foaming agent

A surfactant which when present in small amounts facilitates the formation of a foam, or enhances its colloidal stability by inhibiting the coalescence of bubbles.

Source:
PAC, 1972, 31, 577 (Manual of Symbols and Terminology for Physicochemical Quantities and Units, Appendix II: Definitions, Terminology and Symbols in Colloid and Surface Chemistry) on page 612