

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: **Formic acid**  
 Product Description: **Formic acid**  
 Synonyms: Methanoic acid  
 CAS No: 64-18-6  
 Molecular Formula: C H<sub>2</sub> O<sub>2</sub>

**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 liquids	Category 3 (H226)
Acute oral toxicity	Category 4 (H302)
Acute Inhalation Toxicity - Vapors	Category 3 (H331)
Skin Corrosion/Irritation	Category 1 A (H314)
Serious Eye Damage/Eye Irritation	Category 1 (H318)

**Label Elements**

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

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H226 - Flammable liquid and vapor  
H302 - Harmful if swallowed  
H314 - Causes severe skin burns and eye damage  
H331 - Toxic if inhaled

## 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  
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  
P284 - Wear respiratory protection

### Response

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  
P310 - Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor  
P330 - Rinse mouth  
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

### Storage

P403 + P233 - Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed  
P405 - Store locked up

### Disposal

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

## Other Hazards

EUH071 - Corrosive to the respiratory tract  
Lachrymator (substance which increases the flow of tears)  
This product does not contain any known or suspected endocrine disruptors

## SECTION 3: COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Component	CAS No	Weight %
Formic acid	64-18-6	>95

## SECTION 4: FIRST AID MEASURES

### Description of first aid measures

#### General Advice

Immediate medical attention is required. Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance.

#### Eye Contact

In the case of contact with eyes, rinse immediately with plenty of water and seek medical advice.

#### Skin Contact

Wash off immediately with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Immediate medical attention is required.

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<b>Ingestion</b>	Do NOT induce vomiting. Call a physician or poison control center immediately.
<b>Inhalation</b>	Do not use mouth-to-mouth method if victim ingested or inhaled the substance; give artificial respiration with the aid of a pocket mask equipped with a one-way valve or other proper respiratory medical device. Remove to fresh air. Immediate medical attention is required. If not breathing, give artificial respiration.
<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.

## **Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed**

Difficulty in breathing. Causes burns by all exposure routes. Symptoms of overexposure may be headache, dizziness, tiredness, nausea and vomiting. Product is a corrosive material. Use of gastric lavage or emesis is contraindicated. Possible perforation of stomach or esophagus should be investigated. Ingestion causes severe swelling, severe damage to the delicate tissue and danger of perforation.

## **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 (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**

No information available.

### **Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture**

Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating gases and vapors. 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>), Hydrogen, Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating gases and vapors.

### **Advice for fire-fighters**

As in any fire, wear self-contained breathing apparatus pressure-demand, MSHA/NIOSH (approved or equivalent) and full protective gear. Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating gases and vapors.

## **SECTION 6: ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES**

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

Use personal protective equipment as required. Evacuate personnel to safe areas. Keep people away from and upwind of spill/leak. Ensure adequate ventilation. Remove all sources of ignition. Take precautionary measures against static discharges.

### **Environmental precautions**

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

### **Methods and Material for Containment and Cleaning Up**

Soak up with inert absorbent material. Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal. Remove all sources of ignition. Use

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spark-proof tools and explosion-proof equipment.

## Reference to Other Sections

Refer to protective measures listed in Sections 8 and 13.

## SECTION 7: HANDLING AND STORAGE

### Precautions for Safe Handling

Use only under a chemical fume hood. Wear personal protective equipment/face protection. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Do not breathe mist/vapors/spray. Do not ingest. If swallowed then seek immediate medical assistance. Keep away from open flames, hot surfaces and sources of ignition. Use only non-sparking tools. Take precautionary measures against static discharges.

### Conditions for Safe Storage, Including any Incompatibilities

Keep containers tightly closed in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place. Corrosives area. Keep away from heat, sparks and flame. Containers should be vented periodically in order to overcome pressure buildup.

### Specific End Uses

Use in laboratories.

## SECTION 8: EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

### Control Parameters

Component	Malaysia	ACGIH TLV	OSHA PEL
Formic acid		TWA: 5 ppm STEL: 10 ppm	(Vacated) TWA: 5 ppm (Vacated) TWA: 9 mg/m <sup>3</sup> TWA: 5 ppm TWA: 9 mg/m <sup>3</sup>

Component	European Union	The United Kingdom	Germany
Formic acid	TWA: 5 ppm 8 hr TWA: 9 mg/m <sup>3</sup> 8 hr	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>

### 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

Face protection shield or Goggles

#### Hand Protection

Protective gloves

#### Skin and body protection

Chemical resistant apron. Boots. Chemical protection suit (EN 14605).

Inspect gloves before use.

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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.

## 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 Acid gases filter Type E Yellow conforming to EN14387

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

Prevent product from entering drains

## SECTION 9: PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

### Information on basic physical and chemical properties

Appearance	Colorless	
Physical State	Liquid	
Odor	pungent	
Odor Threshold	No data available	
pH	2.1	10 g/L aq.sol
Melting Point/Range	8 °C / 46.4 °F	
Softening Point	No data available	
Boiling Point/Range	101 °C / 213.8 °F	@ 760 mmHg
Flash Point	50 °C / 122 °F	Method - No information available
Evaporation Rate	No data available	
Flammability (solid,gas)	Not applicable	Liquid
Explosion Limits	Lower 10 vol% Upper 57 vol%	
Vapor Pressure	44 mbar @ 20 °C	
Vapor Density	No data available	(Air = 1.0)
Specific Gravity / Density	1.220	
Bulk Density	Not applicable	Liquid
Water Solubility	Miscible	
Solubility in other solvents	No information available	
Partition Coefficient (n-octanol/water)		
Component	log Pow	
Formic acid	-0.54	
Autoignition Temperature	520 °C / 968 °F	
Decomposition Temperature	No data available	
Viscosity	1.47 mPa.s @ 20 °C	
Explosive Properties		explosive air/vapour mixtures possible

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**Oxidizing Properties** No information available

**Molecular Formula** C H<sub>2</sub> O<sub>2</sub>  
**Molecular Weight** 46.02

## SECTION 10: STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

### Reactivity

None known, based on information available.

### Chemical Stability

Hygroscopic. heat sensitive. Risk of explosion if heated under confinement.

### Possibility of Hazardous Reactions

**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. Exposure to moist air or water.

### Incompatible Materials

Strong oxidizing agents. Metals. Finely powdered metals. Strong bases.

### Hazardous Decomposition Products

Carbon monoxide (CO). Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>). Hydrogen. Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating gases and vapors.

## SECTION 11: TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### Information on Toxicological Effects

#### Product Information

#### (a) acute toxicity;

**Oral** Category 4  
**Dermal** Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met  
**Inhalation** Category 3

Component	LD50 Oral	LD50 Dermal	LC50 Inhalation
Formic acid	730 mg/kg ( Rat )	-	7.85 mg/l (Rat) 4h OECD 403

(b) skin corrosion/irritation; Category 1 A

(c) serious eye damage/irritation; Category 1

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

**Respiratory**  
**Skin**

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met  
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**(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  
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;**

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

**(i) STOT-repeated exposure;**

**Target Organs**

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met  
None known.

**(j) aspiration hazard;**

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

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

Symptoms of overexposure may be headache, dizziness, tiredness, nausea and vomiting. Product is a corrosive material. Use of gastric lavage or emesis is contraindicated. Possible perforation of stomach or esophagus should be investigated. Ingestion causes severe swelling, severe damage to the delicate tissue and danger of perforation.

**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**

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

Component	Freshwater Fish	Water Flea	Freshwater Algae	Microtox
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**

**Persistence**  
**Degradation in sewage treatment plant**

Readily biodegradable  
Miscible with water, Persistence is unlikely, based on information available.  
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)
Formic acid	-0.54	0.22 dimensionless

**Mobility in soil**

The product is water soluble, and may spread in water systems. . Will likely be mobile in the environment due to its water solubility. Highly mobile in soils.

**Endocrine Disruptor Information**

This product does not contain any known or suspected endocrine disruptors

Component	EU - Endocrine Disruptors Candidate List	EU - Endocrine Disruptors - Evaluated Substances

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Formic acid	Applicable	
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**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 empty container away from heat and sources of ignition

#### **Other Information**

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 empty into drains Large amounts will affect pH and harm aquatic organisms

## SECTION 14: TRANSPORT INFORMATION

### IMDG/IMO

UN-No UN1779  
Hazard Class 8  
Subsidiary Hazard Class 3  
Packing Group II  
Proper Shipping Name FORMIC ACID

### Road and Rail Transport

UN-No UN1779  
Hazard Class 8  
Subsidiary Hazard Class 3  
Packing Group II  
Proper Shipping Name FORMIC ACID

### IATA

UN-No UN1779  
Hazard Class 8  
Subsidiary Hazard Class 3  
Packing Group II  
Proper Shipping Name FORMIC ACID

**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
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Formic acid	200-579-1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
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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	Rotterdam Convention (PIC)	Basel Convention (Hazardous Waste)
Formic acid				Annex I - Y34

## National Regulations

**Persistent Organic Pollutant**  
**Ozone Depletion Potential**

This product does not contain any known or suspected substance  
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## SECTION 16: OTHER INFORMATION

### Legend

**CAS** - Chemical Abstracts Service

**EINECS/ELINCS** - European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical 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

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

**DSL/NDL** - 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, Chemadvisor - LOLI, Merck index, RTECS

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Not applicable.

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