

**SAFETY DATA SHEET**

according to Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006

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GENERIC EU MSDS - NO COUNTRY SPECIFIC DATA - NO OEL DATA

**SECTION 1: Identification of the substance/mixture and of the company/undertaking****1.1 Product identifiers**

Product name : Methyl formate

Product Number : 291056

Brand : Sigma-Aldrich

Index-No. : 607-014-00-1

REACH No. : A registration number is not available for this substance as the substance or its uses are exempted from registration, the annual tonnage does not require a registration or the registration is envisaged for a later registration deadline.

CAS-No. : 107-31-3

**1.2 Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against**

Identified uses : Laboratory chemicals, Manufacture of substances

**1.3 Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet**

Company :

**1.4 Emergency telephone**

Emergency Phone # : +(44)-870-8200418 (CHEMTREC (GB))  
+(353)-19014670 (CHEMTREC Ireland)  
001-803-017-9114 (CHEMTREC India)

**SECTION 2: Hazards identification****2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture****Classification according to Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008**

Flammable liquids (Category 1), H224

Acute toxicity, Oral (Category 3), H301

Acute toxicity, Inhalation (Category 3), H331

Acute toxicity, Dermal (Category 3), H311

Eye irritation (Category 2), H319

Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure (Category 1), H370

Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure (Category 3), Respiratory system, H335

For the full text of the H-Statements mentioned in this Section, see Section 16.

**2.2 Label elements****Labelling according Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008**

Pictogram



Signal Word

Danger

Hazard statement(s)

H224

Extremely flammable liquid and vapor.

H301 + H311 + H331

Toxic if swallowed, in contact with skin or if inhaled.

H319

Causes serious eye irritation.

H335

May cause respiratory irritation.

H370

Causes damage to organs.

Precautionary statement(s)

P210

Keep away from heat, hot surfaces, sparks, open flames and other ignition sources. No smoking.

P233

Keep container tightly closed.

P280

Wear protective gloves/ protective clothing/ eye protection/ face protection.

P301 + P310

IF SWALLOWED: Immediately call a POISON CENTER/ doctor.

P303 + P361 + P353

IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water.

P403 + P233

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

Supplemental Hazard Statements

none

### Reduced Labeling (<= 125 ml)

Pictogram



Signal Word

Danger

Hazard statement(s)

H224

Extremely flammable liquid and vapor.

H370

Causes damage to organs.

H301 + H311 + H331

Toxic if swallowed, in contact with skin or if inhaled.

Precautionary statement(s)

P210

Keep away from heat, hot surfaces, sparks, open flames and other ignition sources. No smoking.

P233

Keep container tightly closed.

P280

Wear protective gloves/ protective clothing/ eye protection/ face protection.

P301 + P310

IF SWALLOWED: Immediately call a POISON CENTER/ doctor.

P303 + P361 + P353

IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water.

P403 + P233

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

Supplemental Hazard Statements

none

## 2.3 Other hazards

This substance/mixture contains no components considered to be either persistent, bioaccumulative and toxic (PBT), or very persistent and very bioaccumulative (vPvB) at levels of 0.1% or higher.



## SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients

### 3.1 Substances

Synonyms : Formic acid methyl ester

Formula : C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>O<sub>2</sub>  
Molecular weight : 60.05 g/mol  
CAS-No. : 107-31-3  
EC-No. : 203-481-7  
Index-No. : 607-014-00-1

Component		Classification	Concentration
<b>methyl formate</b>			
CAS-No.	107-31-3	Flam. Liq. 1; Acute Tox. 3; Eye Irrit. 2; STOT SE 1; STOT SE 3; H224, H301, H331, H311, H319, H370, H335	<= 100 %
EC-No.	203-481-7		
Index-No.	607-014-00-1		

For the full text of the H-Statements mentioned in this Section, see Section 16.

## SECTION 4: First aid measures

### 4.1 Description of first-aid measures

#### General advice

First aiders need to protect themselves. Show this material safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance.

#### If inhaled

After inhalation: fresh air. Immediately call in physician. If breathing stops: immediately apply artificial respiration, if necessary also oxygen.

#### In case of skin contact

In case of skin contact: Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/ shower. Call a physician immediately.

#### In case of eye contact

After eye contact: rinse out with plenty of water. Call in ophthalmologist. Remove contact lenses.

#### If swallowed

If swallowed: give water to drink (two glasses at most). Seek medical advice immediately. In exceptional cases only, if medical care is not available within one hour, induce vomiting (only in persons who are wide awake and fully conscious), administer activated charcoal (20 - 40 g in a 10% slurry) and consult a doctor as quickly as possible.

### 4.2 Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed

The most important known symptoms and effects are described in the labelling (see section 2.2) and/or in section 11

### 4.3 Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

No data available



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## SECTION 5: Firefighting measures

### 5.1 Extinguishing media

#### **Suitable extinguishing media**

Water Foam Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) Dry powder

#### **Unsuitable extinguishing media**

For this substance/mixture no limitations of extinguishing agents are given.

### 5.2 Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture

Carbon oxides

Combustible.

Pay attention to flashback.

Vapors are heavier than air and may spread along floors.

Development of hazardous combustion gases or vapours possible in the event of fire.

Forms explosive mixtures with air at ambient temperatures.

### 5.3 Advice for firefighters

Stay in danger area only with self-contained breathing apparatus. Prevent skin contact by keeping a safe distance or by wearing suitable protective clothing.

### 5.4 Further information

Remove container from danger zone and cool with water. Prevent fire extinguishing water from contaminating surface water or the ground water system.

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## SECTION 6: Accidental release measures

### 6.1 Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

Advice for non-emergency personnel: Do not breathe vapors, aerosols. Avoid substance contact. Ensure adequate ventilation. Keep away from heat and sources of ignition. Evacuate the danger area, observe emergency procedures, consult an expert. For personal protection see section 8.

### 6.2 Environmental precautions

Do not let product enter drains. Risk of explosion.

### 6.3 Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up

Cover drains. Collect, bind, and pump off spills. Observe possible material restrictions (see sections 7 and 10). Take up carefully with liquid-absorbent material (e.g. Chemizorb®). Dispose of properly. Clean up affected area.

### 6.4 Reference to other sections

For disposal see section 13.

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## SECTION 7: Handling and storage

### 7.1 Precautions for safe handling

#### **Advice on safe handling**

Work under hood. Do not inhale substance/mixture. Avoid generation of vapours/aerosols.

#### **Advice on protection against fire and explosion**

Keep away from open flames, hot surfaces and sources of ignition. Take precautionary measures against static discharge.

#### **Hygiene measures**

Immediately change contaminated clothing. Apply preventive skin protection. Wash hands and face after working with substance.



For precautions see section 2.2.

## **7.2 Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities**

### **Storage conditions**

Keep container tightly closed in a dry and well-ventilated place. Keep away from heat and sources of ignition. Keep locked up or in an area accessible only to qualified or authorized persons.

Over time, pressure may increase causing containers to burst Refrigerate before opening.

### **Storage class**

Storage class (TRGS 510): 3: Flammable liquids

## **7.3 Specific end use(s)**

Apart from the uses mentioned in section 1.2 no other specific uses are stipulated

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## **SECTION 8: Exposure controls/personal protection**

### **8.1 Control parameters**

#### **Ingredients with workplace control parameters**

### **8.2 Exposure controls**

#### **Personal protective equipment**

##### **Eye/face protection**

Use equipment for eye protection tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or EN 166(EU). Safety glasses

##### **Skin protection**

required

##### **Body Protection**

Flame retardant antistatic protective clothing.

##### **Respiratory protection**

required when vapours/aerosols are generated.

Our recommendations on filtering respiratory protection are based on the following standards: DIN EN 143, DIN 14387 and other accompanying standards relating to the used respiratory protection system.

Recommended Filter type: Filter type AX

The entrepreneur has to ensure that maintenance, cleaning and testing of respiratory protective devices are carried out according to the instructions of the producer. These measures have to be properly documented.

##### **Control of environmental exposure**

Do not let product enter drains. Risk of explosion.

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## **SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties**

### **9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties**

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|-------------------|-------------------|
| a) Physical state | liquid            |
| b) Color          | colorless         |
| c) Odor           | No data available |



d) Melting point/freezing point	Melting point/range: -100 °C - lit.
e) Initial boiling point and boiling range	32 - 34 °C - lit.
f) Flammability (solid, gas)	No data available
g) Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits	Upper explosion limit: 23 %(V) Lower explosion limit: 5 %(V)
h) Flash point	-19 °C - closed cup
i) Autoignition temperature	No data available
j) Decomposition temperature	No data available
k) pH	4.0 - 5.0 at 200 g/l at 20 °C
l) Viscosity	Viscosity, kinematic: No data available Viscosity, dynamic: 0.35 mPa.s at 20 °C
m) Water solubility	soluble
n) Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water	log Pow: -0.21
o) Vapor pressure	634.9 hPa at 20 °C 2,261.5 hPa at 55 °C
p) Density	0.974 g/mL at 20 °C - lit.
Relative density	No data available
q) Relative vapor density	No data available
r) Particle characteristics	No data available
s) Explosive properties	No data available
t) Oxidizing properties	No data available

## 9.2 Other safety information

Relative vapor density	2.07 - (Air = 1.0)
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## SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity

### 10.1 Reactivity

Vapors may form explosive mixture with air.

### 10.2 Chemical stability

The product is chemically stable under standard ambient conditions (room temperature) .

### 10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions

No data available



#### 10.4 Conditions to avoid

Avoid moisture. Heat.  
Warming.

#### 10.5 Incompatible materials

Oxidizing agents

#### 10.6 Hazardous decomposition products

In the event of fire: see section 5

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### SECTION 11: Toxicological information

#### 11.1 Information on toxicological effects

##### Acute toxicity

Acute toxicity estimate Oral - 100.1 mg/kg  
(Expert judgment)

Acute toxicity estimate Inhalation - 3.1 mg/l - vapor

(Expert judgment)

Acute toxicity estimate Dermal - 300.1 mg/kg  
(Expert judgment)

##### Skin corrosion/irritation

Skin - Rabbit

Result: No skin irritation  
(OECD Test Guideline 404)

##### Serious eye damage/eye irritation

No data available

##### Respiratory or skin sensitization

No data available

##### Germ cell mutagenicity

No data available

Test Type: Ames test

Test system: Salmonella typhimurium

Metabolic activation: with and without metabolic activation

Method: OECD Test Guideline 471

Result: negative

##### Carcinogenicity

No data available

##### Reproductive toxicity

No data available

##### Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure

Inhalation - May cause respiratory irritation. - Respiratory Tract  
Causes damage to organs.

##### Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure

No data available

##### Aspiration hazard

No data available



## 11.2 Additional Information

### Endocrine disrupting properties

#### Product:

Assessment

The substance/mixture does not contain components considered to have endocrine disrupting properties according to REACH Article 57(f) or Commission Delegated regulation (EU) 2017/2100 or Commission Regulation (EU) 2018/605 at levels of 0.1% or higher.

RTECS: LQ8925000

Cough, Shortness of breath, Headache, Nausea, Vomiting, To the best of our knowledge, the chemical, physical, and toxicological properties have not been thoroughly investigated.

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## SECTION 12: Ecological information

### 12.1 Toxicity

Toxicity to fish	LC50 - Leuciscus idus (Golden orfe) - 120 mg/l - 96 h
Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates	static test EC50 - Daphnia magna (Water flea) - > 500 mg/l - 48 h (OECD Test Guideline 202)
Toxicity to bacteria	static test EC50 - Pseudomonas putida - > 10,000 mg/l - 17 h (DIN 38421 TEIL 8)

### 12.2 Persistence and degradability

Biodegradability	aerobic - Exposure time 28 d Result: 93 % - Readily biodegradable. (OECD Test Guideline 310)
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### 12.3 Bioaccumulative potential

No data available

### 12.4 Mobility in soil

No data available

### 12.5 Results of PBT and vPvB assessment

This substance/mixture contains no components considered to be either persistent, bioaccumulative and toxic (PBT), or very persistent and very bioaccumulative (vPvB) at levels of 0.1% or higher.

### 12.6 Endocrine disrupting properties

#### Product:

Assessment

: The substance/mixture does not contain components considered to have endocrine disrupting properties according to REACH Article 57(f) or Commission Delegated regulation (EU) 2017/2100 or Commission Regulation (EU) 2018/605 at levels of 0.1% or higher.

### 12.7 Other adverse effects

No data available





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## SECTION 13: Disposal considerations

### 13.1 Waste treatment methods

No data available

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## SECTION 14: Transport information

### 14.1 UN number

ADR/RID: 1243

IMDG: 1243

IATA: 1243

### 14.2 UN proper shipping name

ADR/RID: METHYL FORMATE

IMDG: METHYL FORMATE

IATA: Methyl formate

### 14.3 Transport hazard class(es)

ADR/RID: 3

IMDG: 3

IATA: 3

### 14.4 Packaging group

ADR/RID: I

IMDG: I

IATA: I

### 14.5 Environmental hazards

ADR/RID: no

IMDG Marine pollutant: no

IATA: no

### 14.6 Special precautions for user

No data available

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## SECTION 15: Regulatory information

### 15.1 Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture

This material safety data sheet complies with the requirements of Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006.

#### National legislation

Seveso III: Directive 2012/18/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council on the control of major-accident hazards involving dangerous substances.

: FLAMMABLE LIQUIDS

#### Other regulations

Observe work restrictions regarding maternity protection in accordance to Dir 92/85/EEC or stricter national regulations where applicable.

Take note of Dir 94/33/EC on the protection of young people at work.

### 15.2 Chemical Safety Assessment

For this product a chemical safety assessment was not carried out

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## SECTION 16: Other information

### Full text of H-Statements referred to under sections 2 and 3.

H224

Extremely flammable liquid and vapor.

H301

Toxic if swallowed.



H301 + H311 + H331	Toxic if swallowed, in contact with skin or if inhaled.
H311	Toxic in contact with skin.
H319	Causes serious eye irritation.
H331	Toxic if inhaled.
H335	May cause respiratory irritation.
H370	Causes damage to organs.

### Full text of other abbreviations

ADN - European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterways; ADR - Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road; AIIC - Australian Inventory of Industrial Chemicals; ASTM - American Society for the Testing of Materials; bw - Body weight; CMR - Carcinogen, Mutagen or Reproductive Toxicant; DIN - Standard of the German Institute for Standardisation; DSL - Domestic Substances List (Canada); ECx - Concentration associated with x% response; ELx - Loading rate associated with x% response; EmS - Emergency Schedule; ENCS - Existing and New Chemical Substances (Japan); ErCx - Concentration associated with x% growth rate response; GHS - Globally Harmonized System; GLP - Good Laboratory Practice; IARC - International Agency for Research on Cancer; IATA - International Air Transport Association; IBC - International Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships carrying Dangerous Chemicals in Bulk; IC50 - Half maximal inhibitory concentration; ICAO - International Civil Aviation Organization; IECSC - Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances in China; IMDG - International Maritime Dangerous Goods; IMO - International Maritime Organization; ISHL - Industrial Safety and Health Law (Japan); ISO - International Organisation for Standardization; KECI - Korea Existing Chemicals Inventory; LC50 - Lethal Concentration to 50 % of a test population; LD50 - Lethal Dose to 50% of a test population (Median Lethal Dose); MARPOL - International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships; n.o.s. - Not Otherwise Specified; NO(A)EC - No Observed (Adverse) Effect Concentration; NO(A)EL - No Observed (Adverse) Effect Level; NOELR - No Observable Effect Loading Rate; NZIoC - New Zealand Inventory of Chemicals; OECD - Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development; OPPTS - Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention; PBT - Persistent, Bioaccumulative and Toxic substance; PICCS - Philippines Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances; (Q)SAR - (Quantitative) Structure Activity Relationship; REACH - Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals; RID - Regulations concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Rail; SADT - Self-Accelerating Decomposition Temperature; SDS - Safety Data Sheet; TCSI - Taiwan Chemical Substance Inventory; TECI - Thailand Existing Chemicals Inventory; TSCA - Toxic Substances Control Act (United States); UN - United Nations; UNRTDG - United Nations Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods; vPvB - Very Persistent and Very Bioaccumulative



**Further information**

The above information is believed to be correct but does not purport to be all inclusive and shall be used only as a guide. The information in this document is based on the present state of our knowledge and is applicable to the product with regard to appropriate safety precautions. It does not represent any guarantee of the properties of the product. Sigma-Aldrich Corporation and its Affiliates shall not be held liable for any damage resulting from handling or from contact with the above product. See [www.sigma-aldrich.com](http://www.sigma-aldrich.com) and/or the reverse side of invoice or packing slip for additional terms and conditions of sale.

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