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# SAFETY DATA SHEET

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# Methyl formate, may contain up to ca 3% methanol

## SECTION 1. IDENTIFICATION OF THE SUBSTANCE/MIXTURE AND OF THE COMPANY/UNDERTAKING

产品说明: 甲酸甲酯, 97%, 含大约 3% 甲醇

Product Description: Methyl formate, may contain up to ca 3% methanol

Cat No.: A15850

Synonyms Formic acid methyl ester; Methyl methanoate

CAS No 107-31-3 Molecular Formula C2 H4 O2

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Recommended Use Laboratory chemicals. Uses advised against No Information available

## **SECTION 2. HAZARD IDENTIFICATION**

Physical StateAppearanceOdorLiquidColorlessOrganic

**Emergency Overview** 

Extremely flammable liquid and vapor. Causes serious eye irritation. May cause respiratory irritation. Harmful if swallowed. May be

harmful in contact with skin. Harmful if inhaled.

#### Classification of the substance or mixture

Flammable liquids.	Category 1
Acute Oral Toxicity	Category 4
Acute Dermal Toxicity	Category 5
Acute Inhalation Toxicity - Vapors	Category 4
Serious Eye Damage/Eye Irritation	Category 2
Specific target organ toxicity - (single exposure)	Category 3

#### **Label Elements**

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## Signal Word

## Danger

#### **Hazard Statements**

- H224 Extremely flammable liquid and vapor
- H313 May be harmful in contact with skin
- H319 Causes serious eye irritation
- H335 May cause respiratory irritation
- H302 + H332 Harmful if swallowed or if inhaled

## **Precautionary Statements**

#### Prevention

- P210 Keep away from heat, hot surfaces, sparks, open flames and other ignition sources. No smoking
- P240 Ground and bond container and receiving equipment
- P241 Use explosion-proof electrical/ ventilating/ lighting equipment
- P243 Take action to prevent static discharges
- P261 Avoid breathing dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray
- P264 Wash face, hands and any exposed skin thoroughly after handling
- P270 Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product
- P271 Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area
- P280 Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection

#### Response

- P311 Call a POISON CENTER or doctor
- P302 + P352 IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water
- P304 + P340 IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing
- P305 + P351 + P338 IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing
- P330 Rinse mouth
- P372 Explosion risk in case of fire
- P374 Fight fire with normal precautions from a reasonable distance
- P380 Evacuate area
- P362 + P364 Take off contaminated clothing and wash it before reuse

## **Storage**

P403 + P233 - Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed

#### Disposal

P501 - Dispose of contents/ container to an approved waste disposal plant

#### **Physical and Chemical Hazards**

Extremely flammable. Vapors may cause flash fire or explosion.

## **Health Hazards**

Causes serious eye irritation. May cause respiratory irritation. Harmful if swallowed. May be harmful in contact with skin. Harmful if inhaled.

#### **Environmental hazards**

Contains no substances known to be hazardous to the environment or not degradable in waste water treatment plants. Will likely be mobile in the environment due to its volatility. The product contains volatile organic compounds (VOC) which will evaporate easily from all surfaces.

Toxic to terrestrial vertebrates. This product does not contain any known or suspected endocrine disruptors.

## **SECTION 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS**

Component	CAS No	Weight %
Methyl formate	107-31-3	>97
Methyl alcohol	67-56-1	<3

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## **SECTION 4. FIRST AID MEASURES**

#### **General Advice**

If symptoms persist, call a physician.

#### Eye Contact

Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids, for at least 15 minutes. Get medical attention.

#### Skin Contact

Wash off immediately with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Get medical attention.

#### Inhalation

Remove to fresh air. Do not use mouth-to-mouth method if victim ingested or inhaled the substance; give artificial respiration with the aid of a pocket mask equipped with a one-way valve or other proper respiratory medical device. Immediate medical attention is required. If not breathing, give artificial respiration.

#### Ingestion

Do NOT induce vomiting. Get medical attention.

#### Most important symptoms and effects

Difficulty in breathing. Inhalation of high vapor concentrations may cause symptoms like headache, dizziness, tiredness, nausea and vomiting

#### Self-Protection of the First Aider

Use personal protective equipment as required.

#### **Notes to Physician**

Treat symptomatically. Symptoms may be delayed.

## **SECTION 5. FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES**

#### **Suitable Extinguishing Media**

Water spray, carbon dioxide (CO2), dry chemical, alcohol-resistant foam. Water mist may be used to cool closed containers.

## Extinguishing media which must not be used for safety reasons

No information available.

#### **Specific Hazards Arising from the Chemical**

Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating gases and vapors. Extremely flammable. Containers may explode when heated. Vapors may form explosive mixtures with air. Vapors may travel to source of ignition and flash back.

## **Protective Equipment and Precautions for Firefighters**

As in any fire, wear self-contained breathing apparatus pressure-demand, MSHA/NIOSH (approved or equivalent) and full protective gear.

## **SECTION 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES**

#### **Personal Precautions**

Use personal protective equipment as required. Ensure adequate ventilation. Remove all sources of ignition. Take precautionary measures against static discharges.

#### **Environmental Precautions**

Should not be released into the environment. Do not flush into surface water or sanitary sewer system.

## Methods for Containment and Clean Up

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Soak up with inert absorbent material. Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal. Remove all sources of ignition. Use

soak up with inert absorbent material. Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal. Remove all sources of ignition. Use spark-proof tools and explosion-proof equipment.

Refer to protective measures listed in Sections 8 and 13.

## **SECTION 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE**

## Handling

Ensure adequate ventilation. Wear personal protective equipment/face protection. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Avoid ingestion and inhalation. Keep away from open flames, hot surfaces and sources of ignition. Use spark-proof tools and explosion-proof equipment. Use only non-sparking tools. To avoid ignition of vapors by static electricity discharge, all metal parts of the equipment must be grounded. Take precautionary measures against static discharges.

#### Storage

Flammables area. Keep container tightly closed in a dry and well-ventilated place. Keep away from heat, sparks and flame.

## Specific Use(s)

Use in laboratories

## **SECTION 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION**

#### **Control Parameters**

Component	China	Taiwan	Thailand	Hong Kong
Methyl formate	-	TWA: 100 ppm	TWA: 100 ppm	-
-		TWA: 246 mg/m <sup>3</sup>		
Methyl alcohol	TWA: 25 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	TWA: 200 ppm		TWA: 200 ppm
	STEL: 50 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	TWA: 262 mg/m <sup>3</sup>		TWA: 262 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
	Skin			STEL: 250 ppm
				STEL: 328 mg/m <sup>3</sup>

Component	ACGIH TLV	OSHA PEL	NIOSH	The United Kingdom	European Union
Methyl formate	TWA: 50 ppm STEL: 100 ppm Skin	(Vacated) TWA: 100 ppm (Vacated) TWA: 250 mg/m³ (Vacated) STEL: 150 ppm (Vacated) STEL: 375 mg/m³ TWA: 100 ppm TWA: 250 mg/m³	IDLH: 4500 ppm TWA: 100 ppm TWA: 250 mg/m <sup>3</sup> STEL: 150 ppm STEL: 375 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	STEL: 100 ppm 15 min STEL: 250 mg/m³ 15 min TWA: 50 ppm 8 hr TWA: 125 mg/m³ 8 hr Skin	TWA: 125 mg/m³ (8h) TWA: 50 ppm (8h) STEL: 250 mg/m³ (15min) STEL: 100 ppm (15min) Skin
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## Legend

ACGIH - American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists

OSHA - Occupational Safety and Health Administration

NIOSH: NIOSH - National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health

## Monitoring methods

BS EN 14042:2003 Title Identifier: Workplace atmospheres. Guide for the application and use of procedures for the assessment of exposure to chemical and biological agents. MDHS70 General methods for sampling airborne gases and vapours MDHS 88 Volatile organic compounds in air. Laboratory method using diffusive samplers, solvent desorption and gas chromatography MDHS 96 Volatile organic compounds in air - Laboratory method using pumped solid sorbent tubes, solvent desorption and gas

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chromatography

#### **Exposure Controls**

#### **Engineering Measures**

Use only under a chemical fume hood. Ensure that eyewash stations and safety showers are close to the workstation location. Use explosion-proof electrical/ventilating/lighting equipment. Ensure adequate ventilation, especially in confined areas. Wherever possible, engineering control measures such as the isolation or enclosure of the process, the introduction of process or equipment changes to minimise release or contact, and the use of properly designed ventilation systems, should be adopted to control hazardous materials at source.

#### Personal protective equipment

**Eye Protection** Goggles (European standard - EN 166)

Hand Protection Protective gloves

Glove material	Breakthrough time	Glove thickness	EU standard	Glove comments
Butyl rubber	> 30 minutes	0.7 mm	Level 2	As tested under EN374-3 Determination of
Viton (R)				Resistance to Permeation by Chemicals

Inspect gloves before use.

Please observe the instructions regarding permeability and breakthrough time which are provided by the supplier of the gloves. (Refer to manufacturer/supplier for information)

Ensure gloves are suitable for the task: Chemical compatability, Dexterity, Operational conditions, User susceptibility, e.g. sensitisation effects, also take into consideration the specific local conditions under which the product is used, such as the danger of cuts, abrasion.

Remove gloves with care avoiding skin contamination.

Skin and body protection Long sleeved clothing

**Respiratory Protection** When workers are facing concentrations above the exposure limit they must use

appropriate certified respirators.

To protect the wearer, respiratory protective equipment must be the correct fit and be used

and maintained properly

Large scale/emergency use Use a NIOSH/MSHA or European Standard EN 136 approved respirator if exposure limits

are exceeded or if irritation or other symptoms are experienced

**Recommended Filter type:** low boiling organic solvent Type AX Brown conforming to

EN371

Small scale/Laboratory use Use a NIOSH/MSHA or European Standard EN 149:2001 approved respirator if exposure

limits are exceeded or if irritation or other symptoms are experienced.

Recommended half mask:- Valve filtering: EN405; or; Half mask: EN140; plus filter, EN

141

When RPE is used a face piece Fit Test should be conducted

**Hygiene Measures** Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.

**Environmental exposure controls** Prevent product from entering drains. Do not allow material to contaminate ground water

system. Local authorities should be advised if significant spillages cannot be contained.

(20%)

## **SECTION 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES**

AppearanceColorlessPhysical StateLiquid

**Odor** Organic

Odor Threshold No data available

pH 4-5 @ 20°C

Melting Point/Range -100 °C / -148 °F Softening Point No data available

Boiling Point/Range 31 - 33 °C / 88 - 91 °F

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Flash Point -32 °C / -25 °F Method - No information available

Evaporation Rate No data available Flammability (solid,gas) Not applicable

Explosion Limits

Lower 5 vol%
Upper 23 vol%

Vapor Pressure 644 mbar @ 20 °C Vapor Density 2.07

Specific Gravity / Density 0.968
Bulk Density Not applicable

Water Solubility 300 g/l (20°C)

Solubility in other solvents No information available

Partition Coefficient (n-octanol/water)

Componentlog PowMethyl formate-0.21Methyl alcohol-0.74

Autoignition Temperature 440 °C / 824 °F Decomposition Temperature No data available 0.35 mPa.s at 20 °C

Explosive Properties

Oxidizing Properties No information available

Molecular FormulaC2 H4 O2Molecular Weight60.05

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Vapors may form explosive mixtures with air

Liquid

(Air = 1.0)

Liquid

## **SECTION 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY**

**Stability** Stable under normal conditions.

**Hazardous Reactions**None under normal processing.

Hazardous Polymerization Hazardous polymerization does not occur.

Conditions to Avoid Incompatible products. Excess heat. Keep away from open flames, hot surfaces and

sources of ignition.

Materials to avoid Strong oxidizing agents. .

Hazardous Decomposition Products Carbon monoxide (CO). Carbon dioxide (CO2). Methanol.

## **SECTION 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

#### **Product Information**

(a) acute toxicity;

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Component	LD50 Oral	LD50 Dermal	LC50 Inhalation
Methyl formate	LD50 = 475 mg/kg (Rat)	LD50 > 5 g/kg(Rabbit)	LC50 > 21 mg/L (Rat) 4 h
Methyl alcohol	LD50 = 1187 - 2769  mg/kg (Rat)	LD50 = 17100 mg/kg ( Rabbit )	LC50 = 128.2 mg/L ( Rat ) 4 h

**(b) skin corrosion/irritation**; Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

(c) serious eye damage/irritation; Category 2

(d) respiratory or skin sensitization;

**Respiratory**Skin
Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met
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Component	Test method	Test species	Study result

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Methyl alcohol	OECD Test Guideline 406	guinea pig	non-sensitising
67-56-1 ( <3 )	Guinea Pig Maximisation Test		
` '	(GPMT)		

(e) germ cell mutagenicity; Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met (f) carcinogenicity;

There are no known carcinogenic chemicals in this product

(a) reproductive toxicity: Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

Component	Test method	Test species / Duration	Study result
Methyl alcohol	OECD Test Guideline 416	Rat / Inhalation 2 Generation	NOAEC = 1.3 mg/l (air)
67-56-1 ( <3 )			

(h) STOT-single exposure; Category 2

Respiratory system Results / Target organs

Optic nerve

Central nervous system (CNS)

(i) STOT-repeated exposure; Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

**Target Organs** None known.

(j) aspiration hazard; Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

delayed

Symptoms / effects,both acute and Inhalation of high vapor concentrations may cause symptoms like headache, dizziness, tiredness, nausea and vomiting

# **SECTION 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

Do not empty into drains. **Ecotoxicity effects** 

Component	Freshwater Fish	Water Flea	Freshwater Algae	Microtox
Methyl formate		EC50: > 500 mg/L, 48h	EC50: = 240 mg/L, 72h	EC50 > 10000 mg/L 17
		(Daphnia magna)	(Desmodesmus	h
			subspicatus)	
			EC50: = 190 mg/L, 96h (Desmodesmus	
			subspicatus)	
			subspicatus)	
Methyl alcohol	Pimephales promelas:	EC50 > 10000 mg/L 24h		EC50 = 39000 mg/L 25
,	LC50 > 10000 mg/L 96h			min
				EC50 = 40000 mg/L 15
				min
				EC50 = 43000 mg/L 5
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Persistence and Degradability Readily biodegradable

**Persistence** Persistence is unlikely, based on information available.

	Component	Degradability
Methyl alcohol		DT50 ~ 17.2d
	67-56-1 ( <3 )	>94% after 20d

**Bioaccumulative Potential** Bioaccumulation is unlikely

Component	log Pow	Bioconcentration factor (BCF)

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Methyl formate	-0.21	No data available
Methyl alcohol	-0.74	<10 dimensionless

Mobility in soil The product contains volatile organic compounds (VOC) which will evaporate easily from all

surfaces Will likely be mobile in the environment due to its volatility Disperses rapidly in air

Endocrine Disruptor Information Persistent Organic Pollutant Ozone Depletion Potential This product does not contain any known or suspected endocrine disruptors

This product does not contain any known or suspected substance This product does not contain any known or suspected substance

## **SECTION 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS**

Waste from Residues/Unused

**Products** 

Waste is classified as hazardous. Dispose of in accordance with the European Directives

on waste and hazardous waste. Dispose of in accordance with local regulations.

**Contaminated Packaging** Dispose of this container to hazardous or special waste collection point. Empty containers

retain product residue, (liquid and/or vapor), and can be dangerous. Keep product and

empty container away from heat and sources of ignition.

Other Information Do not flush to sewer. Waste codes should be assigned by the user based on the

application for which the product was used. Can be landfilled or incinerated, when in

compliance with local regulations.

## **SECTION 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION**

## Road and Rail Transport

UN-No UN1243

Proper Shipping Name Methyl formate

Hazard Class 3 Packing Group 1

IMDG/IMO

UN-No UN1243

Proper Shipping Name Methyl formate

Hazard Class 3
Packing Group

<u>IATA</u>

UN-No UN1243

Proper Shipping Name Methyl formate

Hazard Class 3 Packing Group 1

Special Precautions for User No special precautions required

# **SECTION 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION**

#### International Inventories

X = listed, China (IECSC), Europe (EINECS/ELINCS/NLP), U.S.A. (TSCA), Canada (DSL/NDSL), Philippines (PICCS), Japan (ENCS), Japan (ISHL), Australia (AICS), Korea (KECL).

Component	The	List of	TCSI	IECSC	EINECS	TSCA	DSL	PICCS	<b>ENCS</b>	ISHL	AICS	KECL
	Inventory of	dangerous										
	Hazardous	goods GB										
	Chemicals	12268 -										

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	(2015 Edition)	2012										
Methyl formate	Х	X	X	Х	203-481-7	Χ	Х	Х	Х	Х	Χ	KE-17243
Methyl alcohol	X	X	Х	Х	200-659-6	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	KE-23193

Component	Seveso III Directive (2012/18/EC) - Qualifying Quantities for Major Accident Notification	Seveso III Directive (2012/18/EC) - Qualifying Quantities for Safety Report Requirements
Methyl alcohol	500 tonne	5000 tonne

#### **National Regulations**

## **SECTION 16. OTHER INFORMATION**

**Prepared By** Health, Safety and Environmental Department

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**Revision Summary** New emergency telephone response service provider.

**Training Advice** 

Chemical hazard awareness training, incorporating labelling, Safety Data Sheets (SDS), Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and hygiene.

Use of personal protective equipment, covering appropriate selection, compatibility, breakthrough thresholds, care, maintenance, fit and standards.

First aid for chemical exposure, including the use of eye wash and safety showers.

Chemical incident response training.

Fire prevention and fighting, identifying hazards and risks, static electricity, explosive atmospheres posed by vapours and dusts.

## Legend

**CAS** - Chemical Abstracts Service

TSCA - United States Toxic Substances Control Act Section 8(b) Inventory

EINECS/ELINCS - European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical DSL/NDSL - Canadian Domestic Substances List/Non-Domestic Substances/EU List of Notified Chemical Substances

PICCS - Philippines Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances

IECSC - Chinese Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances **KECL** - Korean Existing and Evaluated Chemical Substances Substances List **ENCS** - Japanese Existing and New Chemical Substances

AICS - Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances NZIoC - New Zealand Inventory of Chemicals

WEL - Workplace Exposure Limit

ACGIH - American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists

**DNEL** - Derived No Effect Level

RPE - Respiratory Protective Equipment LC50 - Lethal Concentration 50%

NOEC - No Observed Effect Concentration PBT - Persistent, Bioaccumulative, Toxic

TWA - Time Weighted Average

IARC - International Agency for Research on Cancer

PNEC - Predicted No Effect Concentration

LD50 - Lethal Dose 50%

EC50 - Effective Concentration 50% POW - Partition coefficient Octanol:Water vPvB - very Persistent, very Bioaccumulative

ICAO/IATA - International Civil Aviation Organization/International Air **Transport Association** 

ADR - European Agreement Concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road

**OECD** - Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development

**BCF** - Bioconcentration factor

IMO/IMDG - International Maritime Organization/International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code

MARPOL - International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships

ATE - Acute Toxicity Estimate VOC - (Volatile Organic Compound)

#### Key literature references and sources for data

https://echa.europa.eu/information-on-chemicals

Suppliers safety data sheet, Chemadvisor - LOLI, Merck index, RTECS

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