

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

## Section 1 - Identification

**Product Name** Formic acid 0.1% in acetonitrile

**CAS No** 64-18-6, 75-05-8

**Product Code** **PIE85174, PIE85175**

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**Recommended Use** Laboratory chemicals.

**Uses advised against** This product contains one or more substance(s) on the Illicit Drug Precursors/Reagents list. Verify requirements related to using, handling and storing these substances. 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

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#### Physical hazards

Flammable liquids

Category 2

#### Health hazards

Acute Oral Toxicity

Category 4

Acute Dermal Toxicity

Category 4

Acute Inhalation Toxicity - Vapors

Category 4

Skin Corrosion/Irritation

Category 2

Serious Eye Damage/Eye Irritation

Category 2

#### Environmental hazards

No hazards identified

### Label Elements



Flame



Exclamation Mark

**Signal Word****Danger****Hazard Statements**

H225 - Highly flammable liquid and vapor

H315 - Causes skin irritation

H319 - Causes serious eye irritation

H302 + H312 + H332 - Harmful if swallowed, in contact with skin or if inhaled

**Precautionary Statements**

P210 - Keep away from heat, hot surfaces, sparks, open flames and other ignition sources. No smoking

P233 - Keep container tightly closed

P240 - Ground and bond container and receiving equipment

P242 - Use non-sparking tools

P243 - Take action to prevent static discharges

P261 - Avoid breathing dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray

P264 - Wash face, hands and any exposed skin thoroughly after handling

P270 - Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product

P271 - Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area

P280 - Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection

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

P305 + P351 + P338 - IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing

P312 - Call a POISON CENTER or doctor if you feel unwell

P330 - Rinse mouth

P363 - Wash contaminated clothing before reuse

P370 + P378 - In case of fire: Use dry sand, dry chemical or alcohol-resistant foam to extinguish

P403 + P235 - Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep cool

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

**Other information**

Toxicity to Soil Dwelling Organisms

Toxic to terrestrial vertebrates

This product does not contain any known or suspected endocrine disruptors

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

Component	CAS No	Weight %
Acetonitrile	75-05-8	90-100
Formic acid	64-18-6	0.1-1

**Section 4 - First Aid Measures****Inhalation**

Remove to fresh air.

**Ingestion**

Clean mouth with water and drink afterwards plenty of water.

<b>Skin Contact</b>	Wash off immediately with soap and plenty of water while removing all contaminated clothes and shoes.
<b>Eye Contact</b>	Rinse thoroughly with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes, lifting lower and upper eyelids. Consult a physician.
<b>Self-Protection of the First Aider</b>	Ensure that medical personnel are aware of the material(s) involved, take precautions to protect themselves and prevent spread of contamination.
<b>First Aid Facilities</b>	Eyewash, safety shower and washroom.
<b>Most important symptoms and effects</b>	Difficulty in breathing. Inhalation of high vapor concentrations may cause symptoms like headache, dizziness, tiredness, nausea and vomiting
<b>Notes to Physician</b>	Treat symptomatically.

## Section 5 - Fire Fighting Measures

### Suitable Extinguishing Media

Water mist may be used to cool closed containers.

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

No information available.

### Specific Hazards Arising from the Chemical

Flammable. Containers may explode when heated. Vapors may form explosive mixtures with air. Vapors may travel to source of ignition and flash back.

### 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

Remove all sources of ignition. Take precautionary measures against static discharges.

### Environmental Precautions

See Section 12 for additional Ecological Information.

### Methods for Containment and Clean Up

#### Clean-up methods - small spillage

Remove all sources of ignition. Use spark-proof tools and explosion-proof equipment.

#### 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**

Keep away from open flames, hot surfaces and sources of ignition. Use only non-sparking tools. To avoid ignition of vapors by static electricity discharge, all metal parts of the equipment must be grounded. Take precautionary measures against static discharges.

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

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

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

AS 1940-2004 - The storage and handling of flammable and combustible liquids

## Section 8 - Exposure Controls and Personal Protection

**Exposure limits**

**AUS** - Exposure Standards for Atmospheric Contaminants in the Occupational Environment - Guidance Note on the Interpretation of Exposure Standards for Atmospheric Contaminants in the Occupational Environment [NOHSC:3008(1995)]

Adopted National Exposure Standards for Atmospheric Contaminants in the Occupational Environment [NOHSC:1003(1995)] updated in August, 2005. Safe Work Australia

**ACGIH** - Threshold Limit Values - Ceiling (TLV-C) guidelines by the American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists (ACGIH) for controlling worker exposure to airborne chemical concentrations in the workplace.

**UK** - EH40/2005 Work Exposure Limits, Fourth edition. Published 2020.

**DE** - MAK and BAT values of Hazardous Chemical Compounds in the Work Area. Published by German Research Foundation on July 1, 2011

**NZ** - Workplace Exposure Standards and Biological Exposure Indices (6th edition). New Zealand Department of Labor

Component	Australia	New Zealand WEL	ACGIH TLV	The United Kingdom	Germany
Acetonitrile	STEL: 60 ppm STEL: 101 mg/m <sup>3</sup> TWA: 40 ppm TWA: 67 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	TWA: 40 ppm TWA: 67 mg/m <sup>3</sup> STEL: 60 ppm STEL: 101 mg/m <sup>3</sup> Skin	TWA: 20 ppm Skin	STEL: 60 ppm 15 min STEL: 102 mg/m <sup>3</sup> 15 min TWA: 40 ppm 8 hr TWA: 68 mg/m <sup>3</sup> 8 hr	TWA: 10 ppm (8 Stunden). AGW - exposure factor 2 TWA: 17 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (8 Stunden). AGW - exposure factor 2 TWA: 10 ppm (8 Stunden). MAK TWA: 17 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (8 Stunden). MAK TWA: 2 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (8 Stunden). MAK Höhepunkt: 20 ppm Höhepunkt: 34 mg/m <sup>3</sup> Höhepunkt: 2 mg/m <sup>3</sup> Haut
Formic acid	STEL: 10 ppm STEL: 19 mg/m <sup>3</sup> TWA: 5 ppm TWA: 9.4 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	TWA: 5 ppm TWA: 9.4 mg/m <sup>3</sup> STEL: 10 ppm STEL: 19 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	TWA: 5 ppm STEL: 10 ppm	STEL: 15 ppm 15 min STEL: 28.8 mg/m <sup>3</sup> 15 min TWA: 5 ppm 8 hr TWA: 9.6 mg/m <sup>3</sup> 8 hr	TWA: 5 ppm (8 Stunden). AGW - exposure factor 2 TWA: 9.5 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (8 Stunden). AGW - exposure factor 2 TWA: 5 ppm (8 Stunden). MAK TWA: 9.5 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (8 Stunden). MAK Höhepunkt: 10 ppm Höhepunkt: 19 mg/m <sup>3</sup>

**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**

Ensure that eyewash stations and safety showers are close to the workstation location. Ensure adequate ventilation, especially in confined areas. Use explosion-proof electrical/ventilating/lighting equipment.

Wherever possible, engineering control measures such as the isolation or enclosure of the process, the introduction of process or

equipment changes to minimise release or contact, and the use of properly designed ventilation systems, should be adopted to control hazardous materials at source

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

Goggles (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 compatability, Dexterity, Operational conditions, User susceptibility, e.g. sensitisation effects, also take into consideration the specific local conditions under which the product is used, such as the danger of cuts, abrasion.

Remove gloves with care avoiding skin contamination.

**Skin and body protection**

Long sleeved clothing

**Respiratory Protection**

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 (or AUS/NZ equivalent)  
When RPE is used a face piece Fit Test should be conducted

**Hygiene Measures**

Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.

**Environmental exposure controls**

No information available.

## Section 9 - Physical and Chemical Properties

**Information on basic physical and chemical properties**

<b>Appearance</b>	Clear	Colorless	
<b>Physical State</b>	Liquid		
<b>Odor</b>	No information available		
<b>Odor Threshold</b>	No data available		
<b>pH</b>	Not applicable		
<b>Melting Point/Range</b>	No data available		
<b>Softening Point</b>	No data available		
<b>Boiling Point/Range</b>	Not applicable		
<b>Flash Point</b>	2 °C / 35.6 °F		<b>Method -</b> No information available
<b>Evaporation Rate</b>	No data available		
<b>Flammability (solid,gas)</b>	Not applicable		Liquid
<b>Explosion Limits</b>	No data available		
<b>Vapor Pressure</b>	No data available		
<b>Vapor Density</b>	No data available		(Air = 1.0)
<b>Specific Gravity / Density</b>	No data available		
<b>Bulk Density</b>	Not applicable		Liquid
<b>Water Solubility</b>	No information available		
<b>Solubility in other solvents</b>	No information available		
<b>Partition Coefficient (n-octanol/water)</b>			
<b>Component</b>	<b>log Pow</b>		
Acetonitrile	-0.34		
Formic acid	-1.9		
<b>Autoignition Temperature</b>	No data available		
<b>Decomposition Temperature</b>	No data available		

Viscosity	No data available	
Explosive Properties		Vapors may form explosive mixtures with air
Oxidizing Properties	No information available	

Other information

## Section 10 - Stability and Reactivity

Reactivity	None known, based on information available
Stability	Stable under normal conditions.
Conditions to Avoid	Keep away from open flames, hot surfaces and sources of ignition.
Incompatible Materials	None known.
Hazardous Decomposition Products	None under normal use conditions.
Hazardous Polymerization	No information available.

## Section 11 - Toxicological Information

## Information on Toxicological Effects

## Product Information

## (a) acute toxicity;

Oral	Category 4
Dermal	Category 4
Inhalation	Category 4

Component	LD50 Oral	LD50 Dermal	LC50 Inhalation
Acetonitrile	450-787 mg/kg (Rat) 2460 mg/kg ( Rat )	> 2000 mg/kg ( Rabbit )	LC50 = 3587 ppm (6.022 mg/l) (Mouse) 4h LC50 = 16,000 ppm (26.8 mg/l) (Rat) 4h
Formic acid	LD50 = 1100 mg/kg ( Rat )		LC50 = 7.85 mg/L ( Rat ) 4 h

(b) skin corrosion/irritation; Category 2

(c) serious eye damage/irritation; Category 2

## (d) respiratory or skin sensitization;

Respiratory	No data available
Skin	No data available

(e) germ cell mutagenicity; No data available

## (f) carcinogenicity;

No data available  
There are no known carcinogenic chemicals in this product

(g) reproductive toxicity; No data available

(h) STOT-single exposure; No data available

(i) STOT-repeated exposure; No data available

Target Organs No information available.

(j) aspiration hazard; No data available

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

## Section 12 - Ecological Information

### Ecotoxicity effects

Component	Freshwater Fish	Water Flea	Freshwater Algae	Microtox
Acetonitrile	LC50: = 1850 mg/L, 96h static (Lepomis macrochirus) LC50: = 1000 mg/L, 96h static (Pimephales promelas) LC50: 1600 - 1690 mg/L, 96h flow-through (Pimephales promelas) LC50: = 1650 mg/L, 96h static (Poecilia reticulata)			EC50 = 28000 mg/L 48 h EC50 = 73 mg/L 24 h EC50 = 7500 mg/L 15 h
Formic acid	Leuciscus idus: LC50 = 46-100 mg/L/96h	EC50 = 34 mg/L/48h	EC50 = 25 mg/L/96h	EC50 = 46.7 mg/L/17h

Persistence and Degradability No information available

Persistence Persistence is unlikely.

Bioaccumulative Potential Bioaccumulation is unlikely

Component	log Pow	Bioconcentration factor (BCF)
Acetonitrile	-0.34	No data available
Formic acid	-1.9	0.22 dimensionless

Mobility No information available.

Endocrine Disruptor Information This product does not contain any known or suspected endocrine disruptors

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

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

## Section 13 - Disposal Considerations

Waste from Residues/Unused Products 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.

Contaminated Packaging Dispose of this container to hazardous or special waste collection point. Empty containers retain product residue, (liquid and/or vapor), and can be dangerous. Keep product and empty container away from heat and sources of ignition.

Other Information Chemical wastes should be disposed through a licensed commercial waste collection service. Waste codes should be assigned by the user based on the application for which the product was used. Do not flush to sewer. Can be landfilled or incinerated, when in compliance with local regulations.

## Section 14 - Transport Information

### IMDG/IMO

UN-No UN1648  
Proper Shipping Name ACETONITRILE  
Technical Shipping Name acetonitrile formic acid mix  
Hazard Class 3  
Packing Group II

**ADG**

UN-No UN1648  
Proper Shipping Name ACETONITRILE  
Technical Shipping Name acetonitrile formic acid mix  
Hazard Class 3  
Packing Group II

Component	Hazchem Code
Acetonitrile 75-05-8 ( 90-100 )	2YE
Formic acid 64-18-6 ( 0.1-1 )	2W 2X

**IATA**

UN-No UN1648  
Proper Shipping Name ACETONITRILE  
Technical Shipping Name acetonitrile formic acid mix  
Hazard Class 3  
Packing Group II

Environmental hazards No hazards identified  
Special Precautions No special precautions required  
Additional information 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**

Classified as a scheduled poison according to the Standard for Uniform Scheduling of Medicines and Poisons.

Component	Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Medicines and Poisons
Formic acid - 64-18-6	Schedule 5 listed - except its salts and derivatives; except in preparations containing $\leq 0.5\%$ of Formic acid

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

Component	Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme (AICIS)	Additional information
Acetonitrile - 75-05-8	Present	-
Formic acid - 64-18-6	Present	-

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



This product contains one or more substance(s) on the Illicit Drug Precursors/Reagents list. Verify requirements related to using, handling and storing these substances.

### 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

Component	Australian - Illicit Drug Precursors/Reagents Substance List	Chemicals of Security Concern
Acetonitrile - 75-05-8	Category 3	
Formic acid - 64-18-6	Category 3	

### Legend

Category 3 - Chemicals and apparatus that may be used in the illicit production of drugs. Purchases from this list should alert companies or organizations to seek further indicators of any suspicious orders or enquiries. No official reporting is required for items on this list unless considered warranted

**National pollutant inventory** Subject to reporting requirements

Component	National pollutant inventory
Acetonitrile - 75-05-8	10 tonne/yr. Threshold category 1

### Prohibition or notification/licensing requirements

Shown below are details of specific prohibition/notifications or licencing 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
Acetonitrile	X	X	200-835-2	-	X	X	-	X	X	X	X	KE-00067
Formic acid	X	X	200-579-1	-	X	X	-	X	X	X	X	KE-17233

**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

Take note that wastes may be subject to export, import, or transit controls pursuant to the Basel convention and/or local regulations implementing the Basel convention.

Component	Basel Convention (Hazardous Waste)	Australian Hazardous Waste Act - Categories of Wastes to Be Controlled
Acetonitrile - 75-05-8		Y38
Formic acid - 64-18-6	Annex I - Y34	Y34 solid or solution

Component	CAS No	OECD HPV	Restriction of Hazardous	Seveso III Directive (2012/18/EC) -	Seveso III Directive (2012/18/EC) -
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			Substances (RoHS)	Qualifying Quantities for Major Accident Notification	Qualifying Quantities for Safety Report Requirements
Acetonitrile	75-05-8	Listed	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
Formic acid	64-18-6	Listed	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable

## Authorisation/Restrictions according to EU REACH

Component	REACH (1907/2006) - Annex XIV - Substances Subject to Authorization	REACH (1907/2006) - Annex XVII - Restrictions on Certain Dangerous Substances	REACH Regulation (EC 1907/2006) article 59 - Candidate List of Substances of Very High Concern (SVHC)
Acetonitrile	-	Use restricted. See entry 75. (see link for restriction details)	-
Formic acid	-	Use restricted. See entry 75. (see link for restriction details)	-

<https://echa.europa.eu/substances-restricted-under-reach>

## Section 16 - Other Information

Legend

<b>AICS</b> - Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances <b>TSCA</b> - United States Toxic Substances Control Act Section 8(b) Inventory <b>DSL/NDL</b> - Canadian Domestic Substances List/Non-Domestic Substances List <b>IECSC</b> - Chinese Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances <b>PICCS</b> - Philippines Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances <b>TWA</b> - Time Weighted Average <b>IARC</b> - International Agency for Research on Cancer <b>ICAO/IATA</b> - International Civil Aviation Organization/International Air Transport Association <b>MARPOL</b> - International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships <b>NZS 5433:2020</b> - Transport of Dangerous Goods on Land <b>LD50</b> - Lethal Dose 50% <b>EC50</b> - Effective Concentration 50% <b>WEL</b> - Workplace Exposure Limit <b>DNEL</b> - Derived No Effect Level <b>POW</b> - Partition coefficient Octanol:Water <b>vPvB</b> - very Persistent, very Bioaccumulative <b>VOC</b> - (Volatile Organic Compound)	<b>NZIoC</b> - New Zealand Inventory of Chemicals <b>EINECS/ELINCS</b> - European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances/EU List of Notified Chemical Substances <b>ENCS</b> - Japanese Existing and New Chemical Substances  <b>KECL</b> - Korean Existing and Evaluated Chemical Substances <b>CAS</b> - Chemical Abstracts Service <b>ACGIH</b> - American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists <b>PNEC</b> - Predicted No Effect Concentration <b>IMO/IMDG</b> - International Maritime Organization/International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code <b>ADG</b> - Australian Code for the Transport of Dangerous Goods by Road and Rail <b>OECD</b> - Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development <b>LC50</b> - Lethal Concentration 50% <b>ATE</b> - Acute Toxicity Estimate <b>RPE</b> - Respiratory Protective Equipment <b>NOEC</b> - No Observed Effect Concentration <b>BCF</b> - Bioconcentration factor <b>PBT</b> - Persistent, Bioaccumulative, Toxic
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## Key literature references and sources for data

<https://echa.europa.eu/information-on-chemicals>  
Suppliers safety data sheet, Chemadviser - LOLI, Merck index, RTECS

## Training Advice

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

**Revision Date** 12-Mar-2025  
**Revision Summary** Update to GHS format.

**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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**End of Safety Data Sheet**