

# SAFETY DATA SHEET

According to OSHA Hazard Communication Standard, 29 CFR  
1910.1200

## Methyl Ethyl Ketone

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### SECTION 1. IDENTIFICATION

Product name : Methyl Ethyl Ketone

Product code : S2113

CAS-No. : 78-93-3

Other means of identification : butan-2-one, Ethyl methyl ketone, MEK

#### Manufacturer or supplier's details

Company : **Shell Chemical LP**  
PO Box 576  
HOUSTON TX 77001  
USA

SDS Request : 1-800-240-6737

Customer Service : 1-855-697-4355

#### Emergency telephone number

Chemtrec Domestic (24 hr) : 1-800-424-9300

Chemtrec International (24 hr) : 1-703-527-3887

#### Recommended use of the chemical and restrictions on use

Recommended use : Use only in industrial processes.

Restrictions on use :  
This product must not be used in applications other than those listed in Section 1 without first seeking the advice of the supplier.

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### SECTION 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

#### GHS classification in accordance with the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard (29 CFR 1910.1200)

Flammable liquids : Category 2

Eye irritation : Category 2A

Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure : Category 3 (Central nervous system, Narcotic effects)

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### GHS label elements

Hazard pictograms

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Signal word

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Danger

Hazard statements

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**PHYSICAL HAZARDS:**  
H225 Highly flammable liquid and vapour.  
**HEALTH HAZARDS:**  
H319 Causes serious eye irritation.  
H336 May cause drowsiness or dizziness.  
**ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS:**  
Not classified as an environmental hazard under GHS criteria.

Precautionary statements

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#### Prevention:

P210 Keep away from heat/ sparks/ open flames/ hot surfaces.  
No smoking.  
P240 Ground/bond container and receiving equipment.  
P241 Use explosion-proof electrical/ ventilating/ lighting equipment.  
P242 Use only non-sparking tools.  
P243 Take precautionary measures against static discharge.  
P261 Avoid breathing dust/ fume/ gas/ mist/ vapours/ spray.  
P264 Wash hands thoroughly after handling.  
P271 Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area.  
P280 Wear protective gloves/ protective clothing/ eye protection/ face protection.

#### Response:

P303 + P361 + P353 IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/ shower.  
P370 + P378 In case of fire: Use appropriate media to extinguish.  
P305 + P351 + P338 IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.  
P337 + P313 If eye irritation persists: Get medical advice/ attention.  
P304 + P340 IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing.  
P312 Call a POISON CENTER/ doctor if you feel unwell.

#### Storage:

P403 + P233 Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed.  
P235 Keep cool.  
P405 Store locked up.

#### Disposal:

P501 Dispose of contents and container to appropriate waste site or reclaimer in accordance with local and national regulations.

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### Other hazards which do not result in classification

Vapours are heavier than air. Vapours may travel across the ground and reach remote ignition sources causing a flashback fire danger.

Even with proper grounding and bonding, this material can still accumulate an electrostatic charge.

If sufficient charge is allowed to accumulate, electrostatic discharge and ignition of flammable air-vapour mixtures can occur.

Exposure may enhance the toxicity of other materials.

See Chapter 11 for details.

Repeated exposure may cause skin dryness or cracking.

The classification of this material is based on OSHA HCS 2012 criteria.

## SECTION 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Substance / Mixture : Substance

### Hazardous components

Chemical name	Synonyms	CAS-No.	Concentration (% w/w)
Methyl ethyl ketone	butanone	78-93-3	100

## SECTION 4. FIRST-AID MEASURES

- General advice : Not expected to be a health hazard when used under normal conditions.
- If inhaled : No treatment necessary under normal conditions of use. If symptoms persist, obtain medical advice.
- In case of skin contact : Remove contaminated clothing. Flush exposed area with water and follow by washing with soap if available.  
If persistent irritation occurs, obtain medical attention.
- In case of eye contact : Immediately flush eye(s) with plenty of water.  
Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.  
Transport to the nearest medical facility for additional treatment.
- If swallowed : If swallowed, do not induce vomiting: transport to nearest medical facility for additional treatment. If vomiting occurs spontaneously, keep head below hips to prevent aspiration. Rinse mouth.  
If any of the following delayed signs and symptoms appear within the next 6 hours, transport to the nearest medical facility: fever greater than 101° F (38.3°C), shortness of breath, chest congestion or continued coughing or wheezing.
- Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed : Not considered to be an inhalation hazard under normal conditions of use.  
Possible respiratory irritation signs and symptoms may include

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a temporary burning sensation of the nose and throat, coughing, and/or difficulty breathing.  
No specific hazards under normal use conditions.  
Skin irritation signs and symptoms may include a burning sensation, redness, or swelling.  
Ingestion may result in nausea, vomiting and/or diarrhoea.  
Eye irritation signs and symptoms may include a burning sensation, redness, swelling, and/or blurred vision.  
If any of the following delayed signs and symptoms appear within the next 6 hours, transport to the nearest medical facility: fever greater than 101° F (38.3°C), shortness of breath, chest congestion or continued coughing or wheezing.  
If material enters lungs, signs and symptoms may include coughing, choking, wheezing, difficulty in breathing, chest congestion, shortness of breath, and/or fever.  
Defatting dermatitis signs and symptoms may include a burning sensation and/or a dried/cracked appearance.  
Breathing of high vapour concentrations may cause central nervous system (CNS) depression resulting in dizziness, light-headedness, headache, nausea and loss of coordination.  
Continued inhalation may result in unconsciousness and death.

- Protection of first-aiders : When administering first aid, ensure that you are wearing the appropriate personal protective equipment according to the incident, injury and surroundings.
- Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed : IMMEDIATE TREATMENT IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT!  
Call a doctor or poison control center for guidance.  
Potential for chemical pneumonitis.  
Treat symptomatically.

### SECTION 5. FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES

- Suitable extinguishing media : Alcohol-resistant foam, water spray or fog. Dry chemical powder, carbon dioxide, sand or earth may be used for small fires only.
- Unsuitable extinguishing media : None
- Specific hazards during fire-fighting : The vapour is heavier than air, spreads along the ground and distant ignition is possible.  
Carbon monoxide may be evolved if incomplete combustion occurs.
- Specific extinguishing methods : Standard procedure for chemical fires.
- Further information : Clear fire area of all non-emergency personnel.  
Keep adjacent containers cool by spraying with water.
- Special protective equipment for firefighters : Proper protective equipment including chemical resistant gloves are to be worn; chemical resistant suit is indicated if

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large contact with spilled product is expected. Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus must be worn when approaching a fire in a confined space. Select fire fighter's clothing approved to relevant Standards (e.g. Europe: EN469).

### SECTION 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

- Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures : Observe the relevant local and international regulations  
Notify authorities if any exposure to the general public or the environment occurs or is likely to occur.  
Local authorities should be advised if significant spillages cannot be contained.  
The vapour is heavier than air, spreads along the ground and distant ignition is possible.  
Vapour may form an explosive mixture with air.  
Avoid contact with skin, eyes and clothing.  
Isolate hazard area and deny entry to unnecessary or unprotected personnel.  
Stay upwind and keep out of low areas.
- Environmental precautions : Shut off leaks, if possible without personal risks. Remove all possible sources of ignition in the surrounding area. Use appropriate containment to avoid environmental contamination.  
Prevent from spreading or entering drains, ditches or rivers by using sand, earth, or other appropriate barriers. Attempt to disperse the vapour or to direct its flow to a safe location for example by using fog sprays. Take precautionary measures against static discharge. Ensure electrical continuity by bonding and grounding (earthing) all equipment.  
Ventilate contaminated area thoroughly.  
Monitor area with combustible gas indicator.
- Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up : For large liquid spills (> 1 drum), transfer by mechanical means such as vacuum truck to a salvage tank for recovery or safe disposal. Do not flush away residues with water. Retain as contaminated waste. Allow residues to evaporate or soak up with an appropriate absorbent material and dispose of safely. Remove contaminated soil and dispose of safely.  
For small liquid spills (< 1 drum), transfer by mechanical means to a labeled, sealable container for product recovery or safe disposal. Allow residues to evaporate or soak up with an appropriate absorbent material and dispose of safely. Remove contaminated soil and dispose of safely.
- Additional advice : For guidance on selection of personal protective equipment see Section 8 of this Safety Data Sheet.  
For guidance on disposal of spilled material see Section 13 of this Safety Data Sheet.
- U.S. regulations may require reporting releases of this material to the environment which exceed the reportable quantity (refer to Section 15) to the National Response Center at (800)

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### SECTION 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

- Technical measures : Avoid breathing of or direct contact with material. Only use in well ventilated areas. Wash thoroughly after handling. For guidance on selection of personal protective equipment see Section 8 of this Safety Data Sheet.  
Use the information in this data sheet as input to a risk assessment of local circumstances to help determine appropriate controls for safe handling, storage and disposal of this material.  
Ensure that all local regulations regarding handling and storage facilities are followed.
- Advice on safe handling : Avoid contact with skin, eyes and clothing.  
Use local exhaust ventilation if there is risk of inhalation of vapours, mists or aerosols.  
Bulk storage tanks should be diked (bunded).  
Extinguish any naked flames. Do not smoke. Remove ignition sources. Avoid sparks.  
Electrostatic discharge may cause fire. Ensure electrical continuity by bonding and grounding (earthing) all equipment to reduce the risk.  
The vapours in the head space of the storage vessel may lie in the flammable/explosive range and hence may be flammable.  
Properly dispose of any contaminated rags or cleaning materials in order to prevent fires.  
Do NOT use compressed air for filling, discharging, or handling operations.
- Avoidance of contact : Strong oxidising agents.
- Product Transfer : Refer to guidance under Handling section.
- Conditions for safe storage : The vapour is heavier than air. Beware of accumulation in pits and confined spaces.  
Refer to section 15 for any additional specific legislation covering the packaging and storage of this product.
- Packaging material : Suitable material: For containers, or container linings use mild steel, stainless steel.  
Unsuitable material: Natural, butyl, neoprene or nitrile rubbers.  
  
Suitable material: Aluminium
- Container Advice : Containers, even those that have been emptied, can contain explosive vapours. Do not cut, drill, grind, weld or perform similar operations on or near containers.
- Specific use(s) : Not applicable

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Ensure that all local regulations regarding handling and storage facilities are followed.  
See additional references that provide safe handling practices: American Petroleum Institute 2003 (Protection Against Ignitions Arising out of Static, Lightning and Stray Currents) or National Fire Protection Agency 77 (Recommended Practices on Static Electricity).  
IEC/TS 60079-32-1: Electrostatic hazards, guidance

### SECTION 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS AND PERSONAL PROTECTION

#### Components with workplace control parameters

Components	CAS-No.	Value type (Form of exposure)	Control parameters / Permissible concentration	Basis
Methyl ethyl ketone	78-93-3	TWA	75 ppm	ACGIH
Methyl ethyl ketone		STEL	150 ppm	ACGIH
Methyl ethyl ketone		TWA	200 ppm 590 mg/m3	OSHA Z-1

#### Biological occupational exposure limits

Components	CAS-No.	Control parameters	Biological specimen	Sampling time	Permissible concentration	Basis
Methyl ethyl ketone	78-93-3	methyl ethyl ketone	Urine	End of shift (As soon as possible after exposure ceases)	2 mg/l	ACGIH BEI

#### Monitoring Methods

Monitoring of the concentration of substances in the breathing zone of workers or in the general workplace may be required to confirm compliance with an OEL and adequacy of exposure controls. For some substances biological monitoring may also be appropriate.

Validated exposure measurement methods should be applied by a competent person and samples analysed by an accredited laboratory.

Examples of sources of recommended exposure measurement methods are given below or contact the supplier. Further national methods may be available.

National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), USA: Manual of Analytical Methods <http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/>

Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), USA: Sampling and Analytical Methods <http://www.osha.gov/>

Health and Safety Executive (HSE), UK: Methods for the Determination of Hazardous Substances <http://www.hse.gov.uk/>

Institut für Arbeitsschutz Deutschen Gesetzlichen Unfallversicherung (IFA), Germany  
<http://www.dguv.de/inhalt/index.jsp>

L'Institut National de Recherche et de Sécurité, (INRS), France <http://www.inrs.fr/accueil>

**Engineering measures** : Use sealed systems as far as possible.

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Adequate explosion-proof ventilation to control airborne concentrations below the exposure guidelines/limits.  
Local exhaust ventilation is recommended.  
Firewater monitors and deluge systems are recommended.  
Eye washes and showers for emergency use.  
Where material is heated, sprayed or mist formed, there is greater potential for airborne concentrations to be generated. The level of protection and types of controls necessary will vary depending upon potential exposure conditions. Select controls based on a risk assessment of local circumstances. Appropriate measures include:

### General Information:

Always observe good personal hygiene measures, such as washing hands after handling the material and before eating, drinking, and/or smoking. Routinely wash work clothing and protective equipment to remove contaminants. Discard contaminated clothing and footwear that cannot be cleaned.  
Practice good housekeeping.  
Define procedures for safe handling and maintenance of controls.  
Educate and train workers in the hazards and control measures relevant to normal activities associated with this product.  
Ensure appropriate selection, testing and maintenance of equipment used to control exposure, e.g. personal protective equipment, local exhaust ventilation.  
Drain down system prior to equipment break-in or maintenance.  
Retain drain downs in sealed storage pending disposal or subsequent recycle.

### Personal protective equipment

Respiratory protection : If engineering controls do not maintain airborne concentrations to a level which is adequate to protect worker health, select respiratory protection equipment suitable for the specific conditions of use and meeting relevant legislation. Check with respiratory protective equipment suppliers. Where air-filtering respirators are unsuitable (e.g. airborne concentrations are high, risk of oxygen deficiency, confined space) use appropriate positive pressure breathing apparatus. Where air-filtering respirators are suitable, select an appropriate combination of mask and filter. If air-filtering respirators are suitable for conditions of use: Select a filter suitable for organic gases and vapours [Type A boiling point >65°C (149°F)].

Respirator selection, use and maintenance should be in accordance with the requirements of the OSHA Respiratory Protection Standard, 29 CFR 1910.134.

Hand protection



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: Where hand contact with the product may occur the use of gloves approved to relevant standards (e.g. Europe: EN374, US: F739) made from the following materials may provide suitable chemical protection. Longer term protection: Butyl rubber. Nitrile rubber. Incidental contact/Splash protection: PVC or neoprene rubber gloves. For continuous contact we recommend gloves with breakthrough time of more than 240 minutes with preference for > 480 minutes where suitable gloves can be identified. For short-term/splash protection we recommend the same but recognize that suitable gloves offering this level of protection may not be available and in this case a lower breakthrough time maybe acceptable so long as appropriate maintenance and replacement regimes are followed. Glove thickness is not a good predictor of glove resistance to a chemical as it is dependent on the exact composition of the glove material. Glove thickness should be typically greater than 0.35 mm depending on the glove make and model. Suitability and durability of a glove is dependent on usage, e.g. frequency and duration of contact, chemical resistance of glove material, dexterity. Always seek advice from glove suppliers. Contaminated gloves should be replaced. Personal hygiene is a key element of effective hand care. Gloves must only be worn on clean hands. After using gloves, hands should be washed and dried thoroughly. Application of a non-perfumed moisturizer is recommended.

### Eye protection

: Wear goggles for use against liquids and gas.  
Wear full face shield if splashes are likely to occur.

### Skin and body protection

: Wear antistatic and flame-retardant clothing, if a local risk assessment deems it so.  
Skin protection is not required under normal conditions of use.  
For prolonged or repeated exposures use impervious clothing over parts of the body subject to exposure.  
If repeated and/or prolonged skin exposure to the substance is likely, then wear suitable gloves tested to relevant Standard, and provide employee skin care programmes.

### Protective measures

: Personal protective equipment (PPE) should meet recommended national standards. Check with PPE suppliers.

### Thermal hazards

: Not applicable

### Environmental exposure controls

#### General advice

: Local guidelines on emission limits for volatile substances must be observed for the discharge of exhaust air containing vapour.  
Minimise release to the environment. An environmental assessment must be made to ensure compliance with local environmental legislation.  
Information on accidental release measures are to be found in section 6.

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### SECTION 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Appearance	: Liquid.
Colour	: clear
Odour	: characteristic
Odour Threshold	: Data not available
pH	: Not applicable
Melting point/freezing point	: -86 °C / -123 °F
Boiling point/boiling range	: 79.5 °C / 175.1 °F
Flash point	: -9 °C / 16 °F Method: Abel
Evaporation rate	: 3.3 Method: DIN 53170, di-ethyl ether=1
Flammability	
Flammability (solid, gas)	: Not applicable
Lower explosion limit and upper explosion limit / flammability limit	
Upper explosion limit / upper flammability limit	: 11.5 %(V)
Lower explosion limit / Lower flammability limit	: 1.8 %(V)
Vapour pressure	: 12.600 Pa (20 °C / 68 °F)
Relative vapour density	: 2.4 (20 °C / 68 °F)
Relative density	: 0.804 - 0.806 (20 °C / 68 °F) Method: ASTM D4052
Density	: 0.804 - 0.806 kg/m <sup>3</sup> (20 °C / 68 °F) Method: ASTM D4052
Solubility(ies)	
Water solubility	: 250 g/l Miscible. (20 °C / 68 °F )
Solubility in other solvents	: Data not available
Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water	: log Pow: 0.3
Auto-ignition temperature	: 515 °C / 959 °F

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Decomposition temperature : Data not available

Viscosity  
Viscosity, dynamic : 0.42 mPa.s (20 °C / 68 °F)  
Method: ASTM D445

Viscosity, kinematic : Data not available

Explosive properties : Not applicable

Oxidizing properties : Data not available

Surface tension : 24.8 mN/m, 20 °C / 68 °F

Conductivity : Electrical conductivity: > 10,000 pS/m

A number of factors, for example liquid temperature, presence of contaminants, and anti-static additives can greatly influence the conductivity of a liquid, This material is not expected to be a static accumulator.

Molecular weight : 72.11 g/mol

Particle size : Data not available

### SECTION 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Reactivity : The product does not pose any further reactivity hazards in addition to those listed in the following sub-paragraph.

Chemical stability : No hazardous reaction is expected when handled and stored according to provisions

Possibility of hazardous reactions : Reacts with strong oxidising agents.

Conditions to avoid : Avoid heat, sparks, open flames and other ignition sources. Prevent vapour accumulation. In certain circumstances product can ignite due to static electricity.

Incompatible materials : Strong oxidising agents.

Hazardous decomposition products : Thermal decomposition is highly dependent on conditions. A complex mixture of airborne solids, liquids and gases including carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide, sulphur oxides and unidentified organic compounds will be evolved when this material undergoes combustion or thermal or oxidative degradation.

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Basis for assessment : Information given is based on product testing.  
Unless indicated otherwise, the data presented is representative of the product as a whole, rather than for individual component(s).

### Information on likely routes of exposure

Exposure may occur via inhalation, ingestion, skin absorption, skin or eye contact, and accidental ingestion.

### Acute toxicity

#### Product:

Acute oral toxicity : LD 50 (Rat, male and female): >2000 -<= 5000 mg/kg  
Method: Test(s) equivalent or similar to OECD Test Guideline 423  
Test substance: Butan-2-ol  
Remarks: Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.

Acute dermal toxicity : LD 50 (Rabbit, male): > 10 ml/kg/bw  
Method: Test(s) equivalent or similar to OECD Test Guideline 402  
Remarks: Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.

#### Components:

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Acute oral toxicity : LD 50 (Rat, male and female): >2000 -<= 5000 mg/kg  
Method: Test(s) equivalent or similar to OECD Test Guideline 423  
Test substance: Butan-2-ol  
Remarks: Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.

Acute dermal toxicity : LD 50 (Rabbit, male): > 10 ml/kg/bw  
Method: Test(s) equivalent or similar to OECD Test Guideline 402  
Remarks: Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.

### Skin corrosion/irritation

#### Product:

Species: Rabbit  
Method: OECD Test Guideline 404  
Test substance: Butan-2-ol  
Remarks: Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met., Repeated exposure may cause skin dryness or cracking.

#### Components:

##### **Methyl ethyl ketone:**

Species: Rabbit

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Method: OECD Test Guideline 404

Test substance: Butan-2-ol

Remarks: Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met., Repeated exposure may cause skin dryness or cracking.

### Serious eye damage/eye irritation

#### Product:

Species: Rabbit

Method: Test(s) equivalent or similar to OECD Test Guideline 405

Remarks: Causes serious eye irritation.

#### Components:

##### **Methyl ethyl ketone:**

Species: Rabbit

Method: Test(s) equivalent or similar to OECD Test Guideline 405

Remarks: Causes serious eye irritation.

### Respiratory or skin sensitisation

#### Product:

Species: Guinea pig

Method: OECD Test Guideline 406

Remarks: Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.

#### Components:

##### **Methyl ethyl ketone:**

Species: Guinea pig

Method: OECD Test Guideline 406

Remarks: Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.

### Germ cell mutagenicity

#### Product:

Genotoxicity in vitro

: Method: Test(s) equivalent or similar to OECD Guideline 471  
Remarks: Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.

: Method: Test(s) equivalent or similar to OECD Test Guideline 473  
Remarks: Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.

: Method: Test(s) equivalent or similar to OECD Test Guideline 476  
Remarks: Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.

: Method: Test(s) equivalent or similar to OECD Test Guideline 480

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Remarks: Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.

: Method: Test(s) equivalent or similar to OECD Test Guideline 482

Remarks: Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.

Genotoxicity in vivo

: Test species: Mouse

Method: Test(s) equivalent or similar to OECD Test Guideline 474

Remarks: Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.

Germ cell mutagenicity- Assessment

: This product does not meet the criteria for classification in categories 1A/1B.

### Components:

#### **Methyl ethyl ketone:**

Genotoxicity in vitro

: Method: Test(s) equivalent or similar to OECD Guideline 471  
Remarks: Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.

: Method: Test(s) equivalent or similar to OECD Test Guideline 473

Remarks: Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.

: Method: Test(s) equivalent or similar to OECD Test Guideline 476

Remarks: Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.

: Method: Test(s) equivalent or similar to OECD Test Guideline 480

Remarks: Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.

: Method: Test(s) equivalent or similar to OECD Test Guideline 482

Remarks: Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.

Genotoxicity in vivo

: Test species: Mouse

Method: Test(s) equivalent or similar to OECD Test Guideline 474

Remarks: Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.

Germ cell mutagenicity- Assessment

: This product does not meet the criteria for classification in categories 1A/1B.

### **Carcinogenicity**

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### **Product:**

Carcinogenicity - Assessment

: This product does not meet the criteria for classification in categories 1A/1B.

### **Components:**

#### **Methyl ethyl ketone:**

Carcinogenicity - Assessment

: This product does not meet the criteria for classification in categories 1A/1B.

### **IARC**

No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as probable, possible or confirmed human carcinogen by IARC.

### **OSHA**

No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is on OSHA's list of regulated carcinogens.

### **NTP**

No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a known or anticipated carcinogen by NTP.

### **Reproductive toxicity**

#### **Product:**

Effects on fertility

: Species: Rat  
Sex: male and female  
Application Route: Oral

Method: Equivalent or similar to OECD Test Guideline 416  
Test substance: Butan-2-ol  
Remarks: Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.

Effects on foetal development

: Species: Rat, female  
Application Route: Inhalation  
Method: Test(s) equivalent or similar to OECD Test Guideline 414  
Remarks: Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.

Reproductive toxicity - Assessment

: This product does not meet the criteria for classification in categories 1A/1B.

### **Components:**

#### **Methyl ethyl ketone:**

Effects on fertility

:  
Species: Rat  
Sex: male and female  
Application Route: Oral

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Method: Equivalent or similar to OECD Test Guideline 416  
Test substance: Butan-2-ol  
Remarks: Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.

Effects on foetal development

: Species: Rat, female  
Application Route: Inhalation  
Method: Test(s) equivalent or similar to OECD Test Guideline 414  
Remarks: Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.

Reproductive toxicity - Assessment

: This product does not meet the criteria for classification in categories 1A/1B.

### STOT - single exposure

#### Product:

Exposure routes: Inhalation  
Target Organs: Central nervous system  
Remarks: May cause drowsiness or dizziness.

#### Components:

##### **Methyl ethyl ketone:**

Exposure routes: Inhalation  
Target Organs: Central nervous system  
Remarks: May cause drowsiness or dizziness.

### STOT - repeated exposure

#### Product:

Remarks: Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met., Low systemic toxicity on repeated exposure.

#### Components:

##### **Methyl ethyl ketone:**

Remarks: Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met., Low systemic toxicity on repeated exposure.

### Repeated dose toxicity

#### Product:

Species: Rat, male and female  
Application Route: Inhalation  
Test atmosphere: vapour  
Method: Test(s) equivalent or similar to OECD Test Guideline 413  
Target Organs: No specific target organs noted

#### Components:

##### **Methyl ethyl ketone:**



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Species: Rat, male and female  
Application Route: Inhalation  
Test atmosphere: vapour  
Method: Test(s) equivalent or similar to OECD Test Guideline 413  
Target Organs: No specific target organs noted

### Aspiration toxicity

#### Product:

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.

Aspiration into the lungs when swallowed or vomited may cause chemical pneumonitis which can be fatal.

#### Components:

##### **Methyl ethyl ketone:**

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.

Aspiration into the lungs when swallowed or vomited may cause chemical pneumonitis which can be fatal.

### Further information

#### Product:

Remarks: Classifications by other authorities under varying regulatory frameworks may exist.

#### Components:

##### **Methyl ethyl ketone:**

Remarks: Classifications by other authorities under varying regulatory frameworks may exist.

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## SECTION 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### Ecotoxicity

#### Product:

Toxicity to fish (Acute toxicity)

Remarks: Practically non toxic:  
LL/EL/IL50 > 100 mg/l

Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates (Acute toxicity)

EC50 (Daphnia magna (Water flea)): 308 mg/l  
Exposure time: 48 h  
Method: OECD Test Guideline 202  
Remarks: Practically non toxic:  
LL/EL/IL50 > 100 mg/l

Toxicity to algae (Acute toxicity)

EC50 (Selenastrum capricornutum (green algae)): 2,029 mg/l  
Exposure time: 96 h  
Method: OECD Test Guideline 201  
Remarks: Practically non toxic:  
LL/EL/IL50 > 100 mg/l

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Toxicity to fish (Chronic toxicity) : Remarks: Data not available

Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates (Chronic toxicity) : Remarks: Data not available

Toxicity to microorganisms (Acute toxicity) : (Pseudomonas putida): 1,150 mg/l  
Exposure time: 16 h  
Method: Other guideline method.  
Remarks: Practically non toxic:  
LL/EL/IL50 > 100 mg/l

### Components:

#### **Methyl ethyl ketone:**

Toxicity to fish (Acute toxicity) : Remarks: Practically non toxic:  
LL/EL/IL50 > 100 mg/l

Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates (Acute toxicity) : EC50 (Daphnia magna (Water flea)): 308 mg/l  
Exposure time: 48 h  
Method: OECD Test Guideline 202  
Remarks: Practically non toxic:  
LL/EL/IL50 > 100 mg/l

Toxicity to algae (Acute toxicity) : EC50 (Selenastrum capricornutum (green algae)): 2,029 mg/l  
Exposure time: 96 h  
Method: OECD Test Guideline 201  
Remarks: Practically non toxic:  
LL/EL/IL50 > 100 mg/l

Toxicity to fish (Chronic toxicity) : Remarks: Data not available

Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates (Chronic toxicity) : Remarks: Data not available

Toxicity to microorganisms (Acute toxicity) : (Pseudomonas putida): 1,150 mg/l  
Exposure time: 16 h  
Method: Other guideline method.  
Remarks: Practically non toxic:  
LL/EL/IL50 > 100 mg/l

### **Persistence and degradability**

#### Product:

Biodegradability : Biodegradation: 98 %  
Exposure time: 28 d  
Method: OECD Test Guideline 301D  
Remarks: Readily biodegradable.  
Oxidises rapidly by photo-chemical reactions in air.

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### Components:

#### **Methyl ethyl ketone:**

Biodegradability : Biodegradation: 98 %  
Exposure time: 28 d  
Method: OECD Test Guideline 301D  
Remarks: Readily biodegradable.  
Oxidises rapidly by photo-chemical reactions in air.

#### **Bioaccumulative potential**

##### Product:

Bioaccumulation : Remarks: Does not bioaccumulate significantly.

### Components:

#### **Methyl ethyl ketone:**

Bioaccumulation : Remarks: Does not bioaccumulate significantly.

#### **Mobility in soil**

##### Product:

Mobility : Remarks: Dissolves in water.

### Components:

#### **Methyl ethyl ketone:**

Mobility : Remarks: Dissolves in water.

#### **Other adverse effects**

##### Product:

Results of PBT and vPvB assessment : The substance does not fulfill all screening criteria for persistence, bioaccumulation and toxicity and hence is not considered to be PBT or vPvB.

Additional ecological information : Does not have ozone depletion potential.

### Components:

#### **Methyl ethyl ketone:**

Results of PBT and vPvB assessment : The substance does not fulfill all screening criteria for persistence, bioaccumulation and toxicity and hence is not considered to be PBT or vPvB.

Additional ecological information : Does not have ozone depletion potential.

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### SECTION 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

#### Disposal methods

Waste from residues

: Recover or recycle if possible.  
It is the responsibility of the waste generator to determine the toxicity and physical properties of the material generated to determine the proper waste classification and disposal methods in compliance with applicable regulations.  
Do not dispose into the environment, in drains or in water courses.  
Waste product should not be allowed to contaminate soil or ground water, or be disposed of into the environment.  
Waste, spills or used product is dangerous waste.  
  
Disposal should be in accordance with applicable regional, national, and local laws and regulations.  
Local regulations may be more stringent than regional or national requirements and must be complied with.

MARPOL - see International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships (MARPOL 73/78) which provides technical aspects at controlling pollutions from ships.

Contaminated packaging

: Drain container thoroughly.  
After draining, vent in a safe place away from sparks and fire.  
Residues may cause an explosion hazard.  
Do not, puncture, cut, or weld uncleaned drums.  
Send to drum recoverer or metal reclaimer.  
  
Dispose in accordance with prevailing regulations, preferably to a recognized collector or contractor. The competence of the collector or contractor should be established beforehand.

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### SECTION 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

#### National Regulations

##### US Department of Transportation Classification (49 CFR Parts 171-180)

UN/ID/NA number : UN 1193  
Proper shipping name : ETHYL METHYL KETONE  
(METHYL ETHYL KETONE)  
Packing group : II  
Labels : 3  
ERG Code : 127  
Marine pollutant : no

#### International Regulations

##### IATA-DGR

UN/ID No. : UN 1193  
Proper shipping name : METHYL ETHYL KETONE  
Class : 3

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Packing group : II  
Labels : 3

### IMDG-Code

UN number : UN 1193  
Proper shipping name : ETHYL METHYL KETONE  
Class : 3  
Packing group : II  
Labels : 3  
Marine pollutant : no

### Maritime transport in bulk according to IMO instruments

Pollution category : Z  
Ship type : 3; Must be Double Hulled  
Product name : Methyl ethyl ketone

### Special precautions for user

Remarks : Special Precautions: Refer to Section 7, Handling & Storage, for special precautions which a user needs to be aware of or needs to comply with in connection with transport.

**Additional Information** : This product may be transported under nitrogen blanketing. Nitrogen is an odourless and invisible gas. Exposure to nitrogen may cause asphyxiation or death. Personnel must observe strict safety precautions when involved with a confined space entry.  
Transport in bulk according to Annex II of Marpol and the IBC Code

## SECTION 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

### EPCRA - Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act

#### CERCLA Reportable Quantity

Components	CAS-No.	Component RQ (lbs)	Calculated product RQ (lbs)
Methyl ethyl ketone	78-93-3	5000	5000
Methyl ethyl ketone	78-93-3	5000	5000 (D035)
Methyl ethyl ketone	78-93-3	100	100 (F005)

\*: Shell classifies this material as an "oil" under the CERCLA Petroleum Exclusion, therefore releases to the environment are not reportable under CERCLA.

#### SARA 304 Extremely Hazardous Substances Reportable Quantity

This material does not contain any components with a section 304 EHS RQ.

#### SARA 302 Extremely Hazardous Substances Threshold Planning Quantity

This material does not contain any components with a section 302 EHS TPQ.

**SARA 311/312 Hazards** : Flammable (gases, aerosols, liquids, or solids)  
Serious eye damage or eye irritation  
Specific target organ toxicity (single or repeated exposure)

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**SARA 313** : This material does not contain any chemical components with known CAS numbers that exceed the threshold (De Minimis) reporting levels established by SARA Title III, Section 313.

### Clean Water Act

This product does not contain any Hazardous Chemicals listed under the U.S. CleanWater Act, Section 311, Table 117.3.

### US State Regulations

#### Pennsylvania Right To Know

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#### California Prop. 65

This product does not contain any chemicals known to State of California to cause cancer, birth defects, or any other reproductive harm.

#### California List of Hazardous Substances

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#### Other regulations:

The regulatory information is not intended to be comprehensive. Other regulations may apply to this material.

### The components of this product are reported in the following inventories:

DSL : Listed

IECSC : Listed

KECI : Listed

ENCS : Listed

PICCS : Listed

TSCA : Listed

TCSI : Listed

NZIoC : Listed

## SECTION 16. OTHER INFORMATION

### Further information

NFPA Rating (Health, Fire, Reactivity) 2, 3, 0

### Full text of other abbreviations

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ACGIH	:	USA. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)
ACGIH BEI	:	ACGIH - Biological Exposure Indices (BEI)
OSHA Z-1	:	USA. Occupational Exposure Limits (OSHA) - Table Z-1 Limits for Air Contaminants
ACGIH / TWA	:	8-hour, time-weighted average
ACGIH / STEL	:	Short-term exposure limit
OSHA Z-1 / TWA	:	8-hour time weighted average
Abbreviations and Acronyms	:	The standard abbreviations and acronyms used in this document can be looked up in reference literature (e.g. scientific dictionaries) and/or websites.

ACGIH = American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists

ADR = European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road

AICS = Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances

ASTM = American Society for Testing and Materials

BEL = Biological exposure limits

BTEX = Benzene, Toluene, Ethylbenzene, Xylenes

CAS = Chemical Abstracts Service

CEFIC = European Chemical Industry Council

CLP = Classification Packaging and Labelling

COC = Cleveland Open-Cup

DIN = Deutsches Institut für Normung

DMEL = Derived Minimal Effect Level

DNEL = Derived No Effect Level

DSL = Canada Domestic Substance List

EC = European Commission

EC50 = Effective Concentration fifty

ECETOC = European Center on Ecotoxicology and Toxicology Of Chemicals

ECHA = European Chemicals Agency

EINECS = The European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances

EL50 = Effective Loading fifty

ENCS = Japanese Existing and New Chemical Substances Inventory

EWC = European Waste Code

GHS = Globally Harmonised System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals

IARC = International Agency for Research on Cancer

IATA = International Air Transport Association

IC50 = Inhibitory Concentration fifty

IL50 = Inhibitory Level fifty

IMDG = International Maritime Dangerous Goods

INV = Chinese Chemicals Inventory

IP346 = Institute of Petroleum test method N° 346 for the determination of polycyclic aromatics DMSO-extractables

KECI = Korea Existing Chemicals Inventory

LC50 = Lethal Concentration fifty

LD50 = Lethal Dose fifty per cent.

LL/EL/IL = Lethal Loading/Effective Loading/Inhibitory loading

LL50 = Lethal Loading fifty

MARPOL = International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution From Ships

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NOEC/NOEL = No Observed Effect Concentration / No Observed Effect Level  
OE\_HPVS = Occupational Exposure - High Production Volume  
PBT = Persistent, Bioaccumulative and Toxic  
PICCS = Philippine Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances  
PNEC = Predicted No Effect Concentration  
REACH = Registration Evaluation And Authorisation Of Chemicals  
RID = Regulations Relating to International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Rail  
SKIN\_DES = Skin Designation  
STEL = Short term exposure limit  
TRA = Targeted Risk Assessment  
TSCA = US Toxic Substances Control Act  
TWA = Time-Weighted Average  
vPvB = very Persistent and very Bioaccumulative

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