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Polysorbate 20

Specification Sheet

Description: Emulsifying agent consisting of laurate esters of sorbitol consisting of the monoester condensed with ethylene oxide (polyoxyethylene-20 sorbitan monostearate). Yellow liquid no or weak odor. Soluble in water, HLB Value: 16.7 (gives oil-in-water emulsions), pH: 5-7 (5-10 % agueous solution).

CAS: 9005-64-5

INCI Name: Polysorbate-20

Benefits:

- Non-ionic emulsifier (enables water and oil to mix)
- Emulsifying efficacy is increased further when combined with cetyl alcohol or sorbitan stearate
- Acts as dispersing agent and anti-static thickener
- Very useful as solubilizer and stabilizer of essential oils.

Use: Can be added to formulas as is, usual concentration 2-10%. For external use only.

Applications: Creams, salves, ointments, protective creams, balms, pomades, lipsticks, mascaras, glosses.

Country of Origin: USA

Raw material source: Sorbitol, vegetable oils

Manufacture: Polysorbate 20 is obtained by esterification of sorbitol with one or three molecules of a fatty

acid including stearic, lauric, oleic, and palmitic acid.

Animal Testing: Not animal tested

GMO: Not tested for GMOs

Vegan: Does not contain animal-derived components