



## MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET (MSDS)

### SECTION 1: Identification

#### 1.1 Product identifiers

**Product Name :** Formic acid  
**Cat No.:** AC147930000; AC147930010; AC147930025; AC147930100;  
AC147930250; AC147932500  
**CAS No. :** 64-18-6

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

**Recommended uses :** Laboratory chemicals  
**Uses advised against:** Food, drug, pesticide or biocidal product use.

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

**Company :** Krishna Solvechem Limited.  
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Kandivali (West), Mumbai – 400067. India.  
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#### 1.4 Emergency telephone number

**Emergency Phone :** +91-8657457330

### SECTION 2: Hazards identification

#### 2.1 Classification

This chemical is considered hazardous by the 2012 OSHA Hazard Communication Standard (29 CFR 1910.1200)

Flammable liquids	(Category 3)
Skin Corrosion/Irritation	(Category 1A)
Serious Eye Damage/Eye Irritation	(Category 1)
Acute oral toxicity	(Category 4)
Acute inhalation toxicity – vapors	(Category 3)

#### 2.2 Label elements

**Pictogram :**



**Signal word**

Danger

**Hazard statement (s)**

Flammable liquid and vapor



**Precautionary statement (s)**

**Prevention**

Harmful if swallowed  
Causes severe skin burns  
and eye damage  
Toxic if inhaled

Wash face, hands and any exposed skin thoroughly after handling  
Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection  
Avoid breathing dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray  
Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area  
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  
Keep cool

**Inhalation :**

IF INHALED: Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing  
Call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician if you feel unwell

**IF ON SKIN (or hair):**

If skin irritation occurs: Get medical advice/attention  
IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/shower  
Wash contaminated clothing before reuse

**Eyes:**

IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing  
If eye irritation persists: Get medical advice/attention

**Ingestion:**

Rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting

**Fire**

In case of fire: Use CO<sub>2</sub>, dry chemical, or foam for extinction

**Storage:**

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



**Hazards not otherwise classified (HNOC)**

**Disposal:**

Dispose of contents/container to an approved waste disposal plant

Corrosive to the respiratory tract

**SECTION 3: Composition / information on ingredients**

**3.1**

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

**SECTION 4: First aid measures**

**4.1 Description of first aid measures**

**General Advice:**

If symptoms persist, call a physician.

**If inhalation :**

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.

**In case of skin contact :**

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

**In case of eye contact :**

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

**Ingestion :**

Do NOT induce vomiting. Call a physician or poison control center immediately.

**4.2 Most important symptoms and effects :**

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

**4.3 Notes to Physician :**

Treat symptomatically

**SECTION 5: Firefighting effects**

**5.1 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.

**5.2 Flash point Method**

50 °C / 122 °F

No information available



<b>Autoignition Temperature:</b>	520 °C / 968 °F
<b>Explosion Limits:</b>	
<b>Upper</b>	45 vol%
<b>Lower</b>	10 vol%
<b>Sensitivity to Mechanical Impact</b>	No information available
<b>Sensitivity to Static Discharge</b>	No information available
<b>Specific Hazards Arising from the Chemical :</b>	Flammable. 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. Strong reducing agent. Fire and explosion risk in contact with oxidizing agents.
<b>Hazardous Combustion Products :</b>	Carbon monoxide (CO). Carbon dioxide (CO <sub>2</sub> ). Hydrogen

<b>5.4 Protective Equipment and Precautions for Firefighters:</b>	As in any fire, wear self-contained breathing apparatus pressure-demand, MSHA/NIOSH (approved or equivalent) and full protective gear.			
<b><u>NFPA:</u></b>	<b>Health</b>	<b>Flammability</b>	<b>Instability</b>	<b>Physical hazards</b>
	3	2	1	N/A

## SECTION 6: Accidental release measures

<b>6.1 Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures</b>
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.
<b>6.2 Environmental precautions</b>
Should not be released into the environment. Do not flush into surface water or sanitary sewer system. See Section 12 for additional Ecological Information.
<b>6.3 Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up</b>
Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal. Soak up with inert absorbent material. Remove all sources of ignition. Use spark-proof tools and explosion-proof equipment.

## SECTION 7: Handling and storage

<b>7.1 Precautions for safe handling</b>
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.



## 7.2 Conditions for safe storage

Keep containers tightly closed in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place. Keep away from heat, sparks and flame. Containers should be vented periodically in order to overcome pressure buildup. Store in explosion-proof refrigerator. Flammables area. Incompatible Materials. Strong oxidizing agents. Metals. Finely powdered metals. Strong bases.

## SECTION 8: Exposure controls/personal protection

### 8.1 Exposure Guidelines

Component	ACGIH TLV	OSHA PEL	NIOSH	Mexico OEL (TWA)
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>	IDLH: 30 ppm TWA: 5 ppm TWA: 9 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	TWA: 5 ppm TWA: 9 mg/m <sup>3</sup>

#### Engineering Measures

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.

### 8.2 Exposure controls

#### Personal protective equipment -

##### Eye / Face protection

Wear appropriate protective eyeglasses or chemical safety goggles as described by OSHA's eye and face protection regulations in 29 CFR 1910.133 or European Standard EN166.

##### Skin protection and body protection

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

##### Respiratory protection

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.

##### Hygiene Measures

Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice..

## SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties

### 9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties

a) Appearance	Colorless Liquid
b) Odour	Pungent
c) Odour Threshold	No information available
d) pH	2.1 10 g/L aq.sol
e) Melting point / freezing point	8 °C / 46.4 °F
f) Initial boiling point and	101 °C / 213.8 °F @ 760 mmHg



<b>boiling range</b>	
<b>g) Flash point</b>	50 °C / 122 °F
<b>h) Evaporation rate</b>	No information available
<b>i) Flammability (solid, gas)</b>	Not applicable
<b>j) Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits</b>	45 vol% 10 vol%
<b>k) Vapour pressure</b>	44 mbar @ 20 °C
<b>l) Vapour density</b>	No information available
<b>m) Specific Gravity</b>	1.220
<b>n) Solubility</b>	Miscible
<b>o) Partition coefficient: n octanol/water</b>	No data available
<b>p) Auto-ignition temperature</b>	520 °C / 968 °F
<b>q) Decomposition temperature</b>	No information available
<b>r) Viscosity</b>	1.47 mPa.s @ 20 °C
<b>s) Molecular formula</b>	C H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub>
<b>t) Molecular Weight</b>	46.02

### SECTION 10: Stability and Reactivity

<b>10.1 Reactive Hazard :</b>	None known, based on information available
<b>10.2 Chemical stability :</b>	Strong reducing agent. Fire and explosion risk in contact with oxidizing agents. Hygroscopic. heat sensitive. Decomposes to water and carbon dioxide.
<b>10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions :</b>	None under normal processing.
<b>10.4 Conditions to avoid :</b>	Keep away from open flames, hot surfaces and sources of ignition. Excess heat. Exposure to moist air or water. Incompatible products.
<b>10.5 Incompatible materials:</b>	Strong oxidizing agents, Metals, Finely powdered metals, Strong bases
<b>10.6 Hazardous decomposition products :</b>	Carbon monoxide (CO), Carbon dioxide (CO <sub>2</sub> ), Hydrogen
<b>10.7 Hazardous Polymerization</b>	Hazardous polymerization does not occur



## SECTION 11: Toxicological information

### 11.1

#### Information on toxicological effects

##### Acute toxicity:

##### Product Information:

**Oral LD50** Category 4.

**Dermal LD50** Based on ATE data, the classification criteria are not met.

**Vapor LC50** Category 3.

##### Component Information

Component	LD50 Oral	LD50 Dermal	LC50 Inhalation
Formic acid	730 mg/kg ( Rat )	Not listed	15 g/m <sup>3</sup> ( Rat ) 15 min

##### Toxicologically Synergistic Products

No information available

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

**Irritation :** Causes severe burns by all exposure routes irritating to respiratory system

**Sensitization:** No information available

**Carcinogenicity :** The table below indicates whether each agency ha Any ingredient as a carcinogen.

Component	CAS-No	IARC	NTP	ACGIH	OSHA	Mexico
Formic acid	64-18-6	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed

**Mutagenic Effects:** No information available.

**Reproductive Effects:** No information available.

**Developmental Effects :** No information available.

**Teratogenicity:** No information available.

**STOT - single exposure :** None known

**STOT - repeated exposure:** None known

**Aspiration hazard :** No information available.

**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 Disruptor Information :** No information available

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



## SECTION 12: Ecological information

### 12.1

#### Ecotoxicity:

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

Component	Freshwater Algae	Freshwater Fish	Microtox	Water Flea
Formic acid	EC50 = 25 mg/L/96h	Leuciscus idus: LC50 =46-100 mg/L/96h	EC50 = 46.7 mg/L/17h	EC50 = 34 mg/L/48h

**12.2 Persistence and degradability:** Miscible with water Persistence is unlikely based on Information Available.

**Bioaccumulation/ Accumulation** No information available

**12.3 Mobility:** Will likely be mobile in the environment due to its water solubility.

## SECTION 13: Disposal considerations

**13.1 Waste treatment 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.

## SECTION 14: Transport information

### 14.1 UN number :

DOT : UN1779      TDG : UN1779  
IATA : UN1779      IMDG : UN1779

### 14.2 UN proper shipping name

**DOT :** FORMIC ACID                      **TDG :** FORMIC ACID

**IMDG :** FORMIC ACID                      **IATA :** FORMIC ACID

**14.3 Transport hazard class(es)**      ADR/RID: 3                      IMDG: 3                      IATA: 3

**14.4 Packaging group:**                      ADR/RID: II                      IMDG: II                      IATA: II

## SECTION 15: Regulatory information

### 15.1 United states of America Inventory:

Component	CAS-No	TSCA	TSCA Inventory notification Active/Inactive	TSCA - EPA Regulatory Flags
Formic acid	64-18-6	X	ACTIVE	-

**Legend:**





**TSCA - Toxic Substances Control Act, (40 CFR Part 710)**

X - Listed

'-' - Not Listed

**TSCA 12(b) - Notices of Export** Not applicable

**International Inventories:**

Canada (DSL/NDSL), Europe (EINECS/ELINCS/NLP), Philippines (PICCS), Japan (ENCS), Japan (ISHL), Australia(AICS), China (IECSC), Korea (ECL).

Component	CAS-No	DSL	NDSL	EINECS	PICCS	ENCS	ISHL	AICS	IECSC	KECL
Formic acid	64-18-6	X	-	200-579-1	X	X	X	X	X	X

**U.S. Federal Regulations**

**SARA 313**

Component	CAS No	Weight %	SARA 313 - Threshold Values %
Formic acid	64-18-6	>95	1.0

**SARA 311/312 Hazard Categories**

See section 2 for more information

**CWA (Clean Water Act)**

Component	CWA - Hazardous Substances	CWA - Reportable Quantities	CWA - Toxic Pollutants	CWA - Priority Pollutants
Formic acid	X	5000 lb	-	-

**Clean Air Act**

Not applicable

**OSHA - Occupational Safety and Health Administration**

Not applicable

**CERCLA**

This material, as supplied, contains one or more substances regulated as a hazardous substance under the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) (40 CFR 302)

Component	Hazardous Substances RQs	CERCLA EHS RQs
Formic acid	5000 lb	-

**California Proposition 65**  
chemicals.

This product does not contain any Proposition 65

**15.2 U.S. State Right-to-Know Regulations:**

Component	Massachusetts	New Jersey	Pennsylvania	Illinois	Rhode Island
Formic acid	X	X	X	-	X

**U.S. Department of Transportation**

Reportable Quantity (RQ): Y



DOT Marine Pollutant N  
 DOT Severe Marine Pollutant N

**U.S. Department of Homeland Security** - This product does not contain the any DHS Chemicals.

**Other International Regulations**

**Mexico – Grade** Moderate risk, Grade 2

**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)
Formic acid	64-18-6	Listed	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable

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	Rotterdam Convention (PIC)	Basel Convention (Hazardous Waste)
Formic acid	64-18-6	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Annex I - Y34

**SECTION 16: Other information**

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