

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

## Section 1 - Identification

### Product Identifier

**Product Name** Ethyl alcohol

**Synonyms** Ethyl alcohol; Ethyl hydroxide; Fermentation alcohol

**Molecular Formula** C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>OH

**Molecular Weight** 46.0414

**Recommended Use** Laboratory chemicals.

**Uses advised against** No Information available

**Product Code** **A997-1GAL; A997-1PT; A997-55GAL; A997-5GAL**

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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 2

#### Health hazards

Serious Eye Damage/Eye Irritation Category 2

#### Environmental hazards

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

### Label Elements



Signal Word

Danger

**Hazard Statements**

H225 - Highly flammable liquid and vapor

H319 - Causes serious eye irritation

**Precautionary Statements****Prevention**

P233 - Keep container tightly closed

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

P240 - Ground and bond container and receiving equipment

P242 - Use non-sparking tools

P243 - Take action to prevent static discharges

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 or shower

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

**Storage**

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

**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 %
Ethyl alcohol	64-17-5	95 - 99
Water	7732-18-5	1 - 5

## Section 4 - First Aid Measures

**Description of first aid measures****General Advice**

If symptoms persist, call a physician.

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

**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.

<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. Symptoms may be delayed.

## 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.

### Hazardous Combustion Products

None under normal use conditions.

### 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

Use personal protective equipment as required. Ensure adequate ventilation. 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. To avoid ignition of vapors by static electricity discharge, all metal parts of the equipment must be grounded. Take precautionary measures against static discharges.

**Hygiene Measures**

Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice. Keep away from food, drink and animal feeding stuffs. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. Remove and wash contaminated clothing and gloves, including the inside, before re-use. Wash hands before breaks and after work.

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

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

**Incompatible Materials**

None known.

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**

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

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

**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.

**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

Component	New Zealand WEL	Australia	ACGIH TLV	The United Kingdom
Ethyl alcohol	TWA: 1000 ppm TWA: 1880 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	TWA: 1000 ppm TWA: 1880 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	STEL: 1000 ppm	TWA: 1000 ppm TWA; 1920 mg/m <sup>3</sup> TWA WEL - STEL: 3000 ppm STEL; 5760 mg/m <sup>3</sup> STEL

**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. 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**

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
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 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>	Organic gases and vapours filter Type A Brown conforming to EN14387 (or AUS/NZ equivalent)
<b>Recommended half mask:-</b>	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
<b>Hygiene Measures</b>	Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.
<b>Environmental exposure controls</b>	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>	-114.1 °C / -173.4 °F	
<b>Softening Point</b>	No data available	
<b>Boiling Point/Range</b>	78 °C / 172.4 °F	
<b>Flammability (liquid)</b>	Highly flammable	On basis of test data
<b>Flammability (solid,gas)</b>	Not applicable	Liquid
<b>Explosion Limits</b>	No data available	
<b>Flash Point</b>	16.6 °C / 61.9 °F	<b>Method -</b> No information available
<b>Autoignition Temperature</b>	363 °C / 685.4 °F	
<b>Decomposition Temperature</b>	No data available	
<b>Viscosity</b>	No data available	
<b>Water Solubility</b>	Miscible	
<b>Solubility in other solvents</b>	No information available	
<b>Partition Coefficient (n-octanol/water)</b>		
<b>Component</b>	<b>log Pow</b>	
Ethyl alcohol	-0.32	
<b>Vapor Pressure</b>	59.3 mmHg @ 20 °C	
<b>Density / Specific Gravity</b>	0.790 @ 20°C	
<b>Bulk Density</b>	Not applicable	Liquid
<b>Vapor Density</b>	1.59	(Air = 1.0)
<b>Particle characteristics</b>	Not applicable (liquid)	

### Other information

<b>Molecular Formula</b>	C2H5OH
<b>Molecular Weight</b>	46.0414
<b>Explosive Properties</b>	Vapors may form explosive mixtures with air
<b>Evaporation Rate</b>	No information available

## Section 10 - Stability and Reactivity

<b>Reactivity</b>	None known, based on information available
<b>Stability</b>	Stable under normal conditions.
<b>Sensitivity to Mechanical Impact</b>	No information available
<b>Sensitivity to Static Discharge</b>	No information available
<b>Hazardous Polymerization</b>	No information available.
<b>Hazardous Reactions</b>	None under normal processing.
<b>Conditions to Avoid</b>	Keep away from open flames, hot surfaces and sources of ignition.
<b>Incompatible Materials</b>	None known.
<b>Hazardous Decomposition Products</b>	None under normal use conditions.

## Section 11 - Toxicological Information

### Acute Effects

#### Information on likely routes of exposure

#### Product Information

<b>Inhalation</b>	Avoid breathing vapors or mists.
<b>Eyes</b>	Avoid contact with eyes.
<b>Skin</b>	Avoid contact with skin. Prolonged skin contact may defat the skin and produce dermatitis.
<b>Ingestion</b>	May be harmful if swallowed.

#### Numerical measures of toxicity

##### (a) acute toxicity;

<b>Oral</b>	Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met
<b>Dermal</b>	Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met
<b>Inhalation</b>	Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

Component	LD50 Oral	LD50 Dermal	LC50 Inhalation
Ethyl alcohol	LD50 = 7060 mg/kg ( Rat )		20000 ppm/10H ( Rat )
Water	-	-	-

(b) skin corrosion/irritation; Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

(c) serious eye damage/irritation; Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

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

<b>Respiratory</b>	Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met
<b>Skin</b>	Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

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

##### (f) carcinogenicity;

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met  
The table below indicates whether each agency has listed any ingredient as a carcinogen

##### (g) reproductive toxicity;

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

(h) STOT-single exposure; Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

(i) STOT-repeated exposure; Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

Target Organs None known.

(j) aspiration hazard; Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

#### 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

**Aquatic ecotoxicity** Contains a substance which is: Toxic to aquatic organisms. The product contains following substances which are hazardous for the environment.

Component	Freshwater Fish	Water Flea	Freshwater Algae	Microtox
Ethyl alcohol	Fathead minnow (Pimephales promelas) LC50 = 14200 mg/l/96h	EC50 = 9268 mg/L/48h EC50 = 10800 mg/L/24h	EC50 (72h) = 275 mg/l (Chlorella vulgaris)	Photobacterium phosphoreum: EC50 = 34634 mg/L/30 min Photobacterium phosphoreum: EC50 = 35470 mg/L/5 min

### Terrestrial ecotoxicity

Component	Earthworm	Avian	Honeybees
Ethyl alcohol	Acute toxicity: LC50 0.1 - 1 mg/cm2 (Eisenia foetida, 48 h, filter paper)		

### Persistence and Degradability

**Persistence** Persistence is unlikely, 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** Bioaccumulation is unlikely

Component	log Pow	Bioconcentration factor (BCF)
Ethyl alcohol	-0.32	No data available

**Mobility** The product contains volatile organic compounds (VOC) which will evaporate easily from all surfaces. Will likely be mobile in the environment due to its volatility. Disperses rapidly in air

### 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.

## Section 14 - Transport Information

Component	Hazchem Code
Ethyl alcohol 64-17-5 ( 95 - 99 )	2YE 2Y

**NZS 5433:2020**

Not regulated

**IATA**

Not regulated

**IMDG/IMO**

Not regulated

**Environmental hazards**

No hazards identified

**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****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**

<b>Ozone Depletion Potential</b>	This product does not contain any known or suspected substance
<b>Persistent Organic Pollutant</b>	This product does not contain any known or suspected substance
<b>Rotterdam Convention (PIC)</b>	Not applicable
<b>Authorisation/Restrictions according to EU REACH</b>	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
Ethyl alcohol	64-17-5	X	X	200-578-6	-	-	KE-13217	X	X
Water	7732-18-5	X	X	231-791-2	-	-	KE-35400	X	X

Component	CAS No	TSCA	TSCA Inventory notification - Active-Inactive	DSL	NDSL	PICCS	ISHL	ENCS
Ethyl alcohol	64-17-5	X	ACTIVE	X	-	X	X	X
Water	7732-18-5	X	ACTIVE	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/NDSL** - 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  
**ADG** - Australian Code for the Transport of Dangerous Goods by Road and Rail  
**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**

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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 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.

Chemical incident response training.

Fire prevention and fighting, identifying hazards and risks, static electricity, explosive atmospheres posed by vapours and dusts.

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