

# SAFETY DATA SHEET

#### 1. Identification

Product identifier FORMIC ACID, 88%, REAGENT (ACS)

Other means of identification

Product code 650

**Synonyms** Methanoic acid \* Formylic acid

**Recommended use** professional, scientific and technical activities: other professional, scientific and technical activities

manufacture of other chemical products

**Recommended restrictions** None known.

Manufacturer/Importer/Supplier/Distributor information

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number

## 2. Hazard(s) identification

Physical hazardsFlammable liquidsCategory 3Health hazardsAcute toxicity, oralCategory 4Acute toxicity, inhalationCategory 4Skin corrosion/irritationCategory 1A

**Environmental hazards**Not classified. **OSHA defined hazards**Not classified.

**Label elements** 



Serious eye damage/eye irritation

Signal word Danger

**Hazard statement** Flammable liquid and vapor. Harmful if swallowed. Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.

Causes serious eye damage. Harmful if inhaled.

**Precautionary statement** 

**Prevention** Keep away from heat/sparks/open flames/hot surfaces. - No smoking. Keep container tightly

closed. Ground/bond container and receiving equipment. Use explosion-proof

electrical/ventilating/lighting equipment. Use only non-sparking tools. Take precautionary measures against static discharge. Do not breathe mist or vapor. Wash thoroughly after handling. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area.

Category 1

Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection.

**Response** If swallowed: Rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting. 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. Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician. Wash contaminated clothing before reuse. In case of fire: Use

appropriate media to extinguish.

**Storage** Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep cool. Store locked up.

**Disposal** Dispose of contents/container to an appropriate treatment and disposal facility in accordance with

applicable laws and regulations, and product characteristics at time of disposal.

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Hazard(s) not otherwise classified (HNOC)

None known.

**Supplemental information** 

92% of the mixture consists of component(s) of unknown acute dermal toxicity. 92% of the mixture consists of component(s) of unknown acute hazards to the aquatic environment. 92% of the mixture consists of component(s) of unknown long-term hazards to the aquatic environment.

# 3. Composition/information on ingredients

#### **Mixtures**

Chemical name	Common name and synonyms	CAS number	%
FORMIC ACID		64-18-6	90 - 100
WATER		7732-18-5	4-12

<sup>\*</sup>Designates that a specific chemical identity and/or percentage of composition has been withheld as a trade secret.

#### 4. First-aid measures

**Inhalation** Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing. Oxygen or

artificial respiration if needed. Call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician if you feel unwell.

**Skin contact**Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/shower. Call a physician or

poison control center immediately. Chemical burns must be treated by a physician. Wash

contaminated clothing before reuse.

**Eye contact** Immediately flush eyes with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Remove contact lenses, if

present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. Call a physician or poison control center immediately.

**Ingestion** Call a physician or poison control center immediately. Rinse mouth. Do not induce vomiting. If

vomiting occurs, keep head low so that stomach content doesn't get into the lungs.

Most important

symptoms/effects, acute and

delayed

Nausea. Burning pain and severe corrosive skin damage. Causes serious eye damage. Symptoms may include stinging, tearing, redness, swelling, and blurred vision. Permanent eye damage

including blindness could result. Coughing.

Indication of immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

Provide general supportive measures and treat symptomatically. Thermal burns: Flush with water immediately. While flushing, remove clothes which do not adhere to affected area. Call an ambulance. Continue flushing during transport to hospital. Chemical burns: Flush with water immediately. While flushing, remove clothes which do not adhere to affected area. Call an ambulance. Continue flushing during transport to hospital. Keep victim warm. Keep victim under

observation. Symptoms may be delayed.

General information Take off all contaminated clothing immediately. Ensure that medical personnel are aware of thε

material(s) involved, and take precautions to protect themselves. Show this safety data sheet to the

doctor in attendance. Wash contaminated clothing before reuse.

## 5. Fire-fighting measures

Suitable extinguishing media

**Unsuitable extinguishing** 

media

Water spray. Water fog. Foam. Dry chemical powder. Carbon dioxide (CO2).

Do not use water jet as an extinguisher, as this will spread the fire.

Specific hazards arising from

the chemical

Vapors may form explosive mixtures with air. Vapors may travel considerable distance to a source

of ignition and flash back. During fire, gases hazardous to health may be formed.

Special protective equipment and precautions for firefighters

Self-contained breathing apparatus and full protective clothing must be worn in case of fire.

Fire fighting equipment/instructions

In case of fire and/or explosion do not breathe fumes. Move containers from fire area if you can do so without risk.

Specific methods

Use standard firefighting procedures and consider the hazards of other involved materials.

**General fire hazards** Flammable liquid and vapor.

## 6. Accidental release measures

Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures Keep unnecessary personnel away. Keep people away from and upwind of spill/leak. Eliminate all ignition sources (no smoking, flares, sparks, or flames in immediate area). Wear appropriate protective equipment and clothing during clean-up. Do not breathe mist or vapor. Do not touch damaged containers or spilled material unless wearing appropriate protective clothing. Ventilate closed spaces before entering them. Local authorities should be advised if significant spillages cannot be contained. For personal protection, see section 8 of the SDS.

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# Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up

Eliminate all ignition sources (no smoking, flares, sparks, or flames in immediate area). Keep combustibles (wood, paper, oil, etc.) away from spilled material. Take precautionary measures against static discharge. Use only non-sparking tools. This product is miscible in water. Following product recovery, flush area with water. Should not be released into the environment.

Large Spills: Stop leak if you can do so without risk. Dike the spilled material, where this is possible. Use a non-combustible material like vermiculite, sand or earth to soak up the product and place into a container for later disposal. Prevent entry into waterways, sewer, basements or confined areas. Clean up in accordance with all applicable regulations.

Small Spills: Wipe up with absorbent material (e.g. cloth, fleece). Clean surface thoroughly to remove residual contamination. Neutralize small amounts with sodium bicarbonate or lime and flush to sewer with large amounts of water.

Never return spills to original containers for re-use. For waste disposal, see section 13 of the SDS.

## **Environmental precautions**

Avoid discharge into drains, water courses or onto the ground.

## 7. Handling and storage

#### **Precautions for safe handling**

Do not handle, store or open near an open flame, sources of heat or sources of ignition. Protect material from direct sunlight. Explosion-proof general and local exhaust ventilation. Take precautionary measures against static discharges. All equipment used when handling the product must be grounded. Use non-sparking tools and explosion-proof equipment. Do not breathe mist or vapor. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Do not taste or swallow. Avoid prolonged exposure. When using, do not eat, drink or smoke. Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area. Wear appropriate personal protective equipment. Wash hands thoroughly after handling. Observe good industrial hygiene practices.

Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Store locked up. Keep away from heat, sparks and open flame. Prevent electrostatic charge build-up by using common bonding and grounding techniques. Store in a cool, dry place out of direct sunlight. Store in original tightly closed container. Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep in an area equipped with sprinklers. Store away from incompatible materials (see Section 10 of the SDS).

## 8. Exposure controls/personal protection

#### **Occupational exposure limits**

The following constituents are the only constituents of the product which have a PEL, TLV or other recommended exposure limit. At this time, the other constituents have no known exposure limits.

<b>US. OSHA Table Z-1 Limits for Air Contaminants</b>	(29 CFR 1910 100)	'n
US. USHA Table 2-1 Lilling for All Containinants	してる クレビ エンエの・エのの	"

Components	Туре	Value	
FORMIC ACID (CAS 64-18-6)	PEL	9 mg/m3	
•		5 ppm	
<b>US. ACGIH Threshold Limit V</b>	/alues		
Components	Туре	Value	
FORMIC ACID (CAS 64-18-6)	STEL	10 ppm	
,	TWA	5 ppm	
<b>US. NIOSH: Pocket Guide to</b>	<b>Chemical Hazards</b>		
Components	Туре	Value	
FORMIC ACID (CAS 64-18-6)	TWA	9 mg/m3	
-		5 ppm	

# Biological limit values

Appropriate engineering controls

No biological exposure limits noted for the ingredient(s).

Explosion-proof general and local exhaust ventilation. Good general ventilation (typically 10 air changes per hour) should be used. Ventilation rates should be matched to conditions. If applicable, use process enclosures, local exhaust ventilation, or other engineering controls to maintain airborne levels below recommended exposure limits. If exposure limits have not been established, maintain airborne levels to an acceptable level. Eye wash facilities and emergency shower must be available when handling this product.

#### Individual protection measures, such as personal protective equipment

**Eye/face protection** Wear safety glasses with side shields (or goggles) and a face shield.

**Skin protection** 

Hand protectionWear appropriate chemical resistant gloves.OtherWear appropriate chemical resistant clothing.

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If engineering controls do not maintain airborne concentrations below recommended exposure Respiratory protection

limits (where applicable) or to an acceptable level (in countries where exposure limits have not been established), an approved respirator must be worn. Chemical respirator with organic vapor

cartridge.

Thermal hazards Wear appropriate thermal protective clothing, when necessary.

**General hygiene** considerations

When using do not smoke. Keep away from food and drink. Always observe good personal hygiene measures, such as washing after handling the material and before eating, drinking, and/or smoking. Routinely wash work clothing and protective equipment to remove contaminants.

## 9. Physical and chemical properties

Clear. **Appearance Physical state** Liquid. **Form** Liquid. Color Colorless. Odor Pungent. **Odor threshold** Not available.

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Melting point/freezing point 28.4 °F (-2 °C)

Initial boiling point and

boiling range

221 °F (105 °C) estimated

Flash point 132.8 °F (56.0 °C) **Evaporation rate** Not available. Flammability (solid, gas) Not applicable. Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits

Flammability limit - lower 14 % estimated

(%)

Flammability limit -

upper (%)

< 38 %

**Explosive limit - lower** 

(%)

Not available.

**Explosive limit - upper** 

(%)

Not available.

52.26 hPa estimated Vapor pressure

1.59 Vapor density

**Relative density** Not available.

Solubility(ies)

Solubility (water) Miscible. **Partition coefficient** Not available.

(n-octanol/water)

**Auto-ignition temperature** 

909 °F (487 °C) estimated

**Decomposition temperature** Not available. **Viscosity** Not available.

Other information

**Density** 1.22 g/cm3 **Explosive properties** Not explosive.

Flammability class Combustible II estimated

Combustible II Flash point class

**Molecular formula HCOOH** Molecular weight 46.03

**Oxidizing properties** Not oxidizing. **Percent volatile** 100 % estimated

Specific gravity 1.22 88 - 94 %

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# 10. Stability and reactivity

Reactivity The product is stable and non-reactive under normal conditions of use, storage and transport

**Chemical stability** Material is stable under normal conditions.

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reactions

Hazardous polymerization does not occur.

Conditions to avoid

Avoid heat, sparks, open flames and other ignition sources. Avoid temperatures exceeding the flash

point. Contact with incompatible materials.

Incompatible materials Hazardous decomposition

products

**Product** 

May include oxides of carbon.

Strong oxidizing agents.

## 11. Toxicological information

## Information on likely routes of exposure

InhalationHarmful if inhaled.Skin contactCauses severe skin burns.Eye contactCauses serious eye damage.

**Ingestion** Causes digestive tract burns. Harmful if swallowed.

Symptoms related to the physical, chemical and toxicological characteristics

Nausea. Burning pain and severe corrosive skin damage. Causes serious eye damage. Symptoms may include stinging, tearing, redness, swelling, and blurred vision. Permanent eye damage

**Test Results** 

6.2 mg/l, 15 Minutes

940 mg/kg 142 mg/kg

including blindness could result. Coughing.

## Information on toxicological effects

**Acute toxicity** Harmful if inhaled. Harmful if swallowed.

Species

Species	rest resures
NT (ACS)	
Mouse	6.7391 mg/l
Rat	12.17 mg/l
Dog	4348 mg/kg
Mouse	761 mg/kg
Rat	793 mg/kg
Dog	3261 mg/kg
Species	Test Results
	Mouse Rat  Dog Mouse Rat  Dog Mouse Rat  Dog

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<u>Acute</u>	
Inhalation	ì
LC50	

	Rat	15 mg/l, 15 Minutes
		7.4 mg/l, 4 Hours
Oral		
LD50	Dog	4000 mg/kg
	Mouse	700 mg/kg
	Rat	730 mg/kg
Other		
LD50	Dog	3000 mg/kg

<sup>\*</sup> Estimates for product may be based on additional component data not shown.

Mouse

Mouse

Skin corrosion/irritation Serious eye damage/eye Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.

irritation

Respiratory or skin sensitization

**Respiratory sensitization** Not a respiratory sensitizer.

**Skin sensitization** This product is not expected to cause skin sensitization.

Causes serious eye damage.

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**Germ cell mutagenicity** No data available to indicate product or any components present at greater than 0.1% are

mutagenic or genotoxic.

**Carcinogenicity** Not classifiable as to carcinogenicity to humans.

IARC Monographs. Overall Evaluation of Carcinogenicity

Not listed.

OSHA Specifically Regulated Substances (29 CFR 1910.1001-1050)

Not regulated.

US. National Toxicology Program (NTP) Report on Carcinogens

Not listed.

**Reproductive toxicity**This product is not expected to cause reproductive or developmental effects.

Specific target organ toxicity

- single exposure

Not classified.

Specific target organ toxicity

- repeated exposure

Not classified.

**Aspiration hazard** Not an aspiration hazard.

**Chronic effects** Prolonged inhalation may be harmful.

# 12. Ecological information

**Ecotoxicity** The product is not classified as environmentally hazardous. However, this does not exclude the

possibility that large or frequent spills can have a harmful or damaging effect on the environment.

**Product Species Test Results** FORMIC ACID, 88%, REAGENT (ACS) Aquatic Crustacea EC50 Daphnia 150 mg/l, 48 hours estimated **Test Results** Components **Species** FORMIC ACID (CAS 64-18-6) **Aquatic** EC50 138 - 165.6 mg/l, 48 hours Crustacea Water flea (Daphnia magna)

#### Persistence and degradability

**Bioaccumulative potential** 

Partition coefficient n-octanol / water (log Kow)

FORMIC ACID -0.54

**Mobility in soil** No data available.

**Other adverse effects**The product contains volatile organic compounds which have a photochemical ozone creation

potential.

## 13. Disposal considerations

**Disposal instructions**Collect and reclaim or dispose in sealed containers at licensed waste disposal site. Dispose of

contents/container in accordance with local/regional/national/international regulations.

**Local disposal regulations** Dispose in accordance with all applicable regulations.

**Hazardous waste code**The waste code should be assigned in discussion between the user, the producer and the waste

disposal company.

Waste from residues /

unused products

Dispose of in accordance with local regulations. Empty containers or liners may retain some product residues. This material and its container must be disposed of in a safe manner (see: Disposal

instructions).

**Contaminated packaging** Since emptied containers may retain product residue, follow label warnings even after container is

emptied. Empty containers should be taken to an approved waste handling site for recycling or

disposal.

## 14. Transport information

DOT

**UN number** UN1779

**UN proper shipping name** Formic acid with more than 85% acid by mass

Transport hazard class(es)

Class 8
Subsidiary risk 3
Label(s) 8, 3
Packing group II

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**Special precautions for** Read safety instructions, SDS and emergency procedures before handling.

user

**Special provisions** B2, B28, IB2, T7, TP2

Packaging exceptions 154
Packaging non bulk 202
Packaging bulk 242

**IATA** 

**UN number** UN1779

**UN proper shipping name** Formic acid with more than 85% acid by weight

Transport hazard class(es)
Class 8
Subsidiary risk 3

Packing group II Environmental hazards No. ERG Code 8F

**Special precautions for** Read safety instructions, SDS and emergency procedures before handling.

user

Other information

**Passenger and cargo** Allowed with restrictions.

aircraft

**Cargo aircraft only** Allowed with restrictions.

**IMDG** 

**UN number** UN1779

**UN proper shipping name** FORMIC ACID with more than 85% acid by mass

Transport hazard class(es)

Class 8
Subsidiary risk 3
Packing group II
Environmental hazards

Marine pollutant No. F-E, S-C

**Special precautions for** Read safety instructions, SDS and emergency procedures before handling.

user

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

Not established.

DOT





## 15. Regulatory information

**US federal regulations**This product is a "Hazardous Chemical" as defined by the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard, 29 CFR 1910.1200.

## TSCA Section 12(b) Export Notification (40 CFR 707, Subpt. D)

Not regulated.

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#### **CERCLA Hazardous Substance List (40 CFR 302.4)**

FORMIC ACID (CAS 64-18-6) Listed.

SARA 304 Emergency release notification

Not regulated.

OSHA Specifically Regulated Substances (29 CFR 1910.1001-1050)

Not regulated.

Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA)

**Hazard categories** Immediate Hazard - Yes

Delayed Hazard - No Fire Hazard - Yes Pressure Hazard - No Reactivity Hazard - No

SARA 302 Extremely hazardous substance

Not listed.

**SARA 311/312** No

**Hazardous chemical** 

SARA 313 (TRI reporting)

Chemical nameCAS number% by wt.FORMIC ACID64-18-690 - 100

#### Other federal regulations

#### Clean Air Act (CAA) Section 112 Hazardous Air Pollutants (HAPs) List

Not regulated.

## Clean Air Act (CAA) Section 112(r) Accidental Release Prevention (40 CFR 68.130)

Not regulated.

**Safe Drinking Water Act** 

Not regulated.

(SDWA)

#### FEMA Priority Substances Respiratory Health and Safety in the Flavor Manufacturing Workplace

FORMIC ACID (CAS 64-18-6) High priority

**US state regulations**California Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (Proposition 65): This material is

not known to contain any chemicals currently listed as carcinogens or reproductive toxins.

#### **International Inventories**

Country(s) or region	Inventory name	On inventory (yes/no)*
Australia	Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances (AICS)	Yes
Canada	Domestic Substances List (DSL)	Yes
Canada	Non-Domestic Substances List (NDSL)	No
China	Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances in China (IECSC)	Yes
Europe	European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances (EINECS)	Yes
Europe	European List of Notified Chemical Substances (ELINCS)	No
Japan	Inventory of Existing and New Chemical Substances (ENCS)	Yes
Korea	Existing Chemicals List (ECL)	Yes
New Zealand	New Zealand Inventory	Yes
Philippines	Philippine Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances (PICCS)	Yes
United States & Puerto Rico	Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) Inventory	Yes

<sup>\*</sup>A "Yes" indicates that all components of this product comply with the inventory requirements administered by the governing country(s)

# 16. Other information, including date of preparation or last revision

**Issue date** April-28-2015 **Revision date** July-18-2017

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or the products of other manufacturers in combination with its product, may be used. It is the user's responsibility to ensure safe conditions for handling, storage and disposal of the product, and to assume liability for loss, injury, damage or expense due to improper use. The information in the

sheet was written based on the best knowledge and experience currently available.

**Revision information** This document has undergone significant changes and should be reviewed in its entirety.

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