

Classified as hazardous in accordance with the criteria of EPA New Zealand

## Section 1 - Identification

### Product Identifier

<b>Product Name</b>	<u>Mesitylene</u>
<b>CAS No</b>	108-67-8
<b>Synonyms</b>	1,3,5-Trimethylbenzene
<b>Molecular Formula</b>	C9 H12
<b>Molecular Weight</b>	120.19
<b>Recommended Use</b>	Laboratory chemicals.
<b>Uses advised against</b>	No Information available

<b>Product Code</b>	<b>161320000; 161320010; 161322500</b>
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<b>Emergency Tel.</b>	<b>CHEMTREC®</b> <b>09 980 6780 or +64 9 980 6780</b>
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## Section 2 - Hazard(s) Identification

### Classification under Work Safe New Zealand

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### GHS Classification

#### Physical hazards

Flammable liquids

Category 3

#### Health hazards

Aspiration Toxicity  
Skin Corrosion/Irritation  
Serious Eye Damage/Eye Irritation  
Specific target organ toxicity - (single exposure)

Category 1  
Category 2  
Category 2  
Category 3

#### Environmental hazards

Chronic aquatic toxicity

Category 2

**Label Elements****Signal Word****Danger****Hazard Statements**

H226 - Flammable liquid and vapor  
H304 - May be fatal if swallowed and enters airways  
H315 - Causes skin irritation  
H319 - Causes serious eye irritation  
H335 - May cause respiratory irritation  
H411 - Toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects

**Precautionary Statements****Prevention**

P210 - Keep away from heat, hot surfaces, sparks, open flames and other ignition sources. No smoking  
P240 - Ground and bond container and receiving equipment  
P241 - Use explosion-proof electrical/ ventilating/ lighting 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  
P271 - Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area  
P280 - Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection  
P273 - Avoid release to the environment

**Response**

P301 + P310 - IF SWALLOWED: Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor  
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  
P331 - Do NOT induce vomiting  
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  
P391 - Collect spillage

**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 which do not result in classification**

## Section 3 - Composition and Information on Ingredients

Component	CAS No	Weight %
1,3,5-Trimethylbenzene	108-67-8	<100

## Section 4 - First Aid Measures

**Description of first aid measures**

<b>General Advice</b>	If symptoms persist, call a physician.
<b>New Zealand Emergency Tel.</b>	CHEMTREC® 09 980 6780 or +64 9 980 6780
<b>Inhalation</b>	Remove to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. Get medical attention if symptoms occur. Risk of serious damage to the lungs (by aspiration).
<b>Eye Contact</b>	Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids, for at least 15 minutes. Get medical attention.
<b>Skin Contact</b>	Wash off immediately with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. If skin irritation persists, call a physician.
<b>Ingestion</b>	Clean mouth with water and drink afterwards plenty of water. Do NOT induce vomiting. Call a physician or poison control center immediately. If vomiting occurs naturally, have victim lean forward.
<b>Self-Protection of the First Aider</b>	Use personal protective equipment as required.
<b>First Aid Facilities</b>	Eyewash, safety shower and washroom.
<b>Most important symptoms and effects</b>	Difficulty in breathing. Vapors may cause drowsiness and dizziness: Symptoms of overexposure may be headache, dizziness, tiredness, nausea and vomiting: Symptoms may be delayed
<b>Notes to Physician</b>	Treat symptomatically. Symptoms may be delayed.

## **Section 5 - Fire Fighting Measures**

**Suitable Extinguishing Media**

Water spray, carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>), dry chemical, alcohol-resistant foam. Water mist may be used to cool closed containers.

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

Do not use a solid water stream as it may scatter and spread fire.

**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.

**Hazardous Combustion Products**

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

**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**

**Personal Precautions, Protective Equipment and Emergency Procedures****Emergency procedures**

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

**Environmental Precautions**

Do not flush into surface water or sanitary sewer system.

**Methods for Containment and Clean Up**

Soak up with inert absorbent material. Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal. Remove all sources of ignition. Use spark-proof tools and explosion-proof equipment.

**Precautions to prevent secondary hazards**

Clean contaminated objects and areas thoroughly observing environmental regulations

**Reference to Other Sections**

Refer to protective measures listed in Sections 8 and 13.

## Section 7 - Handling and Storage

**Precautions for Safe Handling****Advice on safe handling**

Wear personal protective equipment/face protection. Ensure adequate ventilation. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Avoid ingestion and inhalation. Keep away from open flames, hot surfaces and sources of ignition. Use only non-sparking tools. Take precautionary measures against static discharges.

**Hygiene Measures**

Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.

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

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

**Incompatible Materials**

Strong oxidizing agents. Nitric acid.

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

**Control parameters****Exposure limits**

**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.

Component	New Zealand WEL	Australia	ACGIH TLV	The United Kingdom
1,3,5-Trimethylbenzene			TWA: 10 ppm	

**Biological limit values**

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

**Appropriate engineering controls****Engineering Measures**

Ensure adequate ventilation, especially in confined areas. Ensure that eyewash stations and safety showers are close to the workstation location. 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

**Individual protection measures, such as 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
Viton (R).	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

**Recommended Filter type:** Organic gases and vapours filter Type A Brown conforming to EN14387 (or AUS/NZ equivalent)

**Recommended half mask:-** Valve filtering: EN405 or Half mask: EN140 plus filter, EN 141 (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** Prevent product from entering drains. Do not allow material to contaminate ground water system.

## Section 9 - Physical and Chemical Properties

### Information on basic physical and chemical properties

<b>Physical State</b>	Liquid	
<b>Appearance</b>	Colorless	
<b>Odor</b>	aromatic	
<b>Odor Threshold</b>	No data available	
<b>pH</b>	No information available	
<b>Melting Point/Range</b>	-45 °C / -49 °F	
<b>Softening Point</b>	No data available	
<b>Boiling Point/Range</b>	163 - 166 °C / 325.4 - 330.8 °F	@ 760 mmHg
<b>Flammability (liquid)</b>	Flammable	On basis of test data
<b>Flammability (solid,gas)</b>	Not applicable	Liquid
<b>Explosion Limits</b>	<b>Lower</b> 1 <b>Upper</b> 6	
<b>Flash Point</b>	44 °C / 111.2 °F	<b>Method -</b> No information available
<b>Autoignition Temperature</b>	550 - °C / 1022 - °F	
<b>Decomposition Temperature</b>	No data available	
<b>Viscosity</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>Vapor Pressure</b>	2.5 mbar @ 20 °C	
<b>Density / Specific Gravity</b>	0.868	
<b>Bulk Density</b>	Not applicable	Liquid
<b>Vapor Density</b>	4.1 (Air = 1.0)	(Air = 1.0)
<b>Particle characteristics</b>	Not applicable (liquid)	

### Other information

**Molecular Formula** C9 H12  
**Molecular Weight** 120.19

**Explosive Properties** explosive air/vapour mixtures possible

## Section 10 - Stability and Reactivity

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

**Stability** Stable under normal conditions.

**Sensitivity to Mechanical Impact** No information available

**Sensitivity to Static Discharge** No information available

**Hazardous Polymerization** Hazardous polymerization does not occur.

**Hazardous Reactions** None under normal processing.

**Conditions to Avoid** Incompatible products, Excess heat, Keep away from open flames, hot surfaces and sources of ignition.

**Incompatible Materials** Strong oxidizing agents, Nitric acid.

**Hazardous Decomposition Products** Carbon monoxide (CO). Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>).

## Section 11 - Toxicological Information

### Acute Effects

### Information on likely routes of exposure

#### Product Information

**Inhalation** Not an expected route of exposure.  
**Eyes** Avoid contact with eyes. Irritating to eyes.  
**Skin** Avoid contact with skin. May cause irritation.  
**Ingestion** May be harmful if swallowed. Harmful if swallowed. Potential for aspiration if swallowed.

### Numerical measures of toxicity

#### (a) acute toxicity;

**Oral** Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met  
**Dermal** Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met  
**Inhalation** Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

Component	LD50 Oral	LD50 Dermal	LC50 Inhalation
1,3,5-Trimethylbenzene			LC50 = 24 g/m <sup>3</sup> ( Rat ) 4 h

(b) skin corrosion/irritation; Category 2

(c) serious eye damage/irritation; Category 2

#### (d) respiratory or skin sensitization;

**Respiratory** Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met  
**Skin** Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

(e) germ cell mutagenicity; Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

Not mutagenic in AMES Test

(f) **carcinogenicity;** Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met  
There are no known carcinogenic chemicals in this product

(g) **reproductive toxicity;** Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

(h) **STOT-single exposure;** Category 3  
**Results / Target organs** Respiratory system  
Central nervous system (CNS)

(i) **STOT-repeated exposure;** Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met  
**Target Organs** None known.

(j) **aspiration hazard;** Category 1

**Symptoms / effects, both acute and delayed**

Vapors may cause drowsiness and dizziness. Symptoms of overexposure may be headache, dizziness, tiredness, nausea and vomiting. Symptoms may be delayed.

## Section 12 - Ecological Information

### Ecotoxicity

**Aquatic ecotoxicity** Toxic to aquatic organisms, may cause long-term adverse effects in the aquatic environment. The product contains following substances which are hazardous for the environment.

Component	Freshwater Fish	Water Flea	Freshwater Algae	Microtox
1,3,5-Trimethylbenzene	LC50: = 3.48 mg/L, 96h (Pimephales promelas)			

**Terrestrial ecotoxicity** There is no data for this product

### Persistence and Degradability

**Persistence** May persist, based on information available.

**Degradation in sewage treatment plant** Contains substances known to be hazardous to the environment or not degradable in waste water treatment plants.

**Bioaccumulative Potential** May have some potential to bioaccumulate

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

### Other adverse effects

**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 treatment methods

**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**

Disposal agencies or waste contractors must comply with the New Zealand Hazardous Substances (Disposal) Regulations. Do not flush to sewer. Waste codes should be assigned by the user based on the application for which the product was used. Can be landfilled or incinerated, when in compliance with local regulations. Do not let this chemical enter the environment. Do not empty into drains.

## Section 14 - Transport Information

Component	Hazchem Code
1,3,5-Trimethylbenzene 108-67-8 ( <100 )	3Y

**NZS 5433:2020**

UN-No UN2325  
Proper Shipping Name 1,3,5-TRIMETHYLBENZENE  
Hazard Class 3  
Packing Group III

**IATA**

UN-No UN2325  
Proper Shipping Name 1,3,5-TRIMETHYLBENZENE  
Hazard Class 3  
Packing Group III

**IMDG/IMO**

UN-No UN2325  
Proper Shipping Name 1,3,5-TRIMETHYLBENZENE  
Hazard Class 3  
Packing Group III

Component	IMDG Marine Pollutant
1,3,5-Trimethylbenzene 108-67-8 ( <100 )	IMDG regulated marine pollutant (UN2325)

**Environmental hazards**

Dangerous for the environment  
Product is a marine pollutant according to the criteria set by IMDG/IMO

**Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL 73/78 and the IBC Code**

Not applicable, packaged goods

**Special Precautions**

No special precautions required. Please refer to the applicable dangerous goods regulations for additional information.

**Additional information**

None known



## Section 15 - Regulatory Information

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

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#### National Regulations

There are no applicable tolerable exposure limits or environmental exposure limits according to the EPA Controls for Hazardous Substances

#### Certified handlers, tracking and controlled substance license requirements

Certified handlers are required for some substances. This includes substances requiring a controlled substance license, and most explosives, vertebrates toxic agents, and certain fumigants. Acutely toxic substances which are a Category 1 or 2, such as pesticides also require Certified handlers. Please check the Health and Safety at Work Act 2015 for further information. Tracking is required for some highly hazardous substances. These substances need to be under the control of an appropriately trained person or appropriately secured. Please check the Health and Safety at Work Act 2015 for further information.

#### Prohibition or notification/licensing requirements

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

#### 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

Component	Seveso III Directive (2012/18/EC) - Qualifying Quantities for Major Accident Notification	Seveso III Directive (2012/18/EC) - Qualifying Quantities for Safety Report Requirements	IMDG Marine Pollutant
1,3,5-Trimethylbenzene			IMDG regulated marine pollutant (UN2325)

**Authorisation/Restrictions according to EU REACH** Not applicable

#### International Inventories

New Zealand (NZIoC), Australia (AICS), Europe (EINECS/ELINCS/NLP), Korea (KECL), China (IECSC), Taiwan (TCSI), Japan (ENCS), Japan (ISHL), Canada (DSL/NDSL), Philippines (PICCS). US EPA (TSCA) - Toxic Substances Control Act, (40 CFR Part 710)

Component	CAS No	NZIoC	AICS	EINECS	ELINCS	NLP	KECL	IECSC	TCSI
1,3,5-Trimethylbenzene	108-67-8	X	X	203-604-4	-	-	KE-34411	X	X

Component	CAS No	TSCA	TSCA Inventory notification - Active-Inactive	DSL	NDSL	PICCS	ISHL	ENCS
1,3,5-Trimethylbenzene	108-67-8	X	ACTIVE	X	-	X	X	X

**Legend:** X - Listed '-' - Not Listed

**KECL** - NIER number or KE number (<http://ncis.nier.go.kr/en/main.do>)

## Section 16 - Other Information

This safety data sheet complies with the requirements of the EPA Hazardous Substances (Hazard Classification) Notice 2020 and WorkSafe New Zealand Regulations

#### Legend

**NZIoC** - New Zealand Inventory of Chemicals  
**TSCA** - United States Toxic Substances Control Act Section 8(b) Inventory  
**DSL/NDL** - Canadian Domestic Substances List/Non-Domestic Substances List  
**IECSC** - Chinese Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances  
**PICCS** - Philippines Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances  
**TWA** - Time Weighted Average  
**IARC** - International Agency for Research on Cancer  
**NZS 5433:2020** - Transport of Dangerous Goods on Land  
**ICAO/IATA** - International Civil Aviation Organization/International Air Transport Association  
**MARPOL** - International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships  
**LD50** - Lethal Dose 50%  
**EC50** - Effective Concentration 50%  
**WEL** - Workplace Exposure Limit  
**DNEL** - Derived No Effect Level  
**POW** - Partition coefficient Octanol:Water  
**vPvB** - very Persistent, very Bioaccumulative  
**VOC** - (Volatile Organic Compound)

**AICS** - Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances  
**EINECS/ELINCS** - European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances/EU List of Notified Chemical Substances  
**ENCS** - Japanese Existing and New Chemical Substances

**KECL** - Korean Existing and Evaluated Chemical Substances  
**CAS** - Chemical Abstracts Service  
**ACGIH** - American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists  
**PNEC** - Predicted No Effect Concentration  
**OECD** - Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development  
**IMO/IMDG** - International Maritime Organization/International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code

**LC50** - Lethal Concentration 50%  
**ATE** - Acute Toxicity Estimate  
**RPE** - Respiratory Protective Equipment  
**NOEC** - No Observed Effect Concentration  
**BCF** - Bioconcentration factor  
**PBT** - Persistent, Bioaccumulative, Toxic

#### Key literature references and sources for data

HSNO classifications provided in the New Zealand Chemical Classification Information Database (CCID).  
<https://echa.europa.eu/information-on-chemicals>  
Suppliers safety data sheet, Chemadvisor - LOLI, Merck index, RTECS  
EPA Guide to classifying hazardous substances in New Zealand  
EPA - Assigning a product to an existing HSNO approval guide

#### Training Advice

Chemical incident response training.  
Chemical hazard awareness training, incorporating labelling, Safety Data Sheets (SDS), Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and hygiene.  
Use of personal protective equipment, covering appropriate selection, compatibility, breakthrough thresholds, care, maintenance, fit and standards.  
First aid for chemical exposure, including the use of eye wash and safety showers.  
Fire prevention and fighting, identifying hazards and risks, static electricity, explosive atmospheres posed by vapours and dusts.

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