

# Safety Data Sheet



## SECTION 1: Identification of the substance/mixture and the company/undertaking

Revision Date: 02/25/2021  
Print Date: 11/13/2021

### 1.1 Production identifiers

Product name : FORMIC ACID  
Brand : CJ Chemicals LLC  
CAS-No. : 64-18-6

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

Identified uses : Laboratory chemicals, synthesis of substances

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

Company : CJ Chemicals LLC  
3469 E Grand River Rd #112  
Howell, MI 48843  
United States

Telephone : +1 (888) 274-1044

### 1.4 Emergency Telephone

Emergency Phone # : 1-800-424-9300 CHEMTREC (USA)  
1-703-527-3887 CHEMTREC (international) 24 hours/day; 7 days/week

---

## SECTION 2: Hazards identification

### 2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture

#### GHS Classification in accordance with 29 CFR 1910 (OSHA HCS)

Flammable liquids (Category 3), H226  
Acute toxicity, Oral (Category 4), H302  
Acute toxicity, Inhalation (Category 3), H331  
Skin corrosion (Category 1A), H314  
Serious eye damage (Category 1), H318

For the full text of the H-Statements mentioned in this Section, see Section 16.

### 2.2 GHS Label elements, including precautionary statements

Pictogram



Signal word

Danger

Hazard statement(s)	
H226	Flammable liquid and vapor.
H302	Harmful if swallowed.
H314	Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.
H331	Toxic if inhaled.
Precautionary statement(s)	
P210	Keep away from heat/ sparks/ open flames/ hot surfaces. No smoking.
P233	Keep container tightly closed.
P240	Ground/bond container and receiving equipment.
P241	Use explosion-proof electrical/ ventilating/ lighting/ equipment.
P242	Use only non-sparking tools.
P243	Take precautionary measures against static discharge.
P261	Avoid breathing dust/ fume/ gas/ mist/ vapors/ spray.
P264	Wash 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.
P301 + P312 + P330	IF SWALLOWED: Call a POISON CENTER/ doctor if you feel unwell. Rinse mouth.
P301 + P330 + P331	IF SWALLOWED: Rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting.
P303 + P361 + P353	IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/ shower.
P304 + P340 + P310	IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing. Immediately call a POISON CENTER/ doctor.
P305 + P351 + P338 + P310	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/ doctor.
P363	Wash contaminated clothing before reuse.
P370 + P378	In case of fire: Use dry sand, dry chemical or alcohol-resistant foam to extinguish.
P403 + P233	Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed.
P403 + P235	Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep cool.
P405	Store locked up.
P501	Dispose of contents/ container to an approved waste disposal plant.

### 2.3 Hazards not otherwise classified (HNOC) or not covered by GHS

Corrosive to the respiratory tract.

---

## SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients

### 3.1 Substances

Formula	: CH <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub>
Molecular weight	: 46.03 g/mol
CAS-No.	: 64-18-6
EC-No.	: 200-579-1
Index-No.	: 607-001-00-0

Component	Classification	Concentration
-----------	----------------	---------------

<b>Formic acid</b>		
	Flam. Liq. 3; Acute Tox. 4; Acute Tox. 3; Skin Corr. 1A; Eye Dam. 1; H226, H302, H331, H314, H318 Concentration limits: > 78.5 %: Acute Tox. 3, H331; 75 - 78.5 %: Acute Tox. 4, H332; > 75 %: , EUH071; >= 90 %: Skin Corr. 1A, H314; 10 - < 90 %: Skin Corr. 1B, H314; 2 - < 10 %: Skin Irrit. 2, H315; 2 - < 10 %: Eye Irrit. 2, H319;	<= 100 %

For the full text of the H-Statements mentioned in this Section, see Section 16.

---

## **SECTION 4: First aid measures**

### **4.1 Description of first-aid measures**

#### **General advice**

First aider needs to protect himself. Show this material safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance.

#### **If inhaled**

After inhalation: fresh air. Immediately call in physician. If breathing stops: immediately apply artificial respiration, if necessary also oxygen.

#### **In case of skin contact**

In case of skin contact: Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/ shower. Call a physician immediately.

#### **In case of eye contact**

After eye contact: rinse out with plenty of water. Immediately call in ophthalmologist. Remove contact lenses.

#### **If swallowed**

After swallowing: make victim drink water (two glasses at most), avoid vomiting (risk of perforation). Pulmonary failure possible after aspiration of vomit. Call a physician immediately. Do not attempt to neutralise.

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

The most important known symptoms and effects are described in the labelling (see section 2.2) and/or in section 11

### **4.3 Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed**

No data available

---

## **SECTION 5: Firefighting measures**

### **5.1 Extinguishing media**

#### **Suitable extinguishing media**

Water Foam Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) Dry powder

#### **Unsuitable extinguishing media**

For this substance/mixture no limitations of extinguishing agents are given.

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

Nature of decomposition products not known.

Combustible.

Vapors are heavier than air and may spread along floors.

Forms explosive mixtures with air at elevated temperatures.

Development of hazardous combustion gases or vapours possible in the event of fire.

### **5.3 Advice for firefighters**

Stay in danger area only with self-contained breathing apparatus. Prevent skin contact by keeping a safe distance or by wearing suitable protective clothing.

### **5.4 Further information**

Remove container from danger zone and cool with water. Prevent fire extinguishing water from contaminating surface water or the ground water system.

---

## **SECTION 6: Accidental release measures**

### **6.1 Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures**

Advice for non-emergency personnel: Do not breathe vapors, aerosols. Avoid substance contact. Ensure adequate ventilation. Keep away from heat and sources of ignition.

Evacuate the danger area, observe emergency procedures, consult an expert.

For personal protection see section 8.

### **6.2 Environmental precautions**

Do not let product enter drains. Risk of explosion.

### **6.3 Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up**

Cover drains. Collect, bind, and pump off spills. Observe possible material restrictions (see sections 7 and 10). Take up carefully with liquid-absorbent material (e.g.

Chemizorb®). Dispose of properly. Clean up affected area.

### **6.4 Reference to other sections**

For disposal see section 13.

---

## **SECTION 7: Handling and storage**

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

#### **Advice on safe handling**

Work under hood. Do not inhale substance/mixture. Avoid generation of vapours/aerosols.

#### **Advice on protection against fire and explosion**

Keep away from open flames, hot surfaces and sources of ignition. Take precautionary measures against static discharge.

#### **Hygiene measures**

Immediately change contaminated clothing. Apply preventive skin protection. Wash hands and face after working with substance.

For precautions see section 2.2.

## 7.2 Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

### Storage conditions

Keep container tightly closed in a dry and well-ventilated place. Keep away from heat and sources of ignition. Keep locked up or in an area accessible only to qualified or authorized persons.

Vent periodically. Handle and open container with care. Hygroscopic. Refrigerate before opening.

Storage class (TRGS 510): 3: Flammable liquids

## 7.3 Specific end use(s)

Apart from the uses mentioned in section 1.2 no other specific uses are stipulated

---

## SECTION 8: Exposure controls/personal protection

### 8.1 Control parameters

#### Ingredients with workplace control parameters

Component	CAS-No.	Value	Control parameters	Basis
Formic acid	64-18-6	TWA	5 ppm	USA. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)
		STEL	10 ppm	USA. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)
		TWA	5 ppm 9 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	USA. NIOSH Recommended Exposure Limits
		TWA	5 ppm 9 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	USA. Occupational Exposure Limits (OSHA) - Table Z-1 Limits for Air Contaminants
		PEL	5 ppm 9 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	California permissible exposure limits for chemical contaminants (Title 8, Article 107)
		STEL	10 ppm 19 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	California permissible exposure limits for chemical contaminants (Title 8, Article 107)

### 8.2 Exposure controls

#### Appropriate engineering controls

Immediately change contaminated clothing. Apply preventive skin protection. Wash hands and face after working with substance.

#### Personal protective equipment

##### Eye/face protection

Use equipment for eye protection tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or EN 166(EU). Tightly fitting safety goggles

### **Skin protection**

Handle with gloves. Gloves must be inspected prior to use. Use proper glove removal technique (without touching glove's outer surface) to avoid skin contact with this product. Dispose of contaminated gloves after use in accordance with applicable laws and good laboratory practices. Wash and dry hands.

#### Full contact

Material: Nature latex/chloroprene

Minimum layer thickness: 0.6 mm

Break through time: 480 min

Material tested:Lapren® (KCL 706 / Aldrich Z677558, Size M)

#### Splash contact

Material: Nature latex/chloroprene

Minimum layer thickness: 0.6 mm

Break through time: 480 min

Material tested:Lapren® (KCL 706 / Aldrich Z677558, Size M)

data source: KCL GmbH, D-36124 Eichenzell, phone +49 (0)6659 87300, e-mail sales@kcl.de, test method: EN374

If used in solution, or mixed with other substances, and under conditions which differ from EN 374, contact the supplier of the EC approved gloves. This recommendation is advisory only and must be evaluated by an industrial hygienist and safety officer familiar with the specific situation of anticipated use by our customers. It should not be construed as offering an approval for any specific use scenario.

### **Body Protection**

Flame retardant antistatic protective clothing.

### **Respiratory protection**

required when vapours/aerosols are generated. Our recommendations on filtering respiratory protection are based on the following standards: DIN EN 143, DIN 14387 and other accompanying standards relating to the used respiratory protection system.

### **Control of environmental exposure**

Do not let product enter drains. Risk of explosion.

---

## **SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties**

### **9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties**

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| a) Appearance                              | Form: liquid<br>Color: colorless   |
| b) Odor                                    | stinging   |
| c) Odor Threshold                          | 0.02 ppm   |
| d) pH                                      | 2.2 at 10 g/l at 20 °C (68 °F)   |
| e) Melting point/freezing point            | Melting point/range: 8.2 - 8.4 °C (46.8 - 47.1 °F) - lit.                  |
| f) Initial boiling point and boiling range | 100 - 101 °C 212 - 214 °F - lit.   |
| g) Flash point                             | 49.5 °C (121.1 °F) - closed cup - Regulation (EC) No. 440/2008, Annex, A.9 |
| h) Evaporation rate                        | No data available  |

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| i) Flammability (solid, gas)                    | No data available  |
| j) Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits | Upper explosion limit: 38 %(V)<br>Lower explosion limit: 18 %(V)   |
| k) Vapor pressure                               | 171 hPa at 50 °C (122 °F) - OECD Test Guideline 104  |
| l) Vapor density                                | 1.59 - (Air = 1.0)   |
| m) Relative density                             | 1.22 at 20 °C (68 °F) - OECD Test Guideline 109  |
| n) Water solubility                             | miscible in all proportions, (experimental)  |
| o) Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water       | log Pow: -2.1 at 23 °C (73 °F) - OECD Test Guideline 107 - Bioaccumulation is not expected.  |
| p) Autoignition temperature                     | 528 °C (982 °F) at 1,008 hPa - Tested according to Directive 92/69/EEC.  |
| q) Decomposition temperature                    | 350 °C (662 °F) -  |
| r) Viscosity                                    | 1.47 mm <sup>2</sup> /s at 20 °C (68 °F) - OECD Test Guideline 114 - 1.02 mm <sup>2</sup> /s at 40 °C (104 °F) - OECD Test Guideline 114 - |
| s) Explosive properties                         | No data available  |
| t) Oxidizing properties                         | No data available  |

## 9.2 Other safety information

- |                        |  |
|------------------------|--|
| Surface tension        | 71.5 mN/m at 1g/l at 20 °C (68 °F) - OECD Test Guideline 115 |
| Dissociation constant  | 3.7 at 20 °C (68 °F) - OECD Test Guideline 112               |
| Relative vapor density | 1.59 - (Air = 1.0)   |

---

## SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity

### 10.1 Reactivity

Vapor/air-mixtures are explosive at intense warming.

### 10.2 Chemical stability

The product is chemically stable under standard ambient conditions (room temperature) .  
Contains the following stabilizer(s):  
water (5 %)

### 10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions

No data available

### 10.4 Conditions to avoid

Heating.

### 10.5 Incompatible materials

Strong oxidizing agents, Strong bases, Powdered metals

### 10.6 Hazardous decomposition products

In the event of fire: see section 5

---

## SECTION 11: Toxicological information

### 11.1 Information on toxicological effects

#### Acute toxicity

LD50 Oral - Rat - male and female - 730 mg/kg

(OECD Test Guideline 401)

LC50 Inhalation - Rat - male and female - 4 h - 7.85 mg/l

(OECD Test Guideline 403)

Dermal: No data available

No data available

#### Skin corrosion/irritation

Skin - Rabbit

Result: Severe skin irritation

(Draize Test)

#### Serious eye damage/eye irritation

Causes serious eye damage. conjunctivitis Lacrimal irritation due to vapours.

#### Respiratory or skin sensitization

Buehler Test - Guinea pig

Result: negative

(OECD Test Guideline 406)

Prolonged or repeated exposure may cause allergic reactions in certain sensitive individuals.

#### Germ cell mutagenicity

Ames test

Salmonella typhimurium

Result: negative

sister chromatid exchange assay

Chinese hamster lung cells

Result: negative

sister chromatid exchange assay

Human lymphocytes

Result: negative

In vitro mammalian cell gene mutation test

Chinese hamster ovary cells

Result: negative

Chromosome aberration test in vitro

Chinese hamster ovary cells

Result: negative

OECD Test Guideline 477

Drosophila melanogaster - male

Result: negative

#### Carcinogenicity

IARC: No ingredient of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as probable, possible or confirmed human carcinogen by IARC.

NTP: No ingredient of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a known or anticipated carcinogen by NTP.

OSHA: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is on OSHA's list of regulated carcinogens.



**Reproductive toxicity**

No data available

**Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure**

No data available

**Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure**

No data available

**Aspiration hazard**

No data available

**11.2 Additional Information**

Repeated dose toxicity - Rat - male and female - Oral - 52 Weeks - NOAEL (No observed adverse effect level) - 400 mg/kg - LOAEL (Lowest observed adverse effect level) - 2,000 mg/kg  
 Remarks:  
 (in analogy to similar products)

RTECS: LQ4900000

Material is extremely destructive to tissue of the mucous membranes and upper respiratory tract, eyes, and skin., spasm, inflammation and edema of the larynx, spasm, inflammation and edema of the bronchi, pneumonitis, pulmonary edema, burning sensation, Cough, wheezing, laryngitis, Shortness of breath, Headache, Nausea, Vomiting  
 To the best of our knowledge, the chemical, physical, and toxicological properties have not been thoroughly investigated.

Kidney - Irregularities - Based on Human Evidence

Kidney - Irregularities - Based on Human Evidence

---

**SECTION 12: Ecological information****12.1 Toxicity**

Toxicity to fish	static test LC50 - Danio rerio (zebra fish) - 130 mg/l - 96 h (OECD Test Guideline 203) Remarks: (in analogy to similar products) The value is given in analogy to the following substances: ammonium formate
Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates	static test EC50 - Daphnia magna (Water flea) - 365 mg/l - 48 h (OECD Test Guideline 202) Remarks: (in analogy to similar products) The value is given in analogy to the following substances: ammonium formate
Toxicity to algae	static test ErC50 - Pseudokirchneriella subcapitata - 1,240 mg/l - 72 h (OECD Test Guideline 201) Remarks: (in analogy to similar products) The value is given in analogy to the following substances: ammonium

formate

Toxicity to bacteria static test NOEC - activated sludge - 72 mg/l - 13 d  
Remarks: (ECHA)

### 12.2 Persistence and degradability

Biodegradability aerobic - Exposure time 14 d  
Result: 100 % - Readily biodegradable.  
(OECD Test Guideline 301C)

Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD) 86 mg/g  
Remarks: (External MSDS)

Ratio BOD/ThBOD 8.60 %

### 12.3 Bioaccumulative potential

Bioaccumulation is unlikely.  
Does not significantly accumulate in organisms.

### 12.4 Mobility in soil

No data available

### 12.5 Results of PBT and vPvB assessment

PBT/vPvB assessment not available as chemical safety assessment not required/not conducted

### 12.6 Other adverse effects

Additional ecological information No data available

---

## SECTION 13: Disposal considerations

### 13.1 Waste treatment methods

#### Product

Waste material must be disposed of in accordance with the national and local regulations. Leave chemicals in original containers. No mixing with other waste. Handle uncleaned containers like the product itself. See [www.retrologistik.com](http://www.retrologistik.com) for processes regarding the return of chemicals and containers, or contact us there if you have further questions.

---

## SECTION 14: Transport information

### DOT (US)

UN number: 1779 Class: 8 (3) Packing group: II  
Proper shipping name: Formic acid  
Reportable Quantity (RQ): 5000 lbs  
Poison Inhalation Hazard: No

### IMDG

UN number: 1779 Class: 8 (3) Packing group: II EMS-No: F-E, S-C  
Proper shipping name: FORMIC ACID

### IATA

UN number: 1779 Class: 8 (3) Packing group: II

Proper shipping name: Formic acid

---

**SECTION 15: Regulatory information****SARA 302 Components**

This material does not contain any components with a section 302 EHS TPQ.

**SARA 313 Components**

The following components are subject to reporting levels established by SARA Title III, Section 313:

	CAS-No.	Revision Date
Formic acid	64-18-6	2007-07-01

**SARA 311/312 Hazards**

Fire Hazard, Acute Health Hazard, Chronic Health Hazard

**Massachusetts Right To Know Components**

No components are subject to the Massachusetts Right to Know Act.

---

**SECTION 16: Other information****Further information**

The above information is believed to be correct but does not purport to be all inclusive and shall be used only as a guide. The information in this document is based on the present state of our knowledge and is applicable to the product with regard to appropriate safety precautions. It does not represent any guarantee of the properties of the product. CJ Chemicals LLC and its Affiliates shall not be held liable for any damage resulting from handling or from contact with the above product. See [www.cjchemicals.com](http://www.cjchemicals.com) and/or the reverse side of invoice or packing slip for additional terms and conditions of sale.

Version: 6.6

Revision Date: 02/25/2021

Print Date: 11/13/2021