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Section 1: IDENTIFICATION OF THE SUBSTANCE/MIXTURE AND OF THE COMPANY/UNDERTAKING

1.1. Product identifier

Product Description:	<u>Methyl formate, may contain up to ca 3% methanol</u>
Cat No. :	A15850
Synonyms	Formic acid methyl ester; Methyl methanoate
Index No	607-014-00-1
CAS No	107-31-3
EC No	203-481-7
Molecular Formula	C2 H4 O2
REACH registration number	01-2119433307-44-0306

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

Recommended Use	Laboratory chemicals.
Sector of use	SU3 - Industrial uses: Uses of substances as such or in preparations at industrial sites
Product category	PC21 - Laboratory chemicals
Process categories	PROC15 - Use as a laboratory reagent
Environmental release category	ERC6a - Industrial use resulting in manufacture of another substance (use of intermediates)
Uses advised against	No Information available

1.3. Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

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Swiss distributor - Fisher Scientific AG
Neuhofstrasse 11, CH 4153 Reinach
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<https://www.fishersci.ch/ch/en/customer-help-support/forms/email-us.html>

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1.4. Emergency telephone number

For information **US** call: 001-800-227-6701 / **Europe** call: +32 14 57 52 11
Emergency Number **US**:001-201-796-7100 / **Europe**: +32 14 57 52 99
CHEMTREC Tel. No.**US**:001-800-424-9300 / **Europe**:001-703-527-3887

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Tox Info Suisse Emergency Number: **145 (24hr)**
Tox Info Suisse: +41-44 251 51 51 (Emergency number from abroad)
Chemtrec (24h) Toll-Free: 0800 564 402
Chemtrec Local: +41-43 508 20 11 (Zurich)

Section 2: HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

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2.1. Classification of the substance or mixture

CLP Classification - Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008

Physical hazards

Flammable liquids

Category 1 (H224)

Health hazards

Acute oral toxicity

Category 4 (H302)

Acute Inhalation Toxicity - Vapors

Category 4 (H332)

Serious Eye Damage/Eye Irritation

Category 2 (H319)

Specific target organ toxicity - (single exposure)

Category 2 (H371)

Environmental hazards

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

Full text of Hazard Statements: see section 16

2.2. Label elements



Signal Word

Danger

Hazard Statements

H224 - Extremely flammable liquid and vapor

H319 - Causes serious eye irritation

H335 - May cause respiratory irritation

H302 + H332 - Harmful if swallowed or if inhaled

Precautionary Statements

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

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

P309 + P311 - IF exposed or if you feel unwell: Call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician

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

2.3. Other hazards

Substance is not considered persistent, bioaccumulative and toxic (PBT) / very persistent and very bioaccumulative (vPvB)

Toxic to terrestrial vertebrates

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This product does not contain any known or suspected endocrine disruptors

Section 3: Composition/information on ingredients

3.1. Substances

Component	CAS No	EC No	Weight %	CLP Classification - Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008
Methyl formate	107-31-3	EEC No. 203-481-7	>97	Flam. Liq. 1 (H224) Acute Tox. 4 (H302) Acute Tox. 4 (H332) Eye Irrit. 2 (H319) STOT SE 3 (H335)
Methanol	67-56-1	200-659-6	<3	Flam. Liq. 2 (H225) Acute Tox. 3 (H301) Acute Tox. 3 (H311) Acute Tox. 3 (H331) STOT SE 1 (H370)

Component	Specific concentration limits (SCL's)	M-Factor	Component notes
Methanol	STOT Single Exp. 1 :: >= 10 STOT Single Exp. 2 :: 3 - < 10	-	-

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Section 4: First aid measures

4.1. 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. Get medical attention.
Ingestion	Do NOT induce vomiting. Get medical attention.
Inhalation	Remove to fresh air. 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. Immediate medical attention is required. If not breathing, give artificial respiration.
Self-Protection of the First Aider	Use personal protective equipment as required.

4.2. Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed

Difficulty in breathing. Inhalation of high vapor concentrations may cause symptoms like headache, dizziness, tiredness, nausea and vomiting

4.3. Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

Notes to Physician	Treat symptomatically. Symptoms may be delayed.
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Section 5: Firefighting measures

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5.1. 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.

5.2. Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture

Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating gases and vapors. Extremely 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 (CO₂), Methanol.

5.3. Advice for firefighters

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

6.1. Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

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

6.2. Environmental precautions

Should not be released into the environment. Do not flush into surface water or sanitary sewer system.

6.3. 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 spark-proof tools and explosion-proof equipment.

6.4. Reference to other sections

Refer to protective measures listed in Sections 8 and 13.

Section 7: Handling and storage

7.1. Precautions for safe handling

Ensure adequate ventilation. Wear personal protective equipment/face protection. 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 spark-proof tools and explosion-proof equipment. 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.

7.2. Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

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

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Technical Rules for Hazardous Substances (TRGS) 510
Storage Class (LGK) (Germany)

Class 3

Switzerland - Storage of hazardous substances

Storage class - SC 3
<https://www.kvu.ch/de/themen/stoffe-und-produkte>
<https://www.kvu.ch/fr/themes/substances-et-produits>
<https://www.kvu.ch/it/temi/sostanze-e-prodotti>

7.3. Specific end use(s)

Use in laboratories

Section 8: Exposure controls/personal protection

8.1. Control parameters

Exposure limits

List source(s): **EU** - Commission Directive (EU) 2019/1831 of 24 October 2019 establishing a fifth list of indicative occupational exposure limit values pursuant to Council Directive 98/24/EC and amending Commission Directive 2000/39/EC **UK** - EH40/2005 Work Exposure Limits, Forth edition. Published 2020. **IRE** - 2010 Code of Practice for the Safety, Health and Welfare at Work (Chemical Agents) Regulations 2001. Published by the Health and Safety Authority. **CH** - The Government of Switzerland has set a directive on limit values for working materials (Grenzwerte am Arbeitsplatz) which is based on the Swiss Federal Regulation "Verordnung über die Verhütung von Unfällen und Berufskrankheiten". This directive is administered, periodically revised and enforced by SUVA (Swiss National Accident Insurance Fund).

Component	European Union	The United Kingdom	France	Belgium	Spain
Methyl formate	TWA: 125 mg/m ³ (8h) TWA: 50 ppm (8h) STEL: 250 mg/m ³ (15min) STEL: 100 ppm (15min) Skin	STEL: 100 ppm 15 min STEL: 250 mg/m ³ 15 min TWA: 50 ppm 8 hr TWA: 125 mg/m ³ 8 hr Skin	TWA / VME: 50 ppm (8 heures). indicative limit TWA / VME: 125 mg/m ³ (8 heures). indicative limit STEL / VLCT: 100 ppm. indicative limit STEL / VLCT: 250 mg/m ³ . indicative limit Peau	TWA: 50 ppm 8 uren TWA: 125 mg/m ³ 8 uren STEL: 100 ppm 15 minuten STEL: 250 mg/m ³ 15 minuten Huid	STEL / VLA-EC: 100 ppm (15 minutos). STEL / VLA-EC: 250 mg/m ³ (15 minutos). TWA / VLA-ED: 50 ppm (8 horas) TWA / VLA-ED: 125 mg/m ³ (8 horas) Piel
Methanol	TWA: 200 ppm 8 hr TWA: 260 mg/m ³ 8 hr Skin	WEL - TWA: 200 ppm TWA: 266 mg/m ³ TWA WEL - STEL: 250 ppm STEL: 333 mg/m ³ STEL	TWA / VME: 200 ppm (8 heures). restrictive limit TWA / VME: 260 mg/m ³ (8 heures). restrictive limit STEL / VLCT: 1000 ppm. restrictive limit: this value is not set by regulation and comes from a circular published by the Ministry of Labor. STEL / VLCT: 1300 mg/m ³ . restrictive limit: this value is not set by regulation and comes from a circular published by the Ministry of Labor. Peau	TWA: 200 ppm 8 uren TWA: 266 mg/m ³ 8 uren STEL: 250 ppm 15 minuten STEL: 333 mg/m ³ 15 minuten Huid	TWA / VLA-ED: 200 ppm (8 horas) TWA / VLA-ED: 266 mg/m ³ (8 horas) Piel

Component	Italy	Germany	Portugal	The Netherlands	Finland
Methyl formate	TWA: 125 mg/m ³ 8 ore. Time Weighted Average TWA: 50 ppm 8 ore. Time Weighted Average STEL: 250 mg/m ³ 15 minuti. Short-term STEL: 100 ppm 15 minuti. Short-term	TWA: 50 ppm (8 Stunden). AGW - exposure factor 2 TWA: 120 mg/m ³ (8 Stunden). AGW - exposure factor 2 TWA: 50 ppm (8 Stunden). MAK	STEL: 100 ppm 15 minutos STEL: 250 mg/m ³ 15 minutos TWA: 50 ppm 8 horas TWA: 125 mg/m ³ 8 horas Pele	huid STEL: 100 ppm 15 minuten STEL: 250 mg/m ³ 15 minuten TWA: 50 ppm 8 uren TWA: 125 mg/m ³ 8 uren	TWA: 50 ppm 8 tunteina TWA: 125 mg/m ³ 8 tunteina STEL: 100 ppm 15 minuutteina STEL: 250 mg/m ³ 15 minuutteina Iho

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Component	Austria	Denmark	Switzerland	Poland	Norway
Methyl formate	Haut MAK-KZGW: 50 ppm 15 Minuten MAK-KZGW: 120 mg/m ³ 15 Minuten MAK-TMW: 50 ppm 8 Stunden MAK-TMW: 120 mg/m ³ 8 Stunden Ceiling: 50 ppm Ceiling: 120 mg/m ³	TWA: 50 ppm 8 timer TWA: 123 mg/m ³ 8 timer STEL: 250 mg/m ³ 15 minutter STEL: 100 ppm 15 minutter Hud	Haut/Peau STEL: 100 ppm 15 Minuten STEL: 250 mg/m ³ 15 Minuten TWA: 50 ppm 8 Stunden TWA: 125 mg/m ³ 8 Stunden	STEL: 200 mg/m ³ 15 minutach TWA: 100 mg/m ³ 8 godzinach	TWA: 50 ppm 8 timer TWA: 125 mg/m ³ 8 timer STEL: 100 ppm 15 minutter. value from the regulation STEL: 250 mg/m ³ 15 minutter. value from the regulation Hud
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Component	Bulgaria	Croatia	Ireland	Cyprus	Czech Republic
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Component	Estonia	Gibraltar	Greece	Hungary	Iceland
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Component	Latvia	Lithuania	Luxembourg	Malta	Romania
Methyl formate	skin - potential for cutaneous exposure STEL: 250 mg/m ³ STEL: 100 ppm TWA: 125 mg/m ³ TWA: 50 ppm	TWA: 125 mg/m ³ IPRD TWA: 50 ppm IPRD Oda STEL: 250 mg/m ³ STEL: 100 ppm	Possibility of significant uptake through the skin TWA: 125 mg/m ³ 8 Stunden TWA: 50 ppm 8 Stunden STEL: 100 ppm 15 Minuten STEL: 250 mg/m ³ 15 Minuten	possibility of significant uptake through the skin TWA: 50 ppm TWA: 125 mg/m ³ STEL: 100 ppm 15 minuti STEL: 250 mg/m ³ 15 minuti	Skin notation TWA: 50 ppm 8 ore TWA: 125 mg/m ³ 8 ore STEL: 100 ppm 15 minute STEL: 250 mg/m ³ 15 minute
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Component	Russia	Slovak Republic	Slovenia	Sweden	Turkey
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Biological limit values

List source(s):

Component	European Union	United Kingdom	France	Spain	Germany
Methanol			Methanol: urine end of shift	Methanol: 15 mg/L urine end of shift	Methanol: 15 mg/L urine (end of shift) Methanol: 15 mg/L urine (for long-term exposures: at the end of the shift after several shifts)

Component	Italy	Finland	Denmark	Bulgaria	Romania
Methanol					Methanol: 6 mg/L urine end of shift

Component	Gibraltar	Latvia	Slovak Republic	Luxembourg	Turkey
Methanol			Methanol: 30 mg/L urine end of exposure or work shift Methanol: 30 mg/L urine after all work shifts for long-term exposure		

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Monitoring methods

BS EN 14042:2003 Title Identifier: Workplace atmospheres. Guide for the application and use of procedures for the assessment of exposure to chemical and biological agents.

MDHS70 General methods for sampling airborne gases and vapours

MDHS 88 Volatile organic compounds in air. Laboratory method using diffusive samplers, solvent desorption and gas chromatography

MDHS 96 Volatile organic compounds in air - Laboratory method using pumped solid sorbent tubes, solvent desorption and gas chromatography

Derived No Effect Level (DNEL) / Derived Minimum Effect Level (DMEL)

Workers; See table for values

Component	Acute effects local (Dermal)	Acute effects systemic (Dermal)	Chronic effects local (Dermal)	Chronic effects systemic (Dermal)
Methyl formate 107-31-3 (>97)				DNEL = 17.1mg/kg bw/day
Methanol 67-56-1 (<3)		DNEL = 20mg/kg bw/day		DNEL = 20mg/kg bw/day

Component	Acute effects local (Inhalation)	Acute effects systemic (Inhalation)	Chronic effects local (Inhalation)	Chronic effects systemic (Inhalation)
Methyl formate 107-31-3 (>97)			DNEL = 120mg/m ³	DNEL = 120mg/m ³
Methanol 67-56-1 (<3)	DNEL = 130mg/m ³	DNEL = 130mg/m ³	DNEL = 130mg/m ³	DNEL = 130mg/m ³

Predicted No Effect Concentration (PNEC)

See values below.

Component	Fresh water	Fresh water sediment	Water Intermittent	Microorganisms in sewage treatment	Soil (Agriculture)
Methyl formate 107-31-3 (>97)	PNEC = 0.115mg/L	PNEC = 0.439mg/kg sediment dw	PNEC = 1.15mg/L	PNEC = 8117mg/L	PNEC = 0.0202mg/kg soil dw
Methanol 67-56-1 (<3)	PNEC = 20.8mg/L	PNEC = 77mg/kg sediment dw	PNEC = 1540mg/L	PNEC = 100mg/L	PNEC = 100mg/kg soil dw

Component	Marine water	Marine water sediment	Marine water Intermittent	Food chain	Air
Methyl formate 107-31-3 (>97)	PNEC = 0.0115mg/L	PNEC = 0.0439mg/kg sediment dw			
Methanol 67-56-1 (<3)	PNEC = 2.08mg/L	PNEC = 7.7mg/kg sediment dw			

8.2. 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

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Eye Protection Goggles (European standard - EN 166)

Hand Protection Protective gloves

Glove material	Breakthrough time	Glove thickness	EU standard	Glove comments
Butyl rubber Viton (R)	> 30 minutes	0.7 mm	Level 2	As tested under EN374-3 Determination of Resistance to Permeation by Chemicals

Skin and body protection Long sleeved clothing.

Inspect gloves before use. observe the instructions regarding permeability and breakthrough time which are provided by the supplier of the gloves. (Refer to manufacturer/supplier for information) 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. gloves with care avoiding skin contamination.

Respiratory Protection When workers are facing concentrations above the exposure limit they must use appropriate certified respirators.
To protect the wearer, respiratory protective equipment must be the correct fit and be used and maintained properly

Large scale/emergency use Use a NIOSH/MSHA or European Standard EN 136 approved respirator if exposure limits are exceeded or if irritation or other symptoms are experienced.
Recommended Filter type: low boiling organic solvent Type AX Brown conforming to EN371

Small scale/Laboratory use Use a NIOSH/MSHA or European Standard EN 149:2001 approved respirator if exposure limits are exceeded or if irritation or other symptoms are experienced.
Recommended half mask:- Valve filtering: EN405; or; Half mask: EN140; plus filter, EN 141
When RPE is used a face piece Fit Test should be conducted

Environmental exposure controls Prevent product from entering drains. Do not allow material to contaminate ground water system. Local authorities should be advised if significant spillages cannot be contained.

Section 9: Physical and chemical properties

9.1. Information on basic physical and chemical properties

Physical State	Liquid	
Appearance	Colorless	
Odor	Organic	
Odor Threshold	No data available	
Melting Point/Range	-100 °C / -148 °F	
Softening Point	No data available	
Boiling Point/Range	31 - 33 °C / 88 - 91 °F	
Flammability (liquid)	Extremely flammable	On basis of test data
Flammability (solid,gas)	Not applicable	Liquid
Explosion Limits	Lower 5 vol% Upper 23 vol%	
Flash Point	-32 °C / -25 °F	Method - No information available
Autoignition Temperature	440 °C / 824 °F	
Decomposition Temperature	No data available	
pH	4-5 @ 20°C	(20 %)
Viscosity	0.35 mPa.s at 20 °C	
Water Solubility	300 g/l (20°C)	
Solubility in other solvents	No information available	
Partition Coefficient (n-octanol/water)		
Component	log Pow	
Methyl formate	-0.21	
Methanol	-0.74	

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Vapor Pressure	644 mbar @ 20 °C	
Density / Specific Gravity	0.968	
Bulk Density	Not applicable	Liquid
Vapor Density	2.07	(Air = 1.0)
Particle characteristics	Not applicable (liquid)	

9.2. Other information

Molecular Formula	C2 H4 O2
Molecular Weight	60.05
Explosive Properties	Vapors may form explosive mixtures with air

Section 10: Stability and reactivity

10.1. Reactivity

None known, based on information available

10.2. Chemical stability

Stable under normal conditions.

10.3. Possibility of hazardous reactions

Hazardous Polymerization	Hazardous polymerization does not occur.
Hazardous Reactions	None under normal processing.

10.4. Conditions to avoid

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

10.5. Incompatible materials

Strong oxidizing agents. . Bases. Acids. Incompatible with oxidizing agents.

10.6. Hazardous decomposition products

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

Section 11: Toxicological information

11.1. Information on hazard classes as defined in Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008

Product Information

(a) acute toxicity;

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

Component	LD50 Oral	LD50 Dermal	LC50 Inhalation
Methyl formate	LD50 = 475 mg/kg (Rat)	LD50 > 5 g/kg (Rabbit)	LC50 > 21 mg/L (Rat) 4 h
Methanol	LD50 = 1187 – 2769 mg/kg (Rat)	LD50 = 17100 mg/kg (Rabbit)	LC50 = 128.2 mg/L (Rat) 4 h

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

(c) serious eye damage/irritation; Category 2

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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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Component	Test method	Test species	Study result
Methanol 67-56-1 (<3)	OECD Test Guideline 406 Guinea Pig Maximisation Test (GPMT)	guinea pig	non-sensitising

(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

Component	Test method	Test species / Duration	Study result
Methanol 67-56-1 (<3)	OECD Test Guideline 416	Rat / Inhalation 2 Generation	NOAEC = 1.3 mg/l (air)

(h) STOT-single exposure;

Category 2

Results / Target organs

Respiratory system, Optic nerve, 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;

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.

11.2. Information on other hazards

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

12.1. Toxicity

Ecotoxicity effects

Do not empty into drains.

Component	Freshwater Fish	Water Flea	Freshwater Algae
Methyl formate		EC50: > 500 mg/L, 48h (Daphnia magna)	EC50: = 240 mg/L, 72h (Desmodesmus subspicatus) EC50: = 190 mg/L, 96h (Desmodesmus subspicatus)
Methanol	Pimephales promelas: LC50 > 10000 mg/L 96h	EC50 > 10000 mg/L 24h	

Component	Microtox	M-Factor
Methyl formate	EC50 > 10000 mg/L 17 h	
Methanol	EC50 = 39000 mg/L 25 min	

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	EC50 = 40000 mg/L 15 min EC50 = 43000 mg/L 5 min	
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12.2. Persistence and degradability

Readily biodegradable

Persistence

Persistence is unlikely, based on information available.

Component	Degradability
Methanol 67-56-1 (<3)	DT50 ~ 17.2d >94% after 20d

12.3. Bioaccumulative potential

Bioaccumulation is unlikely

Component	log Pow	Bioconcentration factor (BCF)
Methyl formate	-0.21	No data available
Methanol	-0.74	<10 dimensionless

12.4. Mobility in soil

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.

12.5. Results of PBT and vPvB assessment

Substance is not considered persistent, bioaccumulative and toxic (PBT) / very persistent and very bioaccumulative (vPvB).

12.6. Endocrine disrupting properties

Endocrine Disruptor Information

This product does not contain any known or suspected endocrine disruptors

12.7. Other adverse effects

Persistent Organic Pollutant Ozone Depletion Potential

This product does not contain any known or suspected substance

This product does not contain any known or suspected substance

Section 13: Disposal considerations

13.1. 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.

European Waste Catalogue (EWC)

According to the European Waste Catalog, Waste Codes are not product specific, but application specific.

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.

Switzerland - Waste Ordinance

Disposal should be in accordance with applicable regional, national and local laws and regulations. Ordinance on the Avoidance and the Disposal of Waste (Waste Ordinance, ADWO) SR 814.600
<https://www.fedlex.admin.ch/eli/cc/2015/891/en>

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IMDG/IMO

14.1. UN number UN1243
14.2. UN proper shipping name Methyl formate
14.3. Transport hazard class(es) 3
14.4. Packing group I

ADR

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IATA

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14.3. Transport hazard class(es) 3
14.4. Packing group I

14.5. Environmental hazards No hazards identified
14.6. Special precautions for user No special precautions required.
14.7. Maritime transport in bulk according to IMO instruments Not applicable, packaged goods

Section 15: Regulatory information

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

International Inventories

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

Component	CAS No	EINECS	ELINCS	NLP	IECSC	TCSI	KECL	ENCS	ISHL
Methyl formate	107-31-3	203-481-7	-	-	X	X	KE-17243	X	X
Methanol	67-56-1	200-659-6	-	-	X	X	KE-23193	X	X

Component	CAS No	TSCA	TSCA Inventory notification - Active-Inactive	DSL	NDSL	AICS	NZIoC	PICCS
Methyl formate	107-31-3	X	ACTIVE	X	-	X	X	X
Methanol	67-56-1	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>)

Authorisation/Restrictions according to EU REACH

Component	CAS No	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)
Methyl formate	107-31-3	-	Use restricted. See entry 75. (see link for restriction details)	-

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Methanol	67-56-1	-	Use restricted. See entry 69. (see link for restriction details) Use restricted. See entry 75. (see link for restriction details)	-
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REACH links

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

Seveso III Directive (2012/18/EC)

Component	CAS No	Seveso III Directive (2012/18/EC) - Qualifying Quantities for Major Accident Notification	Seveso III Directive (2012/18/EC) - Qualifying Quantities for Safety Report Requirements
Methyl formate	107-31-3	Not applicable	Not applicable
Methanol	67-56-1	500 tonne	5000 tonne

Regulation (EC) No 649/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 4 July 2012 concerning the export and import of dangerous chemicals

Not applicable

Contains component(s) that meet a 'definition' of per & poly fluoroalkyl substance (PFAS)?

Not applicable

Take note of Directive 98/24/EC on the protection of the health and safety of workers from the risks related to chemical agents at work .

Take note of Directive 2000/39/EC establishing a first list of indicative occupational exposure limit values

National Regulations

UK - Take note of Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations (COSHH) 2002 and 2005 Amendment

WGK Classification

See table for values

Component	Germany - Water Classification (AwSV)	Germany - TA-Luft Class
Methyl formate	WGK1 WGK2	Class II : 0.10 g/m ³ (Massenkonzentration)
Methanol	WGK 2	Class I : 20 mg/m ³ (Massenkonzentration)

Component	France - INRS (Tables of occupational diseases)
Methyl formate	Tableaux des maladies professionnelles (TMP) - RG 84
Methanol	Tableaux des maladies professionnelles (TMP) - RG 84

Swiss Regulations

Article 4 para. 4 of the Ordinance on the protection of young people in the workplace (SR 822.115) and Article 1 lit. f of the EAER regulation on hazardous work and young people (SR 822.115.2).

Take note on Article 13 Maternity Ordinance (SR 822.111.52) with regards expectant and nursing mothers.

Component	Switzerland - Ordinance on the Reduction of Risk from handling of hazardous substances preparation (SR 814.81)	Switzerland - Ordinance on Incentive Taxes on Volatile Organic Compounds (OVOC)	Switzerland - Ordinance of the Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure
Methyl formate 107-31-3 (>97)		Group I	
Methanol 67-56-1 (<3)	Prohibited and Restricted Substances	Group I	

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15.2. Chemical safety assessment

A Chemical Safety Assessment/Report (CSA/CSR) has not been conducted

Section 16: Other information

Full text of H-Statements referred to under sections 2 and 3

H224 - Extremely flammable liquid and vapor

H225 - Highly flammable liquid and vapor

H302 - Harmful if swallowed

H319 - Causes serious eye irritation

H370 - Causes damage to organs

H335 - May cause respiratory irritation

H301 - Toxic if swallowed

H311 - Toxic in contact with skin

H331 - Toxic if inhaled

H332 - Harmful if inhaled

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

DNEL - Derived No Effect Level

RPE - Respiratory Protective Equipment

LC50 - Lethal Concentration 50%

NOEC - No Observed Effect Concentration

PBT - Persistent, Bioaccumulative, Toxic

TWA - Time Weighted Average

IARC - International Agency for Research on Cancer Predicted No Effect Concentration (PNEC)

LD50 - Lethal Dose 50%

EC50 - Effective Concentration 50%

POW - Partition coefficient Octanol:Water

vPvB - very Persistent, very Bioaccumulative

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

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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