

# Citronella Oil

## Specification Sheet

**Description:** Citronella oil is obtained by the steam distillation of the freshly cut or partially dried grasses of *Cymbopogon winterianus* (Lemongrass). Citronella oil is often used as an insect repellent, but is also useful in soaps, perfumes, aromatherapy, cosmetics and candle making. Fresh lemon-like scent. Yellow to golden brown liquid. Oil-soluble.

**CAS:** 8000-29-1

**INCI Name:** *Cymbopogon Winterianus* (citronella) oil

**Benefits:**

- Widely used in aromatherapy and as insect repellent
- Provides a typical citrus note in fragrances
- Has some anti-microbial effects and can therefore be used in cleansing products

**Use:** Can be added to formulas as is, add to the oil phase or at the end of the formulating process. Use level 1-5%.

**Applications:** Insect repellent products, creams, lotions, ointments, bath oils, soaps, cleansers.

**Country of Origin:** Indonesia

**Raw material source:** Dried grasses of *Cymbopogon winterianus*

**Manufacture:** Obtained by steam distillation of the freshly cut or partially dried grasses of *Cymbopogon winterianus*. This is known as the "Java" type of citronella essential oil.

**Animal Testing:** Not animal tested

**GMO:** Not tested for GMOs, but unlikely to contain GMOs

**Vegan:** Does not contain animal-derived components