Personal Care
Environmental awareness is vital for human well-being and for the health of our planet. Consumers’ expectations are in flux and the preference for natural and renewable products is creating a new market with strong growth. For the development of personal care products in this segment, Jungbunzlauer transforms nature’s raw materials – by way of clean and authorised processes – into outstanding ingredients and offers natural solutions for personal care formulations.

Functionality is the key to success

New formulations play a vital role in the growth and development of a company. Meeting consumer trends and preferences for natural products is therefore an essential component of a company’s strategy for market success. Jungbunzlauer provides support for developers of the cosmetics industry seeking to expand their brand by supplying them with a broad range of useful bio-based additives. In order to facilitate the selection of our various products, we have organised the brochure according to the functionalities which they perform in personal care products.

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Anti-bacterial and anti-inflammatory

Antimicrobial agents are used to reduce or prevent the growth of microorganisms. However, for sensitive applications like personal care products the possibilities are limited and legal requirements are very strict. It is therefore beneficial to use multifunctional ingredients like lactic acid and lactates, which exhibit anti-bacterial and bacteriostatic properties, respectively, while used at typical levels in cosmetics. Jungbunzlauer’s zinc citrate also has excellent anti-bacterial and anti-inflammatory effects and is therefore used in skin care and particularly in anti-acne products. In shaving products, zinc citrate acts as an astringent to prevent skin irritations and inflammation.

Buffering

Buffering agents are used to adjust and stabilise the pH of cosmetic products. Jungbunzlauer’s citric acid, monosodium citrate, lactic acid, buffered lactic acid, gluconic acid and glucono-delta-lactone – the inner ester of gluconic acid – are used to decrease the pH value of cosmetic formulations when required. Fully neutralised salts – trisodium citrate, tripotassium citrate, sodium lactate, potassium lactate, sodium gluconate, potassium gluconate – stabilise or raise it. Citric acid and citrates have the widest buffering range from pH 2 to 7. Lactic acid, lactates, gluconic acid, glucono-delta-lactone, sodium gluconate and potassium gluconate buffer from pH 3 to 5. As all organic acids and salts are present in the metabolic pathways of our cells they exhibit a high degree of product safety. Buffering is just one technological feature of these typically multifunctional ingredients. When choosing the buffering agent it is therefore important to not only consider the pH of the end product, but also the other functions provided by these organic acids and salts. The use of multifunctional ingredients helps to shorten ingredient lists on the label and to limit costs.

The physical form may also play an important role in certain production processes. Citric acid and citrates, glucono-delta-lactone and sodium gluconate are typically available in dry form – fine powders but also coarser granules for less dusting – with 100% active substance content. Gluconic acid, lactic acid and lactates are available as 50% to 90% solutions in water, depending on the product.

CITROCOAT® N is a special, surface modified form of citric acid. The surface modification protects the citric acid in the granule, thus preventing undesired or premature reactions with other ingredients. For example, it makes effervescent care products like bath bombs less prone to humidity during processing and storage and thus extends product shelf-life. Monosodium citrate and glucono-delta-lactone are technologically interesting ingredients for bath bombs as well. The former is a dry buffered form of citric acid, providing a milder effervescence than the pure acid. The latter is a controlled release acid that prolongs the effervescent effect.
Deodorising

The function of deodorants is to prevent body odour which develops when the originally odourless sweat is decomposed by microorganisms. Jungbunzlauer’s well-known active deodorising agent, CITROFOL® AI, meets all the criteria for a 48 hour deodorising effect. There is no substantial interference with the natural biological processes of the skin and CITROFOL® AI is even safe in cases of excessive or abnormal use. CITROFOL® AI also integrates well in chemical formulations and shows no reaction with other components. Furthermore, repeated usage does not lead to a concentration on the skin. CITROFOL® AI is used in liquid formulations, in aerosol sprays, roll-on sticks, deo sticks and powder sprays.

Zinc citrate’s anti-bacterial properties reduce the growth of those microorganisms responsible for odour – making it a perfect choice for deodorant products.

Exfoliation

The removal of dead cells of the stratum corneum helps to maintain healthy skin. Besides physical removal through abrasive scrubbing or microdermabrasion, exfoliation can be achieved by chemicals – preferably gentle products. Hydroxy-acids like Jungbunzlauer’s organic acids are typically used for this purpose. Citric and lactic acids are alpha-hydroxy-acids (AHA) and gluconic acid, as well as glucono-delta-lactone, are poly-hydroxy-acids (PHA).

Lactic acid is a powerful exfoliant. Its skin cell renewal performance is higher than that of citric acid and malic acid and comparable to that of glycolic acid, yet the L(+) form of lactic acid is less irritating compared to glycolic acid. It is therefore used at levels of 3-10% in exfoliating creams with a pH ≥ 3.5 for regular use at home, but also in significantly higher concentrations in chemical peels applied by aestheticians or dermatologists. Cosmetic grade of lactic acid is available as 90% highly pure solution in water.

Glucono-delta-lactone is a less powerful exfoliant than lactic acid, but it is more gentle to the skin as it is a larger molecule and consequently penetrates the skin more slowly.

Chelation and synergy with antioxidants

The presence of metal ions in raw materials and water or their release from the processing equipment can lead to unwanted reactions in personal care formulations. To prevent problems like rancidity, discoloration, precipitation and degradation of ingredients, Jungbunzlauer offers outstanding natural alternatives to conventional chelating agents made by chemical synthesis.

Citric acid, gluconic acid and their sodium and potassium salts are powerful chelating agents for trace metal ions. Citric acid acts as a synergist for antioxidants. As a chelating agent it reacts with metal ions to form a complex and thus prevents the metal from acting as a catalyst in oxidative reactions. Hence, deterioration due to chemical reactions with oxygen in moisturising creams and lotions may be slowed or even prevented. Sodium gluconate, in particular, has the ability to inactivate iron and copper ions over a wide pH range, thus helping to protect oils and actives in skin care – especially UV filters in sunscreens – and soap and bath products as well as sensitive ingredients in fragrances from discoloration, degradation and rancidity. In many cases it can replace EDTA.
Moisturising and humectancy

Standard moisturisers are frequently produced by chemical synthesis and can thus not be used for natural care. Some of them also confer a sticky texture to skin care products or exhibit other sensorial and technological drawbacks. Jungbunzlauer offers a comprehensive range of moisturisers which can help to overcome these issues. Some of these moisturisers can also be used as humectants in soap bars and wipes.

ERYLITE® is a crystalline form of erythritol which occurs naturally in grapes, melon and fermented foods. Based on a yeast fermentation process it is the only polyalcohol that can be considered natural. ERYLITE® is a premium moisturiser, preventing stickiness in skin care formulations as well as unpleasant odour. It is particularly useful for creams and lotions. Jungbunzlauer has proven in its studies that the use of 3% ERYLITE® can increase the level of skin moisture by up to 27%. These studies further revealed valuable synergies when ERYLITE® is used together with the standard moisturiser glycerine.

Because of their high water holding capacity and skin friendliness as components of the natural moisturising factor (NMF) of the skin, sodium lactate and potassium lactate serve as smooth moisturisers in both leave-on and rinse-off products. Cosmetic grades of Jungbunzlauer sodium lactate and potassium lactate are available as 60% highly pure solutions in water. Clinical tests with a skin cream containing 3% of sodium lactate have shown an increase of the skin hydration by 23% vs. no treatment and by 8% compared to a cream without moisturiser after two weeks of daily application. In vivo tests with a shower gel containing 5% of potassium lactate have shown an increase in skin moisture content by 11% vs. a shower gel without moisturiser when applied daily over a period of two weeks. The tests also confirmed that Jungbunzlauer’s lactates provide a pleasant skin feel compared to glycerine.

Jungbunzlauer sodium gluconate is another crystalline moisturiser, particularly adapted for mass market soap and bath products. Due to its molecular structure with a number of hydroxyl groups, the gluconate molecule is able to bind water. Glucono-delta-lactone is a premium version of this gluconate molecule, with an outstanding active substance content. It is particularly advisable for leave-on products. A skin cream containing 3% of glucono-delta-lactone has been shown to improve the relative skin moisture content by 25% vs. no treatment and by 10% vs. a cream without moisturiser. This is a comparable performance to that of the same cream containing 3% glycerine, but with an improved skin feel.

Last but not least, Jungbunzlauer calcium lactate gluconate, a double calcium salt of lactic acid and gluconic acid and the most soluble organic calcium salt, completes Jungbunzlauer’s range of premium moisturisers. A shower gel with 5% of calcium lactate gluconate has been able to increase the skin moisture content by 13% vs. the same shower gel without moisturiser.

Ultimately, all Jungbunzlauer moisturisers are skin friendly, compatible with each other and with glycerine, permitting formulators to achieve the desired performance, sensorial and technological targets by combining them.
Softening

Emollients are the most versatile key components in many cosmetic products. Emollients contribute to the moisturising, lubricating, protecting, conditioning and softening performance of cosmetic formulations.

As medium spreading oils, CITROFOL® esters not only improve the properties related to emollients, but also ease the emulsification of creams, skin feel and polarity respectively. While formulating cosmetics, product developers can choose between specific CITROFOL® esters to refine several important factors such as naturalness, viscosity, polarity, solubility and spreading values.

Plastification

Commonly plasticisers are added to advance plasticity and fluidity properties of a material. Jungbunzlauer’s CITROFOL® citrate esters are safe, non-volatile plasticisers used to lower the brittleness of polymers in hair styling and conditioning products. Due to their excellent compatibility to a wide variety of polymers they ensure sufficient elasticity, permanence and resistance to humidity for the hair care products.

Our well established CITROFOL® esters are also used in colour cosmetics. Cosmetic nail lacquers enhance the care for finger and toe nails and give them form and colour. For this application our CITROFOL® esters offer multifunctional solutions. Besides their excellent plasticising properties they perform as dispersing aids and diluents, either in nitro-cellulose/solvent-based or in acrylate/water-based formulations.

Solubilisation

Most colour pigments for eye shadows, lip sticks or nail lacquers are solid, expensive and therefore used in low concentrations. Solubilisers help to form a colour mixture, which can be easily dosed and processed to a homogeneous coloured product.

Due to their high solvent efficacy CITROFOL® esters are ideal additives for this application. They exhibit excellent storage stability and, as non-volatile organic compounds (non-VOC), they do not contribute to any environmental emissions.
Thickening and stabilisation

Xanthan gum is a naturally occurring polysaccharide produced by fermentation. Its most important functional property is the ability to control the rheology of water-based systems. Xanthan gum solutions are highly pseudoplastic, which means they combine excellent stabilising properties with easy flow. In rest and at low shear rates xanthan provides very high viscosity and a strong ability to stabilise emulsions and suspensions. When high shear is applied the viscosity drops instantly, which makes xanthan containing products easy to process and apply by mixing, pumping or spraying.

For personal care applications Jungbunzlauer offers a range of special personal care grades that meet the highest quality and purity standards. Special features are the very low microbial plate counts, the absence of amylase and cellulase activity and a high degree of whiteness.

The range includes regular xanthan gum and grades with enhanced functionality like clarity and modified flow behaviour. Transparent personal care products can be made using the special clear solution grades that provide all the stabilising and shear thinning properties of regular xanthan gum without imparting the typical turbidity. Special grades with reduced pseudoplasticity offer less stability and shear thinning and can be used to improve the flow or spreadability of viscous creams and gels.

The personal care grades are available with different particle size distributions, which allows a selection based on the individual blending and mixing processes. While the fine grades blend well with most other ingredients, the coarser, agglomerated grades allow easy dispersion with low mixing efforts.

Conformity to the natural and organic cosmetic standards of ECOCERT and COSMOS

Producers and consumers are increasingly looking for credibility. The inspection of the raw materials by a neutral body on conformity to the natural and organic cosmetic standards meets this expectation. ECOCERT* and COSMOS approvals have been granted for many Jungbunzlauer products. The approvals have classified them as either 100% natural origin or chemically processed agricultural ingredients. Our products are therefore an assurance for all producers seeking ingredients to formulate natural personal care products certified according to the ECOCERT and COSMOS Natural and Organic Cosmetic Standards.

*ECOCERT Greenlife is an independent organisation with a well-recognised standard for natural and organic cosmetics. COSMOS (COSmetic Organic Standard) was developed by several organisations including ECOCERT to define common requirements and definitions for organic and/or natural cosmetics.

Ethical, health or environmental concerns – we take them seriously

A continuously growing number of people choose a vegetarian or vegan lifestyle. Veganism does not stop at the edge of a plate, but covers all articles of daily use including personal care products.

Producers world-wide consequently adapt their range to broaden the offerings of animal-free products. Jungbunzlauer offers naturally sourced ingredients for personal care products which are fully suitable for vegetarians and vegans.

Oral care

Please see our specific folder for Jungbunzlauer ingredients in oral care.
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From nature to ingredients

Jungbunzlauer is one of the world’s leading producers of biodegradable ingredients of natural origin. The Swiss-based, international company’s roots date back to 1867. Today, Jungbunzlauer specialises in citric acid, xanthan gum, gluconates, lactics, specialties, special salts and sweeteners for the food, beverage, pharmaceutical and cosmetic industry as well as for various other industrial applications.

Jungbunzlauer’s products are manufactured utilising fermentation technology, a natural process. All its products can be used, transported and disposed of in a secure and ecologically safe way. The Group operates manufacturing plants in Austria, Canada, France and Germany.

A worldwide network of sales companies and distributors with a thorough understanding of target markets and client requirements underlie Jungbunzlauer’s high level of market and customer proximity. Committed to its rigorous quality standards, Jungbunzlauer guarantees for the excellence and sustainability of its products and services.

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