

FOAMABLE CLEANSING COMPOSITIONS

The invention relates to foamable skin and hand cleansing compositions, especially to those adapted to be used in combination with inverted air pumps for producing a foamed product.

Liquid skin and hand cleansing formulations are generally known in the art. They are conventionally provided in containers that are poured or have pumps to pump the liquid compositions onto the skin to be cleaned. Such liquid soaps often have very good cleaning efficiency.

Formulations which are foamed before being placed on the skin or hands are also generally known in the art. Foams tend to be much easier to spread than the corresponding liquid and in addition there is much less waste due to splashing or run off since the foam has a much higher surface tension than the liquid. One problem associated with foams compared with liquid soaps is they tend to have a lower cleaning efficiency. However, foams have a much higher surface area than unfoamed liquid, so if the cleaning efficiency of the foam can be improved, it is possible to produce foams with the same cleaning power, as obtained with un-foamed liquid, but which require much less of the initial liquid to be used.

A number of cleansing formulations use a combination of oils and emulsifiers to assist in the removal of dirt from the skin or hands to be treated. The Applicant decided to try and produce such an oil based cleansing formulation which is able to be foamed.

Foaming pumps are generally known in the art. They are usually upright, in which the foamable liquid is placed within a container such as a bottle. A pumping unit is attached to the top of the bottle and comprises a dispenser which is pumped downwards towards the bottle and forces air through the liquid to cause foam to be dispensed from the dispenser onto the skin or hands. When the Applicant tried to produce formulations with such upright pumps, they were able to produce suitable foams by the addition of conventional washing additives such as lauramine oxide and betaines.

Inverted pumps are also known in which the foam dispenser is provided at the bottom of a container within a dispenser placed on, for example, the wall of a room. Such dispensers have the advantage that the foamable liquid does not need to be pumped from the bottom of a storage container by a tube extending down to the bottom of the container. This removes a problem associated with such upright containers that, as the liquid is depleted, greater force must be exerted in the pumping procedure in order to

raise the liquid from the bottom of the container during dispensing of the liquid. Inverted foam dispensers are shown in, for example, WO 99/49769 and WO 2014/138958. Such dispensers foam from the base of the dispenser, rather than a top pump foam dispenser. The foaming element and/or pump are typically at the base of a container. Foam is expelled from the base of the dispenser on activating a pump, such as a manually operated pump, to expel a foamable composition through a foaming component or element of the dispenser.

However, when the Applicant tried to use the oil and emulsifier-based cleansing formulations, in combination with conventional washing additives, they found that they were unable to obtain satisfactory quality foam from the inverted dispensers, despite the fact that the same formulations worked with conventional upright dispensers. A wide range of different additives were tried, until the Applicant unexpectedly found a class of additives which allowed a formulation to be produced, which could be used in both inverted and upright foam dispensers.

The solution to this problem was not immediately apparent as formulations comprising the washing additive without the oil were still found to have problems being dispensed from inverted dispensers. It was only when the washing additive was combined with the oil and emulsifier that the problem with the inverted dispenser was resolved.

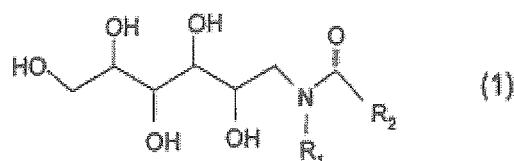
The class of additives used to overcome the problem of using the inverted foam dispensers are known as fatty acid glucamides. These have been previously used in washing and cleaning formulations and in the cosmetics industry as surfactants. There are described generally in EP 1072615 and commercially available from Clariant GmbH, Germany under the trade name Glucotain™. They are typically produced from sugars, such as D-glucose via reaction with methylamine and hydrogenation to open out the structure of the glucose to produce glucamine. This is then reacted with, for example, a fatty acid methylester or triglyceride to produce the glucamide.

Accordingly, the invention provides a foamable skin and hand cleansing composition comprising the following components, in each case based on the total composition of the cleaning composition:

- a) 0.1 to 5% by weight of at least one emulsifier;
- b) 0.5 to 7% by weight of at least one oil;
- c) 0 to 10% by weight of at least one hydrophobic emollient;
- d) 5 to 20% by weight of at least one surfactant used as a soiling remover;
- e) 0.5 to 12% by weight of at least one fatty acid glucamide

- f) 1 to 8% by weight of at least one surfactant used as a foamer
- g) 0 to 1% by weight of at least one preservative
- h) 0 to 1% by weight of a pH modifier
- i) 0 to 10% by weight of one or more auxiliaries or additives
- j) water to make up 100% by weight.

The composition typically comprises 0.7 to 10%, or 1 to 5% by weight of at least one fatty acid glucamide (e). Fatty acid glucamide (e) typically has a general formula:



where:

R^1 = H or a C1 to C4 alkyl, most typically H or -CH₃, especially -CH₃

R^2 = C₆ to C₂₀ linear or branched hydrocarbon residue, most typically C₈ to C₁₈ linear or unbranched hydrocarbon residue. The hydrocarbon residue may be saturated or unsaturated.

Mixtures of the glucoamines may be used. For example, the glucamide may be a mixture of capryloyl/caproyl methyl glucamide; lauroyl/myristoyl methyl glucamide; or cocoyl methyl glucamide. Mixtures of these may also be used, for example, a mixture of cocoyl methyl glucamide and capryloyl/caproyl methyl glucamide may be used. Most typically the glucoamide is cocoyl methyl glucamide comprising fatty acid residues from coconut oil.

The oil (b) may be an alkyl fatty acid ester, most typically an isopropyl fatty acid ester or an ethylhexyl fatty acid ester. The fatty acid moiety of the ester may be a C₆ to C₂₀, such as C₁₂ to C₁₅ saturated or unsaturated fatty acid. These include, for example, saturated fatty acids and include myristic acid, palmitic acid and stearic acid and mixtures of fatty acids such as derived from rape seed oil. Most typically the alkyl moiety comprises 1-5 carbons including methyl, ethyl, propyl, butyl, isopropyl, pentyl or ethylhexyl, or is an alkyl benzoate, such as C₁₂ to C₁₅ alkyl benzoate. More typically the alkyl is isopropyl or ethylhexyl, especially isopropyl. Mixtures of two or more oils may be used. Most typically the oil is isopropyl myristate or a mixture of isopropyl myristate and isopropyl palmitate. Ethylhexyl stearate may be used. The oils are typically substantially

clear oils. The composition may comprise 1 to 5% by weight, or 3 to 5% by weight of the oil(s).

The emulsifier (a) may be selected from those generally known in the art including PEG-18 castor dioleate, polyglycerin 4-caproate, hydrogenated castor oil, PEG-10 glyceryl dioleate and gemini surfactants and mixtures thereof. Gemini surfactants are a family of surfactant molecules possessing more than one hydrophobic tail and hydrophilic head group. Gemini surfactants usually have better surface-active properties than corresponding conventional surfactants of equal chain length. For example, they have the hydrophobic to hydrophilic head groups connected to one another via a spacer. These are described in, for example, a review article by S. K. Hate and S.P. Moulik, *Current Science*, Vol 82(9) (2002) 1101-1111.

Most typically the emulsifier is PEG-18 castor oil dioleate, a Gemini surfactant or PEG 10-dioleate, especially PEG-10 dioleate or a Gemini surfactant.

Other emulsifiers that can be used are glycereth-7 caprylate/caprate (Emanon Ev-E),

The composition may comprise 1 to 5% by weight of emulsifier (a) or 2 to 3 % by weight.

The emollient (c) may be any suitable emollient that is also known as solubilizer known in the art, but is typically PEG-7 glyceryl cocoate. Other suitable emollients include polyglycerine 4 caprate, glycereth-2 cocoate, or PEG-6 caprylic/capric glycerides.

The emollients typically have an HLB value of at least 10 and typically at least 12

They are typically polyol esters such as polyglyceryl partial esters or polyglycerol fatty acid esters particularly preferred according to the invention are, for example, polyglyceryl-3 caprate or polyglyceryl-4 caprate, which are available from Degussa under the names TEGOSOFT® PC31 and TEGOSOFT® PC41.

Polyol esters for the purposes of the present invention are furthermore polyethylene glycol esters, such as, for example, PEG-7 glyceryl cocoate (discussed above), which is available from Croda Chemicals Europe Ltd. under the name Glycerox HE.

The composition typically comprises 8 to 15% by weight on anionic surfactant (d). The anionic surfactant may, for example, be an alkyl sulfate, such as sodium or ammonium lauryl sulfate or alkyl ether sulfate such as sodium laureth sulfate. Other suitable

surfactants include Sodium alpha olefine sulfonate, N-cocoyl glutamic acid sodium salts, alkyl fatty acid isethionates, alkyl hydroxysultaine, alkylamidopropyl betaine, N-cocoyl glycine sodium salt, sulfonated and sulphated castor oils.

2-3% of foamer (f) may be used. Foamers are generally known in the art. This is typically not a silicon-containing foamer as they have been found to change the ability to paint surfaces in the automotive industry. They include, for example, cocoamidopropyl betaine, capryl/capamidopropyl betaine fatty alcohol ether carboxylic acids and carboxylates, alkanol amides and amine oxides, ethoxylated alkyl sulfosuccinates.

Up to 1% by weight of one or more preservatives (g) may be used. These are generally known in the art and include, for example, 1, 2-hexane dial, caprylyl glycol and tropolone. More typically sodium benzoate is used. The pH of the formulation may be adjusted by the addition of more or more pH modifiers, such as citric acid.

0-10% by weight, more typically 2-8% or 3-7% by weight of one or more auxiliaries or additives (i) may be used in the formulation. These are generally known to the person skilled in the art. They may include, for example, consistency regulators, fragrances, thickeners such as polymers, inorganic and organic UV photo protective filters, pigments, antioxidants, plant extracts, stabilisers and humectants. 0-1%, more typically 0-1-0.8% of a fragrance may be used. This improves the smell of the composition. Such fragrances are generally known in the art. .

Typically no additional auxiliaries are added to the formulation.

Water is used to make up the composition to 100% by weight.

Typically the composition comprises 7-20% by total weight of the composition. Washing active substances is the combined weight of the surfactant, alkyl glucamide and foamer. (D, E, F.)

More typically washing additives contain 8-16 or 10-14% by weight washing additives.

The use of the compositions for skin and/or hand washing and methods of using the formulations for compositions for skin and/or hand washing are also provided.

The invention will now be described by way of example only, with reference to the following figure:

Figure 1 shows the mean cleaning efficiencies of two foams made in accordance with the invention (Estesol Foam Pure and Estesol Foam) in comparison with Stephalen™ Flash Foam and Refresh™ Azure Foam, and in comparison with two liquid cleansers; GojoEco Soy™ and Estesol™ Mild Wash.

Foam Production

The formulations described below were tested using upright foam pumps commercially available from Albea (Le Cignac, Gennevilliers, France). The inverted pumps (Optidose) are commercially available wall mounted dispensers obtainable from Deb Limited, United Kingdom.

Cleansing Performance

Cleansing performance was typically carried out using the following method: -----

The test model of the hand washing test with standardised soiling or paint gives information about the cleaning effect of the products to be tested. For relevance in practice, it is necessary that all subjects have a characteristic skin structure on the palms of the hands caused by manual work. Using one product at time, the following test is carried out in the morning and afternoon:

Test Procedure With Water:

0.5g of soiling (model soiling, practice soiling or paint) is distributed on the palm and the back of the hand and rubbed in

Leave to dry for 1 1/2 min

1.2g of cleansing composition are applied and rubbed in

1 ml of water is added and wash for 30 s

Add a further 1 ml of water and wash for 30 s

Rinse under cold running water

Visual assessment of the residual soiling (RS) on the back of the hand and the palm according to the scale, see below.

Test Procedure Without Water:

0.5 g of soiling (model soiling, practice soiling or paint) are distributed on the palm and on the back of the hand and rubbed in

Leave to dry for 1 1/2 min

1.2 g of cleaning composition are applied and rubbed in

Using a cellulose paper, the soiling on the hand surfaces is removed together with the product

Visual assessment of the residual soiling (RS) on the back of the hand and the palm according to the scale, see below.

0=clean 5=no cleaning effect (graduation in steps of 0.5 possible).

The percentage cleaning effect is calculated according to the following formula:

$$\text{cleaning effect [\%]} = \frac{10 - (\overline{RS}_{\text{palm}} + \overline{RS}_{\text{back}})}{10} * 100\%$$

RS_{palm} =mean value of the residual soiling on palms of n measurement series (subjects).

RS_{back} =mean value of the residual soiling on backs of hands of n measurement series (subjects).

Since the deterioration of the cleaning effect has a broader variation range, an absolute deviation of 5% between two measurement series is allowable.

Composition of a suitable model soiling:

Flame soot: 5.42%

Iron oxide (Fe_2O_3): 0.72%

Comparative Example 1

The prior art formulation Sasol number 11574.

Formulation Sasol No. 11574 Mild and Caring Shower Foam		Z1
raw materials	INCI	%
Marlowet CG	PEG-18 Castor Oil Dioleate	1.00
Marlinat 242/90 MC	MIPA Laureth Sulfate (and) Propylen Glycol	12.00
Sunflower Oil	Helianthus Annus Seed Oil	1.00
Cosmacol ELI	C12-13 Alkyl Lactate	0.30
Antil 200	PEG 200 Hydrogenated Glyceryl Palmate (and) PEG-7 Glyceryl Cocoate	0.20
NaCl	Sodium Chloride	2.00
Cocoamidopropyl Betaine (38%active)	Cocoamidopropylbetaine	5.00
Preservative		q.s.
Lactic acid	Lactic acid	q.s.
Perfume	Parfum/ Fragrance	q.s.
D-Panthenol 75 L	Panthenol	q.s.
Water	Water	add to 100
WAS content in %		12.70
Total		100.000
Cleansing Performance		49%
Foam Quality Optidose 7:1 air/product ratio upside down		-
Foam Quality Albea Pump 7:1 air/product ratio bottom up		++

Sasol Formulation 11574 is a mild and caring shower foam composition, comprising oil and is similar to the intended final product the inventors were trying to identify. Using the conventional upright Albea foam, it was possible to foam the formulation. However, the inverted Optidose pump was unable to produce foam.

Comparative Example 2

Formulation Clariant All/4063 Luxurious Foam Essence Facial Cleanser		Z2
raw materials	INCI	%
Genapol LRO liq.	Sodium Laureth Sulfate	14.800
GlucoTain Care	Cocoyl Methyl Glucamide	5.000
GlucoTain Clear	Capryloyl/Caproyl Methyl Glucamide	2.000
NaCl	Sodium Chloride	2.000
Preservative	Sodium Benzoate	q.s.
Citric Acid 50%	Citric Acid	q.s.
Perfume	Parfum/ Fragrance	q.s.
Water	Water	add to 100
WAS content in %		7.99
Total		100.000
Cleansing Performance		55%
Foam Quality Optidose 7:1 air/product ratio upside down		-
Foam Quality Albea Pump 7:1 air/product ratio bottom up		+++

Comparative Examples 2 shows a non-oil based cleanser, containing fatty acid alkyl glucamides. Again, that formulation was able to be foamed using upright foamers, but was unable to produce foams using inverted foaming devices and it has got also not a suitable cleansing performance.

On identifying the problem with using inverted foamers, the Applicant tried a number of different types of additives to try and produce a satisfactory composition that produced foaming in both the uprights and inverted pumps. These included:

Nonionics like Fatty alcohol ethoxylates such as Polyethylene glycol ethers of tridecyl alcohol, which have a good cleaning efficacy but inhibit the foam quality. Various trials with fatty alcohol ethoxylates to stabilise the foam failed.

To improve the foaming in combination with the cleansing properties. The Applicant also tried laureth-6 carboxylic acid and MIPA laureth sulfate. Alkylpolyglucose, disodium laureth sulfosuccinate, laureth-10, sodium cocoamphopropionate and N,N-dimethyl 9-decenamide were tried as alternatives but also failed .

A change from polyethylene glycol ethers to methyl glucamides (such as capryloyl/caproyl methyl glucamide, lauroyl/myristoyl methyl glucamide, cocoyl methyl glucamide) showed at least the beneficial effect while foaming and giving a good cleansing performance.

Raw material	INCI	Aa1 [%]	Bb1 [%]	Bb2 [%]	Bb3 [%]	Cc1 [%]	Cc2 [%]	Dd1 [%]	Dd2 [%]	Dd3 [%]	Ea1 [%]	Ea2 [%]	Ff1 [%]	Ff2 [%]	Ff3 [%]	Gg1 [%]	Gg2 [%]	Gg3 [%]	Hh1 [%]	Hh2 [%]	Hh3 [%]	
Marlowet CG	PEG-18-Cetor Oil Dioleate	2	2	2	2	2	1.6	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	
	Isopropyl Myristate	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	
	Ethylhexyl Stearate	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	
	PEG-7 Glyceryl Cocoate	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	
	Sodium Laureth Sulfate	30	30	30	30	25	32	30	30	30	30	20	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	
Tegocetain 810.35%	Capryl/Caprimodipropyl Betaine	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	
	Trideceth-7	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	3	4	1	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	
	Cocamine Oxide	3	2	1																		
	Hydroxypropylmethyl Cellulose							0.3														
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Stapan Mild USB 25%	Sodium Lauryl Sulfacetate/ Disodium Laureth Sulfosuccinate									1												
	Laureamine Oxide										10											
	Butylene Glycol										3	3	3	7	10							
	PEG-200 Hydrogenated Glyceryl Palmitate, PEG-7 Glyceryl Cocoate															0.5	1	1.5				
	Sucrose Cocoate																		1	2	3	
Chric Acid	Sodium Benzothate	q.s.	q.s.	q.s.	q.s.	q.s.	q.s.	q.s.	q.s.	q.s.	q.s.	q.s.	q.s.	q.s.	q.s.	q.s.	q.s.	q.s.	q.s.	q.s.	q.s.	
	Citric Acid	q.s.	q.s.	q.s.	q.s.	q.s.	q.s.	q.s.	q.s.	q.s.	q.s.	q.s.	q.s.	q.s.	q.s.	q.s.	q.s.	q.s.	q.s.	q.s.	q.s.	
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		14,15	17,15	16,15	15,15	11,00	14,71	14,15	14,15	14,15	13,40	15,50	9,70	14,15	14,15	14,15	14,65	15,15	15,65	15,15	16,15	17,15
	WAS content in %	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Cleansing performance		>75%	>75%	>75%	>75%	>75%	>75%	>75%	>75%	>75%	>75%	>75%	>75%	>75%	>75%	>75%	>75%	>75%	>75%	>75%	>75%	
	Foam Quality Optidose 7.1 air/product ratio upside down	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	Foam Quality Albea Pump 7.1 air/product ratio bottom up	+++	++	++	+++	+++	+++	++	++	++	+++	++	++	++	++	+++	++	+++	++	++	++	

raw materials	INCI	I1 [%]	I2 [%]	I3 [%]	I4 [%]	I5 [%]	J1 [%]	J2 [%]	J3 [%]	J4 [%]	K1 [%]	K2 [%]	L1 [%]	L2 [%]	Mm1 [%]	Mm2 [%]	Mm3 [%]	Mm4 [%]	Nn1 [%]	Nn2 [%]	Nn3 [%]	Op1 [%]	Oo2 [%]	Oo3 [%]	Pp1 [%]	Pp2 [%]	Pp3 [%]
Merilawat CG	PEG-18 Castor Oil Diolate	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Tegobol M	Isopropyl Myristate	2	2	2	5	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Tegobol OS	Ethylhexyl Stearate	2	1			3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Tegobol GC	PEG-7 Glyceryl Cocoate	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7
SLES, preserved 28%	Sodium Laureth Sulfate	30	30	30	30	20	15	20	10	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30
Tego Betain 810 35%	Carbonyl/Capamidopropyl Betaine	6	7	6	5	15	20	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
Trideceth-7	Trideceth-7	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
Tegobol LSE 65 K soft	Sucrose Cococate	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3																	
Protelan LS 9011	Sodium Laureyl Sarcosinate								10	20																	
Elfan AT 84 G	Sodium Cocoyl Isethionate										1.5																
Hostapon SCI 65 C	Sodium Cocoyl Isethionate, Stearic Acid, Sodium Isethionate, Aqua										1.5																
Revotearic AM NSF 40	Sodium Cocamidopropionata												5	2													
Dermofeel Sensoliv	Isopamyl Laurate														1												
Glycerin	Glycerin															0.5	3	5									
Polyglykol 300	PEG-6																		0.5								
Polyglykol 400	PEG-8																			0.5							
Polyglykol 600	PEG-12																				0.5	0.2	3	5			
Propandiol 1,2	Propylene Glycol																								2	5	10
Natriumbenzoat Typ 2	Sodium Benzoate	q.s.	q.s.	q.s.	q.s.	q.s.	q.s.	q.s.	q.s.	q.s.	q.s.	q.s.	q.s.	q.s.	q.s.	q.s.	q.s.	q.s.	q.s.	q.s.	q.s.	q.s.	q.s.	q.s.	q.s.	q.s.	q.s.
Citric Acid	Citric Acid	q.s.	q.s.	q.s.	q.s.	q.s.	q.s.	q.s.	q.s.	q.s.	q.s.	q.s.	q.s.	q.s.	q.s.	q.s.	q.s.	q.s.	q.s.	q.s.	q.s.	q.s.	q.s.	q.s.	q.s.	q.s.	q.s.
Water	Water	add to 100	add to 100	add to 100	add to 100	add to 100	add to 100	add to 100	add to 100	add to 100	add to 100	add to 100	add to 100	add to 100	add to 100	add to 100	add to 100	add to 100	add to 100	add to 100	add to 100	add to 100	add to 100	add to 100	add to 100	add to 100	
WAS content in %		17.50	17.85	18.20	17.15	17.85	18.20	24.35	31.55	15.65	15.65	17.40	14.15	14.15	15.15	14.15	14.15	14.15	14.5	14.5	14.5	14.5	14.5	14.5	14.5	14.5	14.5
Total		100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Cleansing performance		>75%	>75%	>75%	>75%	>75%	>75%	>75%	>75%	>75%	>75%	>75%	>75%	>75%	>75%	>75%	>75%	>75%	>75%	>75%	>75%	>75%	>75%	>75%	>75%	>75%	>75%
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SLES, preserved 28%	Sodium Laureth Sulfate	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	15	30	30	30	30	30	30
Tego Betain 810 35%	Capryl/Capamidopropyl Betaine	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	8	5	20	5	5	5	8	8	8
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Cremor Coore PG 4 Cocoate	Polyglyceryl-4 Cocoate	4															
Marlinat 242/90 M 90%	NIPA Laureth Sulfate, Propylene Glycol		4														
Akypo RLM 45 92%	Laureth-6 Carboxylic Acid			4													
Eucarol Age SS 45%	Disodium alkylpolyglucosulfosuccinate			4													
Lavoral WW hochkonz.	Laureth-10					4											
Rewoteric AM KSF 40	Sodium Cocamphopropionate						5										
Streptosol MET 10 U 97%	N,N-dimethyl 9-decanamide							4	4	4	4						
Tegosoft PC31	Polyglyceryl-3 Caprate									3	3						
Glucos Tain Clear 50%	Capryloyl/Caproyl Methyl Glucamide											4			4	6	
Glucos Tain Flex 35%	Lauroyl/Myristoyl Methyl Glucamide												4				
Glucos Tain Care 40%	Cocoyl Methyl Glucamide																4
Betaine Coco Base 30%	Cocamidopropylbetaine																8
Natrumbenzoat Typ 2	Sodium Benzoate	q.s.	q.s.	q.s.	q.s.	q.s.	q.s.	q.s.	q.s.	q.s.	q.s.	q.s.	q.s.	q.s.	q.s.	q.s.	q.s.
Citric Acid	Citric Acid	q.s.	q.s.	q.s.	q.s.	q.s.	q.s.	q.s.	q.s.	q.s.	q.s.	q.s.	q.s.	q.s.	q.s.	q.s.	q.s.
Water	Water	add to 100	add to 100	add to 100	add to 100	add to 100	add to 100	add to 100	add to 100	add to 100	add to 100	add to 100	add to 100	add to 100	add to 100	add to 100	add to 100
WAS content in %		14,15	13,75	13,83	11,95	14,15	15,15	14,03	15,08	14,03	15,08	12,15	11,55	11,75	14,00	14,20	12,40
Total		100,00	100,00	100,00	100,00	100,00	100,00	100,00	100,00	100,00	100,00	100,00	100,00	100,00	100,00	100,00	100,00
Cleansing performance		>70%	>70%	>70%	>70%	>70%	>70%	>70%	>70%	>70%	>70%	>70%	>70%	>70%	>70%	>70%	>70%
Foam Quality/Optidose 7:1 air/product ratio upside down		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	++	++	++	+++	+++	+++
Foam Quality/Albea Pump 7:1 air/product ratio bottom up		+++	+++	+++	+++	+++	+++	+++	+++	+++	+++	+++	+++	+++	+++	+++	+++

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Results show that combining oils with fatty acid alkyl glucamides produces formulations that may be used in both upright and inverted foaming pumps. Using alternative formulations without alkyl glucamides produces formulations with lower foam quality with inverted pumps.

Figure 1 shows the mean cleaning efficacy of two formulations (Estesol Foam Pure and Estesol Foam) compared to two commercially available foaming compositions and two liquid cleansing compositions. The Estesol foams are both based on Formulation A3. Estesol foam has 0.2% by weight fragrance and 0.001% by weight of dye added with a reduction in the amount of water added.

Stephalen™ Fresh Foam is available from Peter Greven Physiaderm GmbH, Euskirchen, Germany and comprises

Water,
Glycerin,
Sodium laureth sulfate,
PEG-7 glyceryl cocoate,
Cocamidopropyl betaine,
Sodium citrate,
Citric acid,
Sodium benzoate,
Potassium sorbate,
Perfume and
C.I. 42051

Refresh™ Azure Foam is available from Deb Limited, United Kingdom. It contains:

Aqua
Sodium laureth sulfate
Propylene glycol
Glycerin
PEG-7 glyceryl cocoate
Cocamidopropyl betaine
Parfum
Citric acid
2-Bromo-2-nitropropane-1,3-diol
Methylchloroisothiazolinone
Methylisothiazolinone
Magnesium nitrate
Magnesium chloride
CI 42090

Gojo™ Eco Soy™ is a liquid hand cleanser available from Gojo. It is an alcohol based hand cleanser and comprises:

Water

Ethoxylated branched C11-14, C13 rich alcohols

Fatty acids, soya Me esters

Polyoxyethylene tridecyl ether

Ethanol

Propylene glycol

Propan-2-ol

Estesol Mild Wash is available from Deb Limited, United Kingdom and comprises:

Aqua

Sodium Laureth Sulfate

Sodium Chloride

Disodium Laureth Sulfosuccinate

Laureth-2

Sulfated Castor Oil

Glycol Distearate

Steareth-4

Poylquaternium-7

Citric Acid

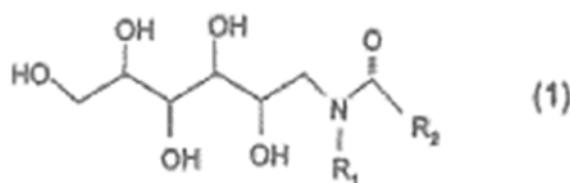
PEG-30 Glyceryl Cocoate

Sodium Benzoate

The figure shows that conventional foam products have lower cleaning efficacy than conventional liquid, unfoamed hand washes. The foaming compositions of the invention produce foams with a cleaning efficiency in excess of the conventional foaming compositions and in excess of or comparable to liquid cleaning compositions.

Claims

1. A foamable skin and hand cleansing composition comprising the following components, in each case based on the total composition of the cleaning composition:
 - a) 0.1 to 5% by weight of at least one emulsifier selected from PEG-18 castor dioleate, polyglycerine 4-caproate, hydrogenated castor oil, PEG-10 glyceryl dioleate, glycereth-7 caprylate/caprate, gemini surfactants and mixtures thereof;
 - b) 0.5 to 7% by weight of at least one oil, especially an alkyl fatty acid ester;
 - c) 0 to 10% by weight of at least one hydrophobic emollient; selected from polyol esters, and typically selected from PEG 7 glyceryl cocoate, polyglycerine 4 caprate, glycereth 2-cocoate, PEG-6 caprylic/capric glycerides, polyglyceryl 3 caprate, polyglyceryl 4-caparate and mixtures thereof;
 - d) 5 to 20% by weight of at least one surfactant used as a soiling remover;
 - e) 0.5 to 12% by weight of at least one fatty acid glucamide;
 - f) 1 to 8% by weight of at least one surfactant used as a foamer;
 - g) 0 to 1% by weight of at least one preservative;
 - h) 0 to 1% by weight of a pH modifier;
 - i) 0 to 10% by weight of one or more auxiliaries or additives;
 - j) water to make up 100% by weight.
2. The composition according to claim 1, comprising 1 to 5.5% fatty acid glucamide (e).
3. The composition according to claims 1 or 2, wherein the at least one fatty acid glucamide has a general formula:



Where:

R_1 = H or a C_1 to C_4 alkyl

R_2 = C_6 to C_{20} linear or branched, saturated or unsaturated hydrocarbon residue.

4. The composition according to claim 3, wherein R_1 is-H or -CH₃, preferably =CH₃.
5. The composition according to claims 3 or 4 wherein R_2 is a C₈ to C₁₈ linear branched or unbranched, saturated or unsaturated hydrocarbon residue.
6. The composition according to claims 1 to 5, wherein the glucamide (e) comprises a mixture selected from capryloyl/caproyl methyl glucamide, lauroyl/myristoyl methyl glucamide; and cocoyl methyl glucamide
7. The composition according to claims 1 to 5, wherein the glucamide (e) is cocoyl methyl glucamide.
8. The composition according to claims 1 to 7, wherein the oil (b) an isopropyl or ethyl hexyl fatty acid ester or alkyl benzoate.
9. The composition according to claim 8, wherein the oil (b) is selected from ethylhexyl stearate, isopropyl myristate, isopropyl palmitate, isopropyl stearate and isopropyl esters of rape seed oil or mixtures thereof.
10. The composition according to claims 1 to 9, wherein the composition comprises 1 to 3% by weight of the oil (b).
11. The composition according to claim 1, wherein the foamer is selected from cocamidopropyl betaine, capryl/capamido propyl betaine, fatty alcohol ether carboxylic acids and carboxylates, alkanol amides, amine oxides and ethoxylated alkyl sulfosuccinates.
12. The composition according to claims 1 to 11, comprising 1 to 3% by weight of the emulsifier (a).
13. The composition according to claims 1 to 12, comprising PEG-7 glyceryl cocoate, polyglyceryl -3-caprate, polyglycerine 4 caprate, glycereth-2 cocoate, or PEG-6 caprylic/capric glycerides as the emollient (c).
14. The composition according to claims 1 to 13, wherein the composition comprises 8 to 15% anionic surfactant (d).
15. The composition according to claims 1 to 14, comprising 2 to 5% by weight of foamer (f).

16. The composition according to claims 1 to 15, wherein washing active substances, surfactant, alkyl glucamide and foamer (d, e, and f) comprise 7-20% of the total weight of the composition.
17. Use of the composition according to claims 1 to 16 for skin and/or hand washing.
18. The use of the composition for skin and/or hand washing according to claim 17, wherein the composition is provided in an inverted foam dispenser.
19. An inverted foam dispenser comprising the composition according to claims 1 to 16.
20. A method of producing a foam, comprising providing the composition according to claims 1 to 16 in an inverted foam dispenser and operating the dispenser to generate the foam.