

Occupational Safety and Health (Classification, Labelling and Safety Data Sheet of Hazardous Chemicals) Regulations 2013

SECTION 1: IDENTIFICATION OF THE SUBSTANCE/MIXTURE AND OF THE COMPANY/UNDERTAKING
Product Identifier

Perihal Produk: **Paraformaldehyde, 97%**
 Product Description: **Paraformaldehyde, 97%**
 Cat No. : S37188
 Synonyms Formaldehyde polymer; Polyoxymethylene; Polyformaldehyde
 CAS No 30525-89-4
 Molecular Formula (CH₂O)_n

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

Recommended Use Laboratory chemicals.
 Uses advised against No Information available

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SECTION 2: HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION
Classification of the substance or mixture

Flammable solids	Category 2 (H228)
Acute oral toxicity	Category 4 (H302)
Acute Inhalation Toxicity - Dusts and Mists	Category 4 (H332)
Skin Corrosion/Irritation	Category 2 (H315)
Serious Eye Damage/Eye Irritation	Category 1 (H318)
Skin Sensitization	Category 1 (H317)
Carcinogenicity	Category 2 (H351)
Specific target organ toxicity - (single exposure)	Category 3 (H335)

Label Elements

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Signal Word

Danger

Hazard Statements

H228 - Flammable solid
H302 + H332 - Harmful if swallowed or if inhaled
H315 - Causes skin irritation
H317 - May cause an allergic skin reaction
H318 - Causes serious eye damage
H335 - May cause respiratory irritation
H351 - Suspected of causing cancer

Precautionary Statements

Prevention

P201 - Obtain special instructions before use
P264 - Wash face, hands and any exposed skin thoroughly after handling
P270 - Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product
P202 - Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood
P210 - Keep away from heat, hot surfaces, sparks, open flames and other ignition sources. No smoking
P240 - Ground and bond container and receiving equipment
P261 - Avoid breathing dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray
P271 - Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area
P272 - Contaminated work clothing should not be allowed out of the workplace
P280 - Wear protective gloves

Response

P302 + P352 - IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water
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
P310 - Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor
P330 - Rinse mouth
P370 + P378 - In case of fire: Use dry sand, dry chemical or alcohol-resistant foam to extinguish
P362 + P364 - Take off contaminated clothing and wash it before reuse

Storage

P403 + P233 - Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed

Disposal

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

Other Hazards

May form combustible dust concentrations in air
May form explosible dust-air mixture if dispersed
Toxic to terrestrial vertebrates
Toxicity to Soil Dwelling Organisms
This product does not contain any known or suspected endocrine disruptors

SECTION 3: COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Component	CAS No	Weight %
Paraformaldehyde	30525-89-4	>90

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SECTION 4: FIRST AID MEASURES

Description of first aid measures

General Advice

If symptoms persist, call a physician.

Eye Contact

Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids, for at least 15 minutes. Get medical attention.

Skin Contact

Wash off immediately with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. If skin irritation persists, call a physician.

Ingestion

Clean mouth with water and drink afterwards plenty of water. Get medical attention if symptoms occur.

Inhalation

Remove to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. Get medical attention if symptoms occur.

Self-Protection of the First Aider

Use personal protective equipment as required.

Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed

Causes severe eye damage. May cause allergic skin reaction. Inhalation of high vapor concentrations may cause symptoms like headache, dizziness, tiredness, nausea and vomiting. Symptoms of allergic reaction may include rash, itching, swelling, trouble breathing, tingling of the hands and feet, dizziness, lightheadedness, chest pain, muscle pain or flushing.

Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

Notes to Physician

Treat symptomatically.

SECTION 5: FIREFIGHTING MEASURES

Extinguishing media

Suitable Extinguishing Media

Water spray, carbon dioxide (CO₂), dry chemical, alcohol-resistant foam. Water mist may be used to cool closed containers.

Extinguishing media which must not be used for safety reasons

No information available.

Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture

Flammable. Containers may explode when heated. Fine dust dispersed in air may ignite. Combustible material.

Hazardous Combustion Products

Carbon monoxide (CO), Carbon dioxide (CO₂).

Advice 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

Personal Precautions, Protective Equipment and Emergency Procedures

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Use personal protective equipment as required. Ensure adequate ventilation. Avoid dust formation. Remove all sources of ignition. Take precautionary measures against static discharges.

Environmental precautions

Should not be released into the environment.

Methods and Material for Containment and Cleaning Up

Sweep up and shovel into suitable containers for disposal. Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal. Remove all sources of ignition.

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. Avoid dust formation. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Avoid ingestion and inhalation. Ensure adequate ventilation. Keep away from open flames, hot surfaces and sources of ignition.

Conditions for Safe Storage, Including any Incompatibilities

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

Specific End Uses

Use in laboratories.

SECTION 8: EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

Control Parameters

Exposure Controls

Engineering Measures

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

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

Hand Protection

Protective gloves

Skin and body protection

Long sleeved clothing

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.

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Respiratory Protection When workers are facing concentrations above the exposure limit they must use appropriate certified respirators
Recommended Filter type: Particulates filter conforming to EN 143
To protect the wearer, respiratory protective equipment must be the correct fit and be used and maintained properly
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

Appearance	White	
Physical State	Solid	
Odor	pungent	
Odor Threshold	No data available	
pH	3.5-5.0	10% susp
Melting Point/Range	120 - 170 °C / 248 - 338 °F	
Softening Point	No data available	
Boiling Point/Range	No information available	
Flash Point	71 °C / 159.8 °F	Method - No information available
Evaporation Rate	Not applicable	Solid
Flammability (solid,gas)	No information available	
Explosion Limits	Lower 7 vol% Upper 73 vol%	
Vapor Pressure	1.2 mmHg @ 25 °C	
Vapor Density	Not applicable	Solid
Specific Gravity / Density	1.46	
Bulk Density	No data available	
Water Solubility	Slightly soluble	
Solubility in other solvents	No information available	
Partition Coefficient (n-octanol/water)		
Autoignition Temperature	300 - °C / 572 - °F	
Decomposition Temperature	No data available	
Viscosity	Not applicable	Solid
Explosive Properties		explosive air/vapour mixtures possible
Oxidizing Properties	No information available	
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SECTION 10: STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

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Reactivity

Yes.

Chemical Stability

Stable under normal conditions.

Possibility of Hazardous Reactions

Hazardous Polymerization Hazardous Reactions

Hazardous polymerization does not occur.
None under normal processing.

Conditions to Avoid

Excess heat. Avoid dust formation. Keep away from open flames, hot surfaces and sources of ignition.

Incompatible Materials

Strong oxidizing agents.

Hazardous Decomposition Products

Carbon monoxide (CO). Carbon dioxide (CO₂).

SECTION 11: TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Information on Toxicological Effects

Product Information

(a) acute toxicity;

Oral	Category 4
Dermal	No data available
Inhalation	Category 4

Component	LD50 Oral	LD50 Dermal	LC50 Inhalation
Paraformaldehyde	LD50 = 800 mg/kg (Rat)	-	LC50 = 1070 mg/m ³ (Rat) 4 h

(b) skin corrosion/irritation; Category 2

(c) serious eye damage/irritation; Category 1

(d) respiratory or skin sensitization;

Respiratory	No data available
Skin	Category 1

May cause sensitization by skin contact

(e) germ cell mutagenicity; No data available

(f) carcinogenicity; Category 2

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Possible cancer hazard. May cause cancer based on animal data

(g) reproductive toxicity; No data available

(h) STOT-single exposure; Category 3

Results / Target organs Respiratory system.

(i) STOT-repeated exposure; No data available

Target Organs No information available.

(j) aspiration hazard; Not applicable
Solid

Symptoms / effects, both acute and delayed Inhalation of high vapor concentrations may cause symptoms like headache, dizziness, tiredness, nausea and vomiting. Symptoms of allergic reaction may include rash, itching, swelling, trouble breathing, tingling of the hands and feet, dizziness, lightheadedness, chest pain, muscle pain or flushing.

Endocrine Disrupting Properties Assess endocrine disrupting properties for human health. This product does not contain any known or suspected endocrine disruptors.

SECTION 12: ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Ecotoxicity effects Do not empty into drains. .

Component	Freshwater Fish	Water Flea	Freshwater Algae	Microtox
Paraformaldehyde	>10 mg/L 96h	EC50 = 42 mg/L 24h		

Persistence and degradability Expected to be biodegradable
Persistence May persist, based on information available.

Bioaccumulative potential Bioaccumulation is unlikely

Mobility in soil . Is not likely mobile in the environment due its low water solubility.

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

Other adverse effects No information available

SECTION 13: DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Waste treatment methods

Waste from Residues/Unused Products

Waste is classified as hazardous Dispose of in accordance with the European Directives on waste and hazardous waste Dispose of in accordance with local 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

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empty container away from heat and sources of ignition

Other Information

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 Do not empty into drains

SECTION 14: TRANSPORT INFORMATION

IMDG/IMO

UN-No UN2213
Hazard Class 4.1
Packing Group III
Proper Shipping Name PARAFORMALDEHYDE

Road and Rail Transport

UN-No UN2213
Hazard Class 4.1
Packing Group III
Proper Shipping Name PARAFORMALDEHYDE

IATA

UN-No UN2213
Hazard Class 4.1
Packing Group III
Proper Shipping Name PARAFORMALDEHYDE

Special Precautions for User No special precautions required

SECTION 15: REGULATORY INFORMATION

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

International Inventories X = listed

Component	EINECS	TSCA	DSL	PICCS	ENCS	ISHL	IECSC	AICS	KECL
Paraformaldehyde	-	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	KE-27818

National Regulations

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 16: OTHER INFORMATION

Legend

CAS - Chemical Abstracts Service

TSCA - United States Toxic Substances Control Act Section 8(b)
Inventory

EINECS/ELINCS - European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical

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Substances/EU List of Notified Chemical Substances

PICCS - Philippines Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances
IECSC - Chinese Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances
KECL - Korean Existing and Evaluated Chemical Substances

DSL/NDSL - Canadian Domestic Substances List/Non-Domestic Substances List

ENCS - Japanese Existing and New Chemical Substances
AICS - Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances
NZIoC - New Zealand Inventory of Chemicals

WEL - Workplace Exposure Limit

ACGIH - American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists

RPE - Respiratory Protective Equipment

LC50 - Lethal Concentration 50%

POW - Partition coefficient Octanol:Water

TWA - Time Weighted Average

IARC - International Agency for Research on Cancer

LD50 - Lethal Dose 50%

EC50 - Effective Concentration 50%

ADR - European Agreement Concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road

IMO/IMDG - International Maritime Organization/International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code

OECD - Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development

BCF - Bioconcentration factor

ICAO/IATA - International Civil Aviation Organization/International Air Transport Association

MARPOL - International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships

ATE - Acute Toxicity Estimate

VOC - (Volatile Organic Compound)

Key literature references and sources for data

<https://echa.europa.eu/information-on-chemicals>

Suppliers safety data sheet, Chemadviser - LOLI, Merck index, RTECS

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Revision Summary

Not applicable.

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