

# Safety data sheet

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Product: **Na-Methylate Crystals**

(ID no. 30036694/SDS\_GEN\_IL/EN)

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## 1. Identification

### Product identifier

## Na-Methylate Crystals

Chemical name: sodium methylate crystals

CAS Number: 124-41-4

### Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against

Relevant identified uses: industrial chemicals

Recommended use: initial product for chemical syntheses, process chemical

### Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

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International emergency number:

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## 2. Hazards Identification

### Classification of the substance or mixture

According to UN GHS criteria

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Flam. Sol. 1  
 Self-heat. 1  
 Acute Tox. 4 (oral)  
 Eye Dam./Irrit. 1  
 Skin Corr./Irrit. 1B

For the classifications not written out in full in this section the full text can be found in section 16.

## Label elements

### Globally Harmonized System (GHS)

Pictogram:



Signal Word:

Danger

Hazard Statement:

H228	Flammable solid.
H251	Self-heating: may catch fire.
H302	Harmful if swallowed.
H314	Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.

Precautionary Statements (Prevention):

P210	Keep away from heat, hot surfaces, sparks, open flames and other ignition sources. No smoking.
P280	Wear protective gloves, protective clothing and eye protection or face protection.
P260	Do not breathe dust/gas/mist/vapours.
P241	Use explosion-proof electrical, ventilating and lighting equipment.
P235	Keep cool.
P240	Ground and bond container and receiving equipment.
P270	Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.
P264	Wash contaminated body parts thoroughly after handling.

Precautionary Statements (Response):

P305 + P351 + P338	IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.
P310	Immediately call a POISON CENTER or physician.
P303 + P361 + P353	IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water or shower.
P304 + P340	IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing.
P301 + P330 + P331	IF SWALLOWED: rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting.
P363	Wash contaminated clothing before reuse.
P370 + P378	In case of fire: Use ... to extinguish.

Precautionary Statements (Storage):

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P405	Store locked up.
P407	Maintain air gap between stacks or pallets.
P420	Store separately.
P413	Store bulk masses greater than 1,000 kg/2,205 lbs at temperatures not exceeding 25 °C/77 °F.

Precautionary Statements (Disposal):

P501	Dispose of contents and container to hazardous or special waste collection point.
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According to Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008 [CLP]Labeling of special preparations (GHS):  
Reacts violently with water.According to UN GHS criteria

Hazard determining component(s) for labelling: Sodium methanolate

**Other hazards**According to UN GHS criteria

If applicable information is provided in this section on other hazards which do not result in classification but which may contribute to the overall hazards of the substance or mixture.

When finely distributed, self-ignition is possible.

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**3. Composition/Information on Ingredients****Substances**Chemical nature

Sodium methanolate (Content (W/W): 100 %)  
CAS Number: 124-41-4  
EC-Number: 204-699-5  
INDEX-Number: 603-040-00-2

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**Mixtures**

Not applicable

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**4. First-Aid Measures****Description of first aid measures**

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First aid personnel should pay attention to their own safety. If the patient is likely to become unconscious, place and transport in stable sideways position (recovery position). Immediately remove contaminated clothing.

If inhaled:

Keep patient calm, remove to fresh air, seek medical attention. Immediately administer a corticosteroid from a controlled/metered dose inhaler.

On skin contact:

Immediately wash thoroughly with plenty of water, apply sterile dressings, consult a skin specialist.

On contact with eyes:

Immediately wash affected eyes for at least 15 minutes under running water with eyelids held open, consult an eye specialist.

On ingestion:

Immediately rinse mouth and then drink 200 - 300 ml water, do not induce vomiting, seek medical attention. Administer 50 ml of pure ethanol in a drinkable concentration. Seek medical attention.

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

Symptoms: skin corrosion, Eye irritation, Further symptoms are possible

Hazards: No hazard is expected under intended use and appropriate handling.

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

Treatment: Treat according to symptoms (decontamination, vital functions), no known specific antidote.

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## **5. Fire-Fighting Measures**

### **Extinguishing media**

Suitable extinguishing media:

dry powder, Dry sand, alcohol-resistant foam

Unsuitable extinguishing media for safety reasons:

water, carbon dioxide

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

Reacts violently with water. See SDS section 7 - Handling and storage.

sodium oxides, organic vapours, corrosive gases/vapours, carbon oxides

Evolution of fumes/fog. The substances/groups of substances mentioned can be released in case of fire.

### **Advice for fire-fighters**

Special protective equipment:

Wear self-contained breathing apparatus and chemical-protective clothing.

Further information:

Collect contaminated extinguishing water separately, do not allow to reach sewage or effluent systems. Dispose of fire debris and contaminated extinguishing water in accordance with official regulations.

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## 6. Accidental Release Measures

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

Avoid contact with the skin, eyes and clothing. Use breathing apparatus if exposed to vapours/dust/aerosol. Use personal protective clothing.

### **Environmental precautions**

Do not allow to enter soil, waterways or waste water channels.

### **Methods and material for containment and cleaning up**

For small amounts: Sweep/shovel up. Correctly dispose of recovered product immediately.

For large amounts: Sweep/shovel up. Correctly dispose of recovered product immediately.

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## 7. Handling and Storage

### **Precautions for safe handling**

Ensure thorough ventilation of stores and work areas. Breathing must be protected when large quantities are decanted without local exhaust ventilation. Protect against moisture. Protect from air. Protect from direct sunlight. Handle in protective atmosphere.

Protection against fire and explosion:

Take precautionary measures against static discharges. Sources of ignition should be kept well clear. Fire extinguishers should be kept handy. Avoid dust formation.

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

Segregate from acids and acid forming substances.

Suitable materials for containers: Low density polyethylene (LDPE), Stainless steel 1.4301 (V2), Stainless steel 1.4401, glass, High density polyethylene (HDPE), Carbon steel (Iron), Stainless steel 1.4541, Stainless steel 1.4571, Alkyd resin lacquer 441

Further information on storage conditions: Keep container tightly closed in a cool, well-ventilated place. Keep under nitrogen.

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

See exposure scenario(s) in the attachment to this safety data sheet.

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## 8. Exposure Controls/Personal Protection

### **Control parameters**

#### Components with occupational exposure limits

The mentioned substance is result of gradual decomposition under influence of atmospheric humidity.

67-56-1: Methanol

1310-73-2: Sodium hydroxide

No substance specific occupational exposure limits known.

**Exposure controls**Personal protective equipment

Respiratory protection:

Breathing protection if breathable aerosols/dust are formed. Particle filter with medium efficiency for solid and liquid particles (e.g. EN 143 or 149, Type P2 or FFP2)

Hand protection:

Use gauntlets.

Suitable materials also with prolonged, direct contact (Recommended: Protective index 6, corresponding &gt; 480 minutes of permeation time according to EN ISO 374-1):

butyl rubber (butyl) - 0.7 mm coating thickness

fluoroelastomer (FKM) - 0.7 mm coating thickness

Supplementary note: The specifications are based on tests, literature data and information of glove manufacturers or are derived from similar substances by analogy. Due to many conditions (e.g. temperature) it must be considered, that the practical usage of a chemical-protective glove in practice may be much shorter than the permeation time determined through testing.

Manufacturer's directions for use should be observed because of great diversity of types.

Eye protection:

Tightly fitting safety goggles (cage goggles) (e.g. EN 166) and face shield.

Body protection:

Body protection must be chosen depending on activity and possible exposure, e.g. apron, protecting boots, chemical-protection suit (according to EN 14605 in case of splashes or EN ISO 13982 in case of dust).

General safety and hygiene measures

Avoid contact with the skin, eyes and clothing. Do not breathe dust. Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice. Avoid inhalation of dusts.

**9. Physical and Chemical Properties****Information on basic physical and chemical properties**

Form:	powder, crystalline	
Colour:	colourless	
Odour:	odourless	
Odour threshold:	Not determined due to potential health hazard by inhalation.	
pH value:	12,8 (10 g/l, 20 °C) Literature data.	
melting point (decomposition):	> 350 °C The substance / product decomposes therefore not determined.	(Directive 92/69/EEC, A.1)
Boiling point:	> 350 °C (1.013,25 hPa) The substance / product decomposes therefore not determined.	(Directive 92/69/EEC, A.2)

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Flash point:	not applicable, Study scientifically not justified.	
Evaporation rate:	The product is a non-volatile solid.	
Flammability:	Flammable solid.	(Directive 84/449/EEC, A.10)
Lower explosion limit:	For solids not relevant for classification and labelling.	
Upper explosion limit:	For solids not relevant for classification and labelling.	
Vapour pressure:	< 0,000001 hPa (25 °C)	(calculated)
Density:	1,3 g/cm <sup>3</sup> (20 °C)	
Relative density:	Literature data.	
Relative vapour density (air):	No data available.	
Solubility in water:	The product is a non-volatile solid.	
Solubility (qualitative) solvent(s):	Study scientifically not justified.	
	alcohols	
	soluble	
Partitioning coefficient n-octanol/water (log K <sub>ow</sub> ):	-0,72 (25 °C; pH value: < 13)	(calculated)
<i>Information on: Methanol</i>		
Partitioning coefficient n-octanol/water (log K <sub>ow</sub> ):	-0,77 (20 °C)	(measured)
	Literature data.	
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Self ignition:	not self-igniting	Test type: Spontaneous self-ignition at room-temperature.
	Temperature: > 25 - < 50 °C	Test type: Self-ignition at high temperatures.
	Pressure: 1.013 hPa	(Method: Directive 92/69/EEC, A.16)
	No self ignition was observed up to the specified temperature.	
Thermal decomposition:	> 280 °C (DTA)	
	Thermal decomposition above the indicated temperature is possible.	
	The indicated value is for inert gas atmosphere.	
	> 50 °C (VDI 2263, sheet 1, 1.4.1 (May 1990))	
	Risk of spontaneous ignition when exposed to air.	
Viscosity, dynamic:	Study technically not feasible.	
	Study technically not feasible.	
Viscosity, kinematic:	Study technically not feasible.	
Explosion hazard:	Based on the chemical structure there is no indication of explosive properties.	
Fire promoting properties:	not fire-propagating	

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**Other information**

Burning rate:	approx. 15 mm/s	
Self heating ability:	It is a substance capable of spontaneous heating.	
Bulk density:	500 - 600 kg/m <sup>3</sup> (< 40 °C)	(DIN 53466)
pK <sub>A</sub> :	15,17 (20 °C)	(calculated)
Hygroscopy:	hygroscopic	
Adsorption/water - soil:	KOC: 1 The product has not been tested. The statement has been derived from the properties of the hydrolysis products.	(calculated)
Surface tension:	Based on chemical structure, surface activity is not to be expected.	
Grain size distribution	3,6 µm 135,7 µm 69,9 µm	(D10, ISO 13320-1;; particle size by laser diffraction) (D90, ISO 13320-1;; particle size by laser diffraction) (D50, ISO 13320-1;; particle size by laser diffraction)

**10. Stability and Reactivity****Reactivity**

No hazardous reactions if stored and handled as prescribed/indicated.

Corrosion to metals:	Corrodes metals in the presence of water or moisture.
Formation of flammable gases:	Remarks: Forms no flammable gases in the presence of water. Method: Manual of tests and criteria. Test N.5 (United Nations Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods).

**Possibility of hazardous reactions**

Exothermic reaction. Reacts with water and acids. Reacts with substances which contain active hydrogen. Accumulation of fine dust may entail the risk of a dust explosion in the presence of air. Self heating possible in the presence of air.

**Conditions to avoid**

Avoid all sources of ignition: heat, sparks, open flame. Avoid moisture. Avoid electro-static charge. Avoid heat.

**Incompatible materials**

Substances to avoid:  
water, acids



## Hazardous decomposition products

Hazardous decomposition products:

Methanol, Sodium hydroxide

## 11. Toxicological Information

### Information on toxicological effects

#### Acute toxicity

Assessment of acute toxicity:

Of moderate toxicity after single ingestion. The toxicity of the product is based on its corrosivity.

(by inhalation): Study does not need to be conducted.

LD50 rat (dermal): > 2.000 mg/kg (BASF-Test)

No mortality was observed. An aqueous solution was tested.

*Information on: methanol*

*Assessment of acute toxicity:*

*Of high toxicity after single ingestion. Of high toxicity after short-term inhalation. Of high toxicity after short-term skin contact.*

#### Irritation

Assessment of irritating effects:

Corrosive! Damages skin and eyes.

Experimental/calculated data:

Skin corrosion/irritation rabbit: Corrosive. (similar to OECD guideline 404)

Serious eye damage/irritation rabbit: irreversible damage (BASF-Test)

#### Respiratory/Skin sensitization

Assessment of sensitization:

As the substance is corrosive, conducting sensitization studies is not feasible. The chemical structure does not suggest a sensitizing effect.

#### Germ cell mutagenicity

Assessment of mutagenicity:

The substance was not mutagenic in bacteria. The substance was not mutagenic in mammalian cell culture. The substance was not mutagenic in a test with mammals. The product has not been fully tested. The statements have been derived in parts from products of a similar structure or composition.

#### Carcinogenicity

Assessment of carcinogenicity:

Study does not need to be conducted. The chemical structure does not suggest a specific alert for such an effect.

#### Reproductive toxicity

Assessment of reproduction toxicity:

Study does not need to be conducted. The chemical structure does not suggest a specific alert for such an effect.

#### Developmental toxicity

Assessment of teratogenicity:

Study does not need to be conducted. The chemical structure does not suggest a specific alert for such an effect.

#### Repeated dose toxicity and Specific target organ toxicity (repeated exposure)

Assessment of repeated dose toxicity:

Study does not need to be conducted. The chemical structure does not suggest a specific alert of toxicity on target organs after repeated exposure.

*Information on: methanol*

*Assessment of repeated dose toxicity:*

*The substance may cause blindness after repeated ingestion. The substance may cause blindness after repeated inhalation.*

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#### Aspiration hazard

Harmful if swallowed.

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## 12. Ecological Information

### **Toxicity**

Assessment of aquatic toxicity:

There is a high probability that the product is not acutely harmful to aquatic organisms. The inhibition of the degradation activity of activated sludge is not anticipated when introduced to biological treatment plants in appropriate low concentrations.

The product has not been tested. The statement has been derived from the properties of the hydrolysis products. The product gives rise to pH shifts.

Toxicity to fish:

LC50 (96 h) 15.400 mg/l, *Lepomis macrochirus* (Fish test acute, Flow through.)

Literature data. The product has not been tested. The statement has been derived from the properties of the hydrolysis products.

Aquatic invertebrates:

EC50 (96 h) 18.260 mg/l, *Daphnia magna* (DIN 38412 Part 11, semistatic)

Literature data. The product has not been tested. The statement has been derived from the properties of the hydrolysis products.

Aquatic plants:

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EC50 (96 h) approx. 22.000 mg/l (growth rate), Pseudokirchneriella subcapitata (OECD Guideline 201, static)

Literature data. The product has not been tested. The statement has been derived from the properties of the hydrolysis products.

Microorganisms/Effect on activated sludge:

EC50 (3 h) > 1.000 mg/l, activated sludge (OECD Guideline 209, static)

Literature data. The product has not been tested. The statement has been derived from the properties of the hydrolysis products.

Chronic toxicity to fish:

No observed effect concentration (200 h) 7.900 mg/l, Oryzias latipes (static)

The product has not been tested. The statement has been derived from the properties of the hydrolysis products.

No observed effect concentration (30 d) 450 mg/l, Pimephales promelas (calculated)

The product has not been tested. The statement has been derived from the properties of the hydrolysis products.

Chronic toxicity to aquatic invertebrates:

No observed effect concentration (21 d) 208 mg/l, Daphnia magna (calculated)

The product has not been tested. The statement has been derived from the properties of the hydrolysis products.

*Information on: Sodium hydroxide*

*Assessment of aquatic toxicity:*

*Depending on local conditions and existing concentrations, disturbances in the biodegradation process of activated sludge are possible. There is a high probability that the product is not acutely harmful to aquatic organisms.*

*The effect strongly depends on the pH-value. The data refers to the dissociated form of the substance.*

*Information on: Methanol*

*Assessment of aquatic toxicity:*

*There is a high probability that the product is not acutely harmful to aquatic organisms. The inhibition of the degradation activity of activated sludge is not anticipated when introduced to biological treatment plants in appropriate low concentrations.*

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*Information on: Sodium hydroxide*

*Toxicity to fish:*

*LC50 (96 h) 125 mg/l, Gambusia affinis (other, static)*

*The product will cause changes in the pH value of the test system. The result refers to an unneutralized sample. Literature data.*

*Information on: Methanol*

*Toxicity to fish:*

*LC50 (96 h) 15.400 mg/l, Lepomis macrochirus (other, Flow through.)*

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*Information on: Sodium hydroxide*

*Aquatic invertebrates:*

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*EC50 (48 h) 40,4 mg/l, Ceriodaphnia sp. (other, static)**Literature data.**Information on: Methanol**Aquatic invertebrates:**EC50 (48 h) 18.260 mg/l, Daphnia magna (OECD Guideline 202, part 1, semistatic)*  
-----*Information on: Methanol**Aquatic plants:**EC50 (96 h) approx. 22.000 mg/l (growth rate), Selenastrum capricornutum (OECD Guideline 201, static)*  
-----*Information on: Methanol**Microorganisms/Effect on activated sludge:**EC50 (3 h) > 1.000 mg/l, (OECD Guideline 209, aquatic)**EC50 (24 h) 880 mg/l, Nitrosomonas sp. (Inhibition of nitrification, aquatic)*  
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Assessment of terrestrial toxicity:

No toxic effects have been observed in terrestrial studies.

Soil living organisms:

No observed effect concentration (63 d) 10.000 mg/kg, Eisenia foetida (OECD Guideline 222, artificial soil)

The details of the toxic effect relate to the nominal concentration. The product has not been tested. The statement has been derived from substances/products of a similar structure or composition.

Terrestrial plants:

EC50 41.000 mg/l, Lactuca sativa

The product has not been tested. The statement has been derived from substances/products of a similar structure or composition.

No observed effect concentration 1.555 mg/kg, terrestrial plants

The product has not been tested. The statement has been derived from substances/products of a similar structure or composition.

Other terrestrial non-mammals:

No data available.

## Persistence and degradability

Assessment biodegradation and elimination (H<sub>2</sub>O):

Readily biodegradable (according to OECD criteria).

Elimination information:

90 - 100 % BOD of the ThOD (20 d) (aerobic, activated sludge, domestic, non-adapted)

Literature data. The product has not been tested. The statement has been derived from substances/products of a similar structure or composition.

*Information on: Methanol**Assessment biodegradation and elimination (H<sub>2</sub>O):**Readily biodegradable (according to OECD criteria).*

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*Information on: Methanol*

*Elimination information:**95 % BOD of the ThOD (20 d) (OECD 301D; 92/69/EEG, C.4-E) (aerobic, activated sludge, domestic, non-adapted) Readily biodegradable (according to OECD criteria).*  
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Assessment of stability in water:

In contact with water the substance will hydrolyse rapidly.

Study technically not feasible.

**Bioaccumulative potential**

Assessment bioaccumulation potential:

Does not significantly accumulate in organisms.

Bioaccumulation potential:

Bioconcentration factor: 4,5 (72 h), *Cyprinus carpio* (measured)

The product has not been tested. The statement has been derived from the properties of the hydrolysis products.

*Information on: Sodium hydroxide**Assessment bioaccumulation potential:**Accumulation in organisms is not to be expected.**Information on: Methanol**Assessment bioaccumulation potential:**Significant accumulation in organisms is not to be expected.*  
-----**Mobility in soil**

Assessment transport between environmental compartments:

Volatility: The substance will not evaporate into the atmosphere from the water surface.

Adsorption in soil: Adsorption to solid soil phase is not expected.

**Results of PBT and vPvB assessment**

According to Annex XIII of Regulation (EC) No.1907/2006 concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH): The product does not fulfill the criteria for PBT (Persistent/bioaccumulative/toxic) and vPvB (very persistent/very bioaccumulative). Self classification

**Other adverse effects**

The substance is not listed in Regulation (EC) 1005/2009 on substances that deplete the ozone layer.

**Additional information**

Adsorbable organically-bound halogen (AOX):

This product contains no organically-bound halogen.

Other ecotoxicological advice:

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Do not release untreated into natural waters. Due to the pH-value of the product, neutralization is generally required before discharging sewage into treatment plants. Inhibition of degradation activity in activated sludge is not to be anticipated during correct introduction of low concentrations. The local regulations on waste-water treatment must be followed.

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## 13. Disposal Considerations

### Waste treatment methods

Hydrolyze product with excess of water under usage of the personal protection equipment and dispose of in accordance with local authority regulations.

Obtain the consent of pollution control authorities before discharging to wastewater treatment plants.

Contaminated packaging:

Contaminated packaging should be emptied as far as possible; then it can be passed on for recycling after being thoroughly cleaned.

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## 14. Transport Information

### Land transport

ADR

UN number or ID number: UN1431  
UN proper shipping name: SODIUM METHYLATE

Transport hazard class(es): 4.2, 8  
Packing group: II  
Environmental hazards: no  
Special precautions for user: Tunnel code: D/E

RID

UN number or ID number: UN1431  
UN proper shipping name: SODIUM METHYLATE

Transport hazard class(es): 4.2, 8  
Packing group: II  
Environmental hazards: no  
Special precautions for user:

### Inland waterway transport

ADN

UN number or ID number: UN1431  
UN proper shipping name: SODIUM METHYLATE

Transport hazard class(es): 4.2, 8  
Packing group: II

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Environmental hazards: no  
Special precautions for user:

Transport in inland waterway vessel  
Not evaluated

### **Sea transport**

#### IMDG

UN number or ID number: UN 1431  
UN proper shipping name: SODIUM METHYLATE  
  
Transport hazard class(es): 4.2, 8  
Packing group: II  
Environmental hazards: no  
Marine pollutant: NO  
Special precautions for user: EmS: F-A; S-L

### **Air transport**

#### IATA/ICAO

UN number or ID number: UN 1431  
UN proper shipping name: SODIUM METHYLATE  
  
Transport hazard class(es): 4.2, 8  
Packing group: II  
Environmental hazards: No Mark as dangerous for the environment is needed  
Special precautions for user:

### **Maritime transport in bulk according to IMO instruments**

Maritime transport in bulk is not intended.

### **Further information**

Specific national features of transport regulations must be observed. They are to be found in the shipping documents.

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## **15. Regulatory Information**

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

If other regulatory information applies that is not already provided elsewhere in this safety data sheet, then it is described in this subsection.

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## 16. Other Information

Full text of classifications, hazard symbols and hazard statements, if mentioned in section 2 or 3:

Flam. Sol.	Flammable solids
Self-heat.	Self-heating substances and mixtures
Acute Tox.	Acute toxicity
Eye Dam./Irrit.	Serious eye damage/eye irritation
Skin Corr./Irrit.	Skin corrosion/irritation

The data contained in this safety data sheet are based on our current knowledge and experience and describe the product only with regard to safety requirements. This safety data sheet is neither a Certificate of Analysis (CoA) nor technical data sheet and shall not be mistaken for a specification agreement. Identified uses in this safety data sheet do neither represent an agreement on the corresponding contractual quality of the substance/mixture nor a contractually designated use. It is the responsibility of the recipient of the product to ensure any proprietary rights and existing laws and legislation are observed.

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