

## SAFETY DATA SHEET

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### 1. Identification

**Product Name** Ethyl formate

**Cat No. :** A11113

**CAS-No** 109-94-4

**Synonyms** Formic acid ethyl ester; Ethyl methanoate

**Recommended Use** Laboratory chemicals.

**Uses advised against** Food, drug, pesticide or biocidal product use.

#### Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

##### Company

##### **Importer/Distributor**

Fisher Scientific  
112 Colonnade Road,  
Ottawa, ON K2E 7L6,  
Canada  
Tel: 1-800-234-7437

##### **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

### 2. Hazard(s) identification

#### Classification

##### **WHMIS 2015 Classification**

Classified as hazardous under the Hazardous Products Regulations (SOR/2015-17)

<b>Flammable liquids</b>	Category 2
<b>Acute oral toxicity</b>	Category 4
<b>Acute Inhalation Toxicity</b>	Category 4
<b>Serious Eye Damage/Eye Irritation</b>	Category 2
<b>Specific target organ toxicity (single exposure)</b>	Category 3
Target Organs - Respiratory system, Central nervous system (CNS).	

#### Label Elements

##### **Signal Word**

Danger

##### **Hazard Statements**

Highly flammable liquid and vapor

Harmful if swallowed or if inhaled  
Causes serious eye irritation  
May cause respiratory irritation  
Harmful if inhaled

**Precautionary Statements****Prevention**

Keep container tightly closed  
Keep away from heat, hot surfaces, sparks, open flames and other ignition sources. No smoking  
Ground/bond container and receiving equipment  
Use explosion-proof electrical/ventilating/lighting/equipment  
Avoid breathing dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray  
Wash face, hands and any exposed skin thoroughly after handling  
Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product  
Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area  
Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection  
Use non-sparking tools  
Take action to prevent static discharges

**Response**

IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/ shower  
IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing  
IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing  
Call a POISON CENTER/ doctor if you feel unwell  
Rinse mouth  
In case of fire: Use dry sand, dry chemical or alcohol-resistant foam to extinguish

**Storage**

Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed  
Store locked up

**Disposal**

Dispose of contents/container to an approved waste disposal plant

### 3. Composition/Information on Ingredients

Component	CAS-No	Weight %
Ethyl formate	109-94-4	>95

### 4. First-aid measures

**General Advice**

If symptoms persist, call a physician.

**Eye Contact**

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

**Skin Contact**

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

**Inhalation**

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

Ingestion	Clean mouth with water and drink afterwards plenty of water.
Most important symptoms/effects	None reasonably foreseeable. Inhalation of high vapor concentrations may cause symptoms like headache, dizziness, tiredness, nausea and vomiting
Notes to Physician	Treat symptomatically

## 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.
Unsuitable Extinguishing Media	Water may be ineffective
Flash Point	-20 °C / -4 °F
Method -	CC (closed cup)
Autoignition Temperature	550 °C / 1022 °F
Explosion Limits	
Upper	16.50 vol %
Lower	2.70 vol %
Sensitivity to Mechanical Impact	No information available
Sensitivity to Static Discharge	No information available

### Specific Hazards Arising from the Chemical

Risk of ignition. Vapors may form explosive mixtures with air. Vapors may travel to source of ignition and flash back. Containers may explode when heated. Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating gases and vapors. Keep product and empty container away from heat and sources of ignition. Extremely flammable.

### Hazardous Combustion Products

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

### Protective Equipment and Precautions for Firefighters

As in any fire, wear self-contained breathing apparatus pressure-demand, MSHA/NIOSH (approved or equivalent) and full protective gear.

### NFPA

Health  
2

Flammability  
3

Instability  
1

Physical hazards  
N/A

## 6. Accidental release measures

Personal Precautions	Use personal protective equipment as required. Ensure adequate ventilation. Remove all sources of ignition. Take precautionary measures against static discharges.
Environmental Precautions	Should not be released into the environment.
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.

## 7. Handling and storage

Handling	Wear personal protective equipment/face protection. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Ensure adequate ventilation. 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.
Storage.	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.

## 8. Exposure controls / personal protection

### Exposure Guidelines

Component	Alberta	British Columbia	Ontario TWAEV	Quebec	ACGIH TLV	OSHA PEL	NIOSH
Ethyl formate	TWA: 100 ppm TWA: 303 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	STEL: 100 ppm	STEL: 100 ppm	TWA: 100 ppm TWA: 303 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	STEL: 100 ppm	(Vacated) TWA: 100 ppm (Vacated) TWA: 300 mg/m <sup>3</sup> TWA: 100 ppm TWA: 300 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	IDLH: 1500 ppm TWA: 100 ppm TWA: 300 mg/m <sup>3</sup>

#### Legend

ACGIH - American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists

OSHA - Occupational Safety and Health Administration

NIOSH: NIOSH - National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health

### Engineering Measures

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

Wherever possible, engineering control measures such as the isolation or enclosure of the process, the introduction of process or equipment changes to minimise release or contact, and the use of properly designed ventilation systems, should be adopted to control hazardous materials at source

### Personal protective equipment

#### Eye Protection

Goggles

#### Hand Protection

Wear appropriate protective gloves and clothing to prevent skin exposure.

Glove material	Breakthrough time	Glove thickness	Glove comments
Nitrile rubber Viton (R)	See manufacturers recommendations	-	Splash protection only

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. Follow the OSHA respirator regulations found in 29 CFR 1910.134 or European Standard EN 149. Use a NIOSH/MSHA or European Standard EN 149 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 properly

**Recommended Filter type:** low boiling organic solvent Type AX Brown conforming to EN371

When RPE is used a face piece Fit Test should be conducted

### Environmental exposure controls

No information available.

### Hygiene Measures

Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.

## 9. Physical and chemical properties

### Physical State

Liquid

Appearance	Colorless
Odor	Petroleum distillates
Odor Threshold	No information available
pH	4.1 (@ 20 ) 5 g/l aq.sol. 20°C
Melting Point/Range	-80 °C / -112 °F
Boiling Point/Range	54 °C / 129.2 °F @ 760 mmHg
Flash Point	-20 °C / -4 °F
Method -	CC (closed cup)
Evaporation Rate	No information available
Flammability (solid,gas)	Not applicable
Flammability or explosive limits	
Upper	16.50 vol %
Lower	2.70 vol %
Vapor Pressure	256 mbar @ 20 °C
Vapor Density	2.56
Specific Gravity	0.917
Solubility	Partially soluble
Partition coefficient; n-octanol/water	No data available
Autoignition Temperature	550 °C / 1022 °F
Decomposition Temperature	No information available
Viscosity	0.4 cP at 20 °C
Molecular Formula	C3 H6 O2
Molecular Weight	74.08

## 10. Stability and reactivity

Reactive Hazard	None known, based on information available
Stability	Stable under normal conditions.
Conditions to Avoid	Incompatible products. Excess heat. Keep away from open flames, hot surfaces and sources of ignition.
Incompatible Materials	Strong oxidizing agents
Hazardous Decomposition Products	Carbon monoxide (CO), Carbon dioxide (CO <sub>2</sub> )
Hazardous Polymerization	Hazardous polymerization does not occur.
Hazardous Reactions	None under normal processing.

## 11. Toxicological information

### Acute Toxicity

#### Product Information Component Information

Component	LD50 Oral	LD50 Dermal	LC50 Inhalation
Ethyl formate	LD50 = 1850 mg/kg ( Rat )	LD50 > 5000 mg/kg ( Rabbit )	Not listed

**Toxicologically Synergistic Products** No information available

#### Delayed and immediate effects as well as chronic effects from short and long-term exposure

Irritation	Irritating to eyes and respiratory system
Sensitization	No information available
Carcinogenicity	The table below indicates whether each agency has listed any ingredient as a carcinogen.

Component	CAS-No	IARC	NTP	ACGIH	OSHA	Mexico
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Ethyl formate	109-94-4	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed
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**Mutagenic Effects** Not mutagenic in AMES Test

**Reproductive Effects** No information available.

**Developmental Effects** No information available.

**Teratogenicity** No information available.

**STOT - single exposure** Respiratory system Central nervous system (CNS)

**STOT - repeated exposure** None known

**Aspiration hazard** No information available

**Symptoms / effects, both acute and delayed** Inhalation of high vapor concentrations may cause symptoms like headache, dizziness, tiredness, nausea and vomiting

**Endocrine Disruptor Information** No information available

**Other Adverse Effects** The toxicological properties have not been fully investigated.

## 12. Ecological information

### Ecotoxicity

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Component	Freshwater Algae	Freshwater Fish	Microtox	Water Flea
Ethyl formate	Not listed	Onchorhynchus mykiss: LC50=230 mg/L/96h	Not listed	EC50 = 120 mg/L/24h

**Persistence and Degradability** Persistence is unlikely based on information available.

**Bioaccumulation/ Accumulation** No information available.

**Mobility** Will likely be mobile in the environment due to its volatility.

Component	log Pow
Ethyl formate	0.23

## 13. Disposal considerations

**Waste Disposal Methods** Chemical waste generators must determine whether a discarded chemical is classified as a hazardous waste. Chemical waste generators must also consult local, regional, and national hazardous waste regulations to ensure complete and accurate classification.

## 14. Transport information

### DOT

UN-No UN1190  
 Proper Shipping Name ETHYL FORMATE  
 Hazard Class 3  
 Packing Group II

### TDG

UN-No UN1190  
 Proper Shipping Name ETHYL FORMATE  
 Hazard Class 3  
 Packing Group II

### IATA

UN-No UN1190  
 Proper Shipping Name ETHYL FORMATE  
 Hazard Class 3  
 Packing Group II

### IMDG/IMO

UN-No	UN1190
Proper Shipping Name	ETHYL FORMATE
Hazard Class	3
Packing Group	II

## 15. Regulatory information

### International Inventories

Component	CAS-No	DSL	NDSL	TSCA	TSCA Inventory notification - Active-Inactive	EINECS	ELINCS	NLP
Ethyl formate	109-94-4	X	-	X	ACTIVE	203-721-0	-	-

Component	CAS-No	IECSC	KECL	ENCS	ISHL	TCSI	AICS	NZIoC	PICCS
Ethyl formate	109-94-4	X	KE-17242	X	X	X	X	X	X

#### Legend:

X - Listed '-' - Not Listed

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

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

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

EINECS/ELINCS - European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances/EU List of Notified Chemical Substances

IECSC - Chinese Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances

KECL - Korean Existing and Evaluated Chemical Substances

ENCS - Japanese Existing and New Chemical Substances

AICS - Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances

PICCS - Philippines Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances

### Canada

SDS in compliance with provisions of information as set out in Canadian Standard - Part 4, Schedule 1 and 2 of the Hazardous Products Regulations (HPR) and meets the requirements of the HPR (Paragraph 13(1)(a) of the Hazardous Products Act (HPA)).

Component	Canada - National Pollutant Release Inventory (NPRI)	Canadian Environmental Protection Agency (CEPA) - List of Toxic Substances	Canada's Chemicals Management Plan (CEPA)
Ethyl formate	Part 4 Substance		

### Other International Regulations

#### Authorisation/Restrictions according to EU REACH

Component	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)
Ethyl formate	-	Use restricted. See item 75. (see link for restriction details)	-

#### REACH links

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

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

Component	CAS-No	OECD HPV	Persistent Organic Pollutant	Ozone Depletion Potential	Restriction of Hazardous Substances (RoHS)
Ethyl formate	109-94-4	Listed	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable

Component	CAS-No	Seveso III Directive (2012/18/EC) - Qualifying Quantities	Seveso III Directive (2012/18/EC) - Qualifying Quantities	Rotterdam Convention (PIC)	Basel Convention (Hazardous Waste)

		for Major Accident Notification	for Safety Report Requirements		
Ethyl formate	109-94-4	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable

## 16. Other information

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**Revision Summary**

New emergency telephone response service provider.

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