

**Evaluation of
Davana oil
for Use as a Cigarette Ingredient**

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INTRODUCTION

Davana oil (CAS # 8016-03-3) is currently used worldwide at levels below **5 ppm** in selected cigarette brands manufactured and/or distributed by Philip Morris International. This document is a review of current published toxicology information on davana oil abstracted from online toxicity databases.

TOXICITY DATA ON UN-BURNED MATERIAL

The following information was generated from the MICROMEDEX database tool <http://csi.micromedex.com> on December 9th 2005, unless otherwise indicated.

Overview

Davana oil is obtained by steam distillation of the herb *Artemisia pallens* grown in south India. It has a sweet tea-like odour reminiscent of dried fruits. The composition of the oil is very complex; its many components are furanoid sesquiterpenes. It is used predominantly for aroma compositions¹.

As a food flavouring additive, the material has been assessed under the provisions of the *Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act, section 201 (s)*, by the Expert Committee of the USA Flavour and Extract manufacturer's Association (FEMA), to be generally recognized as safe (GRAS) under current conditions of use.

This material appears on the list of "Permitted Additives to Tobacco Products in the United Kingdom" (Department of Health, 2003) at a maximum level permitted for inclusion in cigarettes of 0.001 % w/w tobacco.

The following information was generated from the RTECS – Registry of Toxic Effects of Chemical Substances, a database of MICROMEDEX Systems (<http://csi.micromedex.com>) on December 9th 2005.

Health hazard data

Irritation

SKIN - STANDARD DRAIZE TEST

Rabbit

ROUTE: Skin; DOSE: 500 mg/24H; REACTION: Moderate [Food and Cosmetics Toxicology. (London, UK) V.1-19, 1963-81. For publisher information, see FCTOD7. (14,737,1976)]

¹ Ullmann's Encyclopedia of Industrial Chemistry; Copyright © 2002 by Wiley-VCH Verlag GmbH & Co. KGaA.

TOXICITY DATA ON BURNT MATERIAL

Data on the toxicity of davana oil as a cigarette ingredient has been evaluated in a series of studies. The results of these studies may be found in the following references:

E.L. Carmines, 2002, "Evaluation of the Potential Effects of Ingredients Added to Cigarettes. Part I: Cigarette Design, Testing Approach and Review of Results," Food and Chemical Toxicology, 40:77-91. ****PEER REVIEWED****

K. Rustemeier et al, 2002, "Evaluation of the Potential Effects of Ingredients Added to Cigarettes Part II. Chemical Smoke Composition," Food and Chemical Toxicology, 40:93 - 104. ****PEER REVIEWED****

Roemer et al, 2002, "Evaluation of the Potential Effects of Flavor Ingredients Added to Cigarettes. Part 3. In Vitro Genotoxicity and Cytotoxicity," Food and Chemical Toxicology, 40:105-111. ****PEER REVIEWED****

P.M. Vanscheeuwijck et al, 2002, "Toxicological Evaluation of Cigarettes without and with the Addition of Flavor Ingredients to the Tobacco. Part 4. Subchronic Inhalation Toxicity," Food and Chemical Toxicology, 40:113-131. ****PEER REVIEWED****

These studies indicate that the ingredients used in the production of cigarettes do not increase the overall toxicity of cigarette smoke.

CONCLUSION

Cigarette smoking causes lung cancer, heart disease, emphysema and other serious diseases in smokers. Smokers are far more likely to develop serious diseases, like lung cancer, than non-smokers. There is no "safe" cigarette. Government health warnings about smoking apply to all cigarettes, regardless of the ingredients added, including those containing only tobacco and paper.

While Philip Morris International has not conducted human studies on the health effects of ingredients used in cigarette manufacture, studies have been conducted using scientifically accepted in vitro and in vivo toxicity assays with various ingredient mixtures (see Toxicity Data on Burnt Material above). These studies show there is no meaningful difference in the composition or toxicity of smoke when the smoke from cigarettes with added ingredients is compared to the smoke from cigarettes without added ingredients. These findings are supported by similar studies from the published literature. It is our scientific judgement, based on the best available data, that davana oil used in our cigarettes does not increase the overall toxicity of cigarette smoke.