.29.6  
**CoE No:**  
**FDA:** 182.2  
**RIFM:**  
**INCI name:** *Litsea cubeba*

**CAS No:** 68855-99-2  
**FEMA:** 2624  
**IFRA:** not restricted  
**EINECS:**

**Status:** natural  
**Additives:** none  
**Application:** Aromatherapy, skincare, etc  
**RTECS:** R17280000  
**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 CO<sub>2</sub>, 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.

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## 7. Handling & Storage

<b>PRECAUTIONS IN HANDLING:</b>	Apply good manufacturing practice & industrial hygiene practices, ensuring proper ventilation. Observe good personal hygiene. Do not eat, drink or smoke whilst handling.
<b>STORAGE CONDITIONS:</b>	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.
<b>FIRE PROTECTION:</b>	Keep away from ignition sources & naked flames. Take precautions to avoid static discharges in working area.

## 8. Exposure Controls/Personal Protection

<b>RESPIRATORY PROTECTION:</b>	Avoid breathing product vapour. Apply local ventilation where possible.
<b>VENTILATION:</b>	Ensure good ventilation of working area.
<b>HAND PROTECTION:</b>	Avoid all skin contact. Use chemically resistant gloves if required.
<b>EYE PROTECTION:</b>	Use safety glasses.
<b>WORK / HYGIENE PRACTICES:</b>	Wash hands with soap & water after handling.

## 9. Physical & Chemical Properties

<b>COLOUR:</b>	Pale yellow
<b>APPEARANCE:</b>	Mobile liquid
<b>ODOUR:</b>	Fresh, citrus
<b>FLASH POINT °C:</b>	>70
<b>SPECIFIC GRAVITY @ 20°C:</b>	0.870 – 0.980
<b>OPTICAL ROTATION @ 20°C:</b>	-1° to +10°
<b>REFRACTIVE INDEX @ 20°C:</b>	1.480 – 1.500
<b>SOLUBILITY IN 75% ETHANOL @ 20°C:</b>	
<b>SOLUBILITY IN VEGETABLE OILS:</b>	Soluble
<b>SOLUBILITY IN WATER:</b>	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 sensitizers. 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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