

Australian statement of hazardous nature : Classified as hazardous according to criteria of Safe Work Australia

## Section 1 - Identification

**Product Name** Methyl p-Hydroxybenzoate (NF/FCC)  
**CAS No** 99-76-3  
**Synonyms** 4-Hydroxybenzoic acid methyl ester; Methyl paraben; Metoxyde

**Product Code** **M245-100**  
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**Recommended Use** Laboratory chemicals.

**Uses advised against** This product does not contain any substance(s) on the Illicit Drug Precursors/Reagents list.  
 This product does not contain any substance(s) subject to Prohibition, Authorization or Restriction. This product does not contain any substance(s) listed on the voluntary National Code of Practice for Chemicals of Security Concern.

## Section 2 - Hazard(s) Identification

### Classification under Safe Work Australia

Classified as hazardous according to criteria of Safe Work Australia

#### Physical hazards

No hazards identified

#### Health hazards

No hazards identified

#### Environmental hazards

Chronic aquatic toxicity

Category 3

#### Label Elements

#### **Hazard Statements**

H412 - Harmful to aquatic life with long lasting effects

**Other information**

Contains a known or suspected endocrine disruptor

Contains a substance on the National Authorities Endocrine Disruptor Lists

**Section 3 - Composition and Information on Ingredients**

Component	CAS No	Weight %
Methyl p-hydroxybenzoate	99-76-3	> 98.5

**Section 4 - First Aid Measures**

<b>Inhalation</b>	Remove to fresh air. If symptoms persist, call a physician. If not breathing, give artificial respiration.
<b>Ingestion</b>	Do NOT induce vomiting. If symptoms persist, call a physician.
<b>Skin Contact</b>	Wash off immediately with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. If symptoms persist, call a physician.
<b>Eye Contact</b>	Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids, for at least 15 minutes. If symptoms persist, call a physician.
<b>Self-Protection of the First Aider</b>	No special precautions required.
<b>First Aid Facilities</b>	Eyewash, safety shower and washroom.
<b>Most important symptoms and effects</b>	No information available.
<b>Notes to Physician</b>	Treat symptomatically.

**Section 5 - Fire Fighting Measures****Suitable Extinguishing Media**

Water spray, carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>), dry chemical, alcohol-resistant foam.

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

No information available.

**Hazardous Decomposition Products**

Carbon monoxide (CO), Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>).

**Specific Hazards Arising from the Chemical**

Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating gases and vapors. Keep product and empty container away from heat and sources of ignition.

**Special protective equipment and precautions for fire fighters**

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****Emergency procedures**

Use personal protective equipment as required. Ensure adequate ventilation. Avoid dust formation. Avoid contact with skin, eyes or clothing.

**Environmental Precautions**

Should not be released into the environment. See Section 12 for additional Ecological Information. Avoid release to the environment. Collect spillage. Do not flush into surface water or sanitary sewer system.

**Methods for Containment and Clean Up****Clean-up methods - small spillage**

Sweep up and shovel into suitable containers for disposal. Avoid dust formation.

**Clean-up methods - large spillage**

Typically only supplied in small quantities as packaged goods.

If extremely toxic or used in larger quantities ensure a spillage action plan is in place. Evacuate area. Control the source and/or contain the spill if safe and able to do so. Use temporary diking, sand bags, dry sand, earth or proprietary booms/absorbent pads if available. Obtain advice on containment, neutralisation and clean-up from local emergency responders.

**Reference to Other Sections**

Refer to protective measures listed in Sections 8 and 13.

## Section 7 - Handling and Storage

**Precautions for Safe Handling**

Wear personal protective equipment/face protection. Ensure adequate ventilation. Avoid dust formation. Avoid contact with skin, eyes or clothing. Avoid ingestion and inhalation.

**Conditions for Safe Storage, Including any Incompatibilities**

Keep containers tightly closed in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place.

AS/NZS 2243.10:2004, Safety in laboratories - Storage of chemicals

## Section 8 - Exposure Controls and Personal Protection

**Exposure limits**

The product does not contain any hazardous materials with occupational exposure limits established.

**Biological limit values**

This product, as supplied, does not contain any hazardous materials with biological limits established by the region specific regulatory bodies

**Exposure Controls****Engineering Measures**

None under normal use conditions.

**Personal protective equipment****Eye Protection**

Wear safety glasses with side shields (or goggles) (Australian/New Zealand Standard AS/NZS 1337 - Eye protectors for Industrial applications)

**Hand Protection**

Protective gloves

Glove material	Breakthrough time	Glove thickness	AUS/NZ Standard	Glove comments
Disposable gloves	See manufacturers recommendations	-	AS/NZS 2161	(minimum requirement)

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 compatibility, 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.

<b>Skin and body protection</b>	Long sleeved clothing
<b>Respiratory Protection</b>	Use an AS/NZS 1716 approved respirator if exposure limits are exceeded or if irritation or other symptoms are experienced. To protect the wearer, respiratory protective equipment must be the correct fit and be used and maintained in line with AS/NZS 1715 on the use and maintenance of respiratory protective devices
<b>Recommended Filter type:</b>	Particle filter (or AUS/NZ equivalent)

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

**Environmental exposure controls** Prevent product from entering drains.

## Section 9 - Physical and Chemical Properties

### Information on basic physical and chemical properties

<b>Appearance</b>	White	
<b>Physical State</b>	Powder Solid	
<b>Odor</b>	Slight	
<b>Odor Threshold</b>	No data available	
<b>pH</b>	No information available	
<b>Melting Point/Range</b>	125 - 127 °C / 257 - 260.6 °F	
<b>Softening Point</b>	No data available	
<b>Boiling Point/Range</b>	270 - 280 °C / 518 - 536 °F	
<b>Flash Point</b>	No information available	<b>Method -</b> No information available
<b>Evaporation Rate</b>	Not applicable	Solid
<b>Flammability (solid,gas)</b>	No information available	
<b>Explosion Limits</b>	No data available	
<b>Vapor Pressure</b>	negligible	
<b>Vapor Density</b>	Not applicable	Solid
<b>Specific Gravity / Density</b>	No data available	
<b>Bulk Density</b>	No data available	
<b>Water Solubility</b>	Slightly soluble	
<b>Solubility in other solvents</b>	No information available	
<b>Partition Coefficient (n-octanol/water)</b>		
<b>Component</b>	<b>log Pow</b>	
Methyl p-hydroxybenzoate	1.96	
<b>Autoignition Temperature</b>	600 °C / 1112 °F	
<b>Decomposition Temperature</b>	No data available	
<b>Viscosity</b>	Not applicable	Solid
<b>Explosive Properties</b>	No information available	
<b>Oxidizing Properties</b>	No information available	
<b>Other information</b>		
<b>Molecular Formula</b>	C8H8O3	
<b>Molecular Weight</b>	152.15	

## Section 10 - Stability and Reactivity

**Reactivity** None known, based on information available

<b>Stability</b>	Stable under normal conditions.
<b>Conditions to Avoid</b>	Avoid dust formation, Incompatible products, Excess heat.
<b>Incompatible Materials</b>	Strong oxidizing agents, Strong bases.
<b>Hazardous Decomposition Products</b>	Carbon monoxide (CO). Carbon dioxide (CO <sub>2</sub> ).
<b>Hazardous Polymerization</b>	Hazardous polymerization does not occur.

## Section 11 - Toxicological Information

### Information on Toxicological Effects

<b>Product Information</b>	No acute toxicity information is available for this product
<b>(a) acute toxicity;</b>	
<b>Oral</b>	Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met
<b>Dermal</b>	No data available
<b>Inhalation</b>	No data available
<b>(b) skin corrosion/irritation;</b>	No data available
<b>(c) serious eye damage/irritation;</b>	No data available
<b>(d) respiratory or skin sensitization;</b>	
<b>Respiratory</b>	No data available
<b>Skin</b>	No data available
<b>(e) germ cell mutagenicity;</b>	No data available
<b>(f) carcinogenicity;</b>	No data available
	There are no known carcinogenic chemicals in this product
<b>(g) reproductive toxicity;</b>	No data available
<b>(h) STOT-single exposure;</b>	No data available
<b>(i) STOT-repeated exposure;</b>	No data available
<b>Target Organs</b>	No information available.
<b>(j) aspiration hazard;</b>	Not applicable
	Solid
<b>Symptoms / effects, both acute and delayed</b>	No information available

## Section 12 - Ecological Information

<b>Ecotoxicity effects</b>	This product contains the following substance(s) which are hazardous for the environment. Harmful to aquatic organisms, may cause long-term adverse effects in the aquatic environment. The product contains following substances which are hazardous for the environment.
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Component	Freshwater Fish	Water Flea	Freshwater Algae	Microtox
Methyl p-hydroxybenzoate	LC50: 50-100mg/L/96h (Leuciscus idus)	-	-	-

<b>Persistence and Degradability</b>	No information available
<b>Persistence</b>	Persistence is unlikely.
<b>Degradation in sewage treatment plant</b>	Contains substances known to be hazardous to the environment or not degradable in waste water treatment plants.
<b>Bioaccumulative Potential</b>	Bioaccumulation is unlikely

Component	log Pow	Bioconcentration factor (BCF)
Methyl p-hydroxybenzoate	1.96	No data available

<b>Mobility</b>	No information available.
<b>Endocrine Disruptor Information</b>	This product does not contain any known or suspected endocrine disruptors
<b>Persistent Organic Pollutant</b>	This product does not contain any known or suspected substance
<b>Ozone Depletion Potential</b>	This product does not contain any known or suspected substance

## Section 13 - Disposal Considerations

<b>Waste from Residues/Unused Products</b>	Do not allow into drains or watercourses or dispose of where ground or surface waters may be affected. Wastes, including emptied containers, are controlled wastes and should be disposed of in accordance with all federal, E.P.A., state and local regulations. Assure conformity with all applicable regulations.
<b>Contaminated Packaging</b>	Dispose of this container to hazardous or special waste collection point.
<b>Other Information</b>	Chemical wastes should be disposed through a licensed commercial waste collection service. Do not flush to sewer. Waste codes should be assigned by the user based on the application for which the product was used. Do not let this chemical enter the environment. Do not empty into drains.

## Section 14 - Transport Information

<b>IMDG/IMO</b>	Not regulated
<b>ADG</b>	Not regulated
<b>IATA</b>	Not regulated
<b>Environmental hazards</b>	No hazards identified
<b>Special Precautions</b>	No special precautions required
<b>Additional information</b>	None known

## Section 15 - Regulatory Information

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

#### National Regulations      **Australia**

See section 8 for national exposure control parameters.

#### Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Medicines and Poisons

No poison schedule number allocated.

#### Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme (AICIS)

Component	Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme (AICIS)	Additional information
Methyl p-hydroxybenzoate - 99-76-3	Present	-

#### Australian - Illicit Drug Precursors/Reagents Substance List

This product does not contain any substance(s) on the Illicit Drug Precursors/Reagents list.

#### Chemicals of Security Concern

This product does not contain any substance(s) listed on the voluntary National Code of Practice for Chemicals of Security Concern

**National pollutant inventory** Not applicable

#### Prohibition or notification/licensing requirements

Shown below are details of specific prohibition/notifications or licensing requirements when they apply.

This product does not contain any substance(s) subject to Prohibition, Authorization or Restriction.

#### International Inventories

Component	AICS	NZIoC	EINECS	ELINCS	TSCA	DSL	NDSL	PICCS	ENCS	ISHL	IECSC	KECL
Methyl p-hydroxybenzoate	X	X	202-785-7	-	X	X	-	X	X	X	X	KE-20379

**Legend:** X - Listed. '-' - Not Listed. **KECL** - NIER number or KE number (<http://ncis.nier.go.kr/en/main.do>)

#### International Regulations

**Ozone Depletion Potential** This product does not contain any known or suspected substance

**Persistent Organic Pollutant** This product does not contain any known or suspected substance

**Rotterdam Convention (PIC)** Not applicable

#### Basel convention on the control of transboundary movements of hazardous wastes and their disposal

Not applicable.

Component	CAS No	OECD HPV	Restriction of Hazardous Substances (RoHS)	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 p-hydroxybenzoate	99-76-3	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable

Authorisation/Restrictions according to EU REACH

Not applicable

## Section 16 - Other Information

### Legend

<b>AICS</b> - Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances	<b>NZIoC</b> - New Zealand Inventory of Chemicals
<b>TSCA</b> - United States Toxic Substances Control Act Section 8(b) Inventory	<b>EINECS/ELINCS</b> - European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances/EU List of Notified Chemical Substances
<b>DSL/NDL</b> - Canadian Domestic Substances List/Non-Domestic Substances List	<b>ENCS</b> - Japanese Existing and New Chemical Substances
<b>IECSC</b> - Chinese Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances	<b>KECL</b> - Korean Existing and Evaluated Chemical Substances
<b>PICCS</b> - Philippines Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances	<b>CAS</b> - Chemical Abstracts Service
<b>TWA</b> - Time Weighted Average	<b>ACGIH</b> - American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists
<b>IARC</b> - International Agency for Research on Cancer	Predicted No Effect Concentration (PNEC)
<b>ICAO/IATA</b> - International Civil Aviation Organization/International Air Transport Association	<b>IMO/IMDG</b> - International Maritime Organization/International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code
<b>MARPOL</b> - International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships	<b>ADG</b> Australian Code for the Transport of Dangerous Goods by Road and Rail
<b>NZS 5433:2012</b> - Transport of Dangerous Goods on Land	<b>OECD</b> - Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
<b>LD50</b> - Lethal Dose 50%	<b>LC50</b> - Lethal Concentration 50%
<b>EC50</b> - Effective Concentration 50%	<b>ATE</b> - Acute Toxicity Estimate
<b>WEL</b> - Workplace Exposure Limit	<b>RPE</b> - Respiratory Protective Equipment
<b>DNEL</b> - Derived No Effect Level	<b>NOEC</b> - No Observed Effect Concentration
<b>POW</b> - Partition coefficient Octanol:Water	<b>BCF</b> - Bioconcentration factor
<b>vPvB</b> - very Persistent, very Bioaccumulative	<b>PBT</b> - Persistent, Bioaccumulative, Toxic
<b>VOC</b> - (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

### Training Advice

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

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**This Safety Data Sheet (SDS) is prepared in accordance to and complies with the requirements of Safe Work Australia - Work Health and Safety Regulations (WHS Regulations).**

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