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1. IDENTIFICATION OF THE SUBSTANCE/PREPARATION AND COMPANY/UNDERTAKING

Material Name : Ethyl Acetate
Uses : Use as a solvent only in industrial manufacturing processes.
Product Code : S8311

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2. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Material Formal Name : Ethyl ethanoate
Synonyms : ethyl ester
acetic ether
ethyl ester of acetic acid
acetic ester

CAS No. : 141-78-6
INDEX No. : 607-022-00-5
EINECS No. : 205-500-4

3. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

Health Hazards : Irritating to eyes.
Vapours expected to be slightly irritating. Vapours may cause drowsiness and dizziness. Repeated exposure may cause skin dryness or cracking.

Signs and Symptoms : Eye irritation signs and symptoms may include a burning sensation, redness, swelling, and/or blurred vision. Defatting dermatitis signs and symptoms may include a burning sensation and/or a dried/cracked appearance. Other signs and symptoms of central nervous system (CNS) depression may include headache, nausea, and lack of coordination. Breathing of high vapour concentrations may cause central nervous system (CNS) depression resulting in dizziness, light-headedness, headache, nausea and loss of coordination. Continued inhalation may result in unconsciousness and death.

Aggravated Medical Condition : Pre-existing medical conditions of the following organ(s) or organ system(s) may be aggravated by exposure to this material: Eyes.



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Safety Hazards : Highly flammable.

4. FIRST AID MEASURES

- General Information** : In general no treatment is necessary, however, obtain medical advice.
- Inhalation** : Remove to fresh air. If rapid recovery does not occur, transport to nearest medical facility for additional treatment.
- Skin Contact** : Remove contaminated clothing. Flush exposed area with water and follow by washing with soap if available.
- Eye Contact** : Immediately flush eyes with large amounts of water for at least 15 minutes while holding eyelids open. Transport to the nearest medical facility for additional treatment.
- Ingestion** : If swallowed, do not induce vomiting; transport to nearest medical facility for additional treatment. If vomiting occurs spontaneously, keep head below hips to prevent aspiration.
- Advice to Physician** : Causes central nervous system depression. Consult a Poison Control Centre for guidance.

5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

Clear fire area of all non-emergency personnel.

- Specific Hazards** : Carbon monoxide may be evolved if incomplete combustion occurs. Will float and can be reignited on surface water. The vapour is heavier than air, spreads along the ground and distant ignition is possible.
- Extinguishing Media** : Foam, water spray or fog. Dry chemical powder, carbon dioxide, sand or earth may be used for small fires only.
- Unsuitable Extinguishing Media** : Do not use water in a jet.
- Protective Equipment for Firefighters** : Wear full protective clothing and self-contained breathing apparatus.
- Additional Advice** : Keep adjacent containers cool by spraying with water.

6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Observe all relevant local and international regulations.

- Protective measures** : Avoid contact with spilled or released material. Immediately remove all contaminated clothing. For guidance on selection of personal protective equipment see Chapter 8 of this Material Safety Data Sheet. For guidance on disposal of spilled material see Chapter 13 of this Material Safety Data Sheet. Shut off leaks, if possible without personal risks. Remove all possible sources of ignition in the surrounding area. Use appropriate containment (of product and fire fighting water) to avoid environmental contamination. Prevent from spreading or entering drains, ditches or rivers by using sand, earth, or other appropriate barriers. Attempt to disperse the vapour or to direct its flow to a safe location for example by using fog sprays. Take precautionary measures against static discharge. Ensure electrical continuity by bonding and grounding (earthing) all

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according to EC directive 2001/58/EC

- Clean Up Methods** : equipment. Monitor area with combustible gas indicator.
: For large liquid spills (> 1 drum), transfer by mechanical means such as vacuum truck to a salvage tank for recovery or safe disposal. Do not flush away residues with water. Retain as contaminated waste. Allow residues to evaporate or soak up with an appropriate absorbent material and dispose of safely. Remove contaminated soil and dispose of safely.
: For small liquid spills (< 1 drum), transfer by mechanical means to a labelled, sealable container for product recovery or safe disposal. Allow residues to evaporate or soak up with an appropriate absorbent material and dispose of safely. Remove contaminated soil and dispose of safely.
- Additional Advice** : See Chapter 13 for information on disposal. Notify authorities if any exposure to the general public or the environment occurs or is likely to occur.

7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

- General Precautions** : Avoid breathing of or contact with material. Only use in well ventilated areas. Wash thoroughly after handling. For guidance on selection of personal protective equipment see Chapter 8 of this Material Safety Data Sheet. Use the information in this data sheet as input to a risk assessment of local circumstances to help determine appropriate controls for safe handling, storage and disposal of this material.
- Handling** : Electrostatic charges may be generated during pumping. Electrostatic discharge may cause fire. Ensure electrical continuity by bonding and grounding (earthing) all equipment. Restrict line velocity during pumping in order to avoid generation of electrostatic discharge (≤ 10 m/sec). Avoid splash filling. Do NOT use compressed air for filling, discharging, or handling operations. Extinguish any naked flames. Do Not smoke. Remove ignition sources. Avoid sparks. Handling Temperature: Ambient.
- Storage** : Keep away from aerosols, flammables, oxidizing agents, corrosives and from products harmful or toxic to man or to the environment. Must be stored in a well-ventilated area, away from sunlight, ignition sources and other sources of heat. Storage Temperature: Ambient.
- Product Transfer** : Keep containers closed when not in use. Do not use compressed air for filling, discharging or handling.
- Recommended Materials** : For container paints, use epoxy paint, zinc silicate paint. For containers, or container linings use mild steel, stainless steel.
- Unsuitable Materials** : Aluminium if > 50 °C. Most plastics.
- Container Advice** : Containers, even those that have been emptied, can contain explosive vapours. Do not cut, drill, grind, weld or perform similar operations on or near containers.

8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION**Occupational Exposure Limits**



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UK Workplace Exposure Limits

Ethyl Acetate	EH40 WEL	TWA	200 ppm		
	EH40 WEL	STEL	400 ppm		

- Additional Information** : Wash hands before eating, drinking, smoking and using the toilet.
- Exposure Controls** : The level of protection and types of controls necessary will vary depending upon potential exposure conditions. Select controls based on a risk assessment of local circumstances. Appropriate measures include: Adequate explosion-proof ventilation to control airborne concentrations below the exposure guidelines/limits. Eye washes and showers for emergency use.
- Personal Protective Equipment** : Personal protective equipment (PPE) should meet recommended national standards. Check with PPE suppliers.
- Respiratory Protection** : If engineering controls do not maintain airborne concentrations to a level which is adequate to protect worker health, select respiratory protection equipment suitable for the specific conditions of use and meeting relevant legislation. Check with respiratory protective equipment suppliers. Where air-filtering respirators are suitable, select an appropriate combination of mask and filter. No respiratory protection is ordinarily required under normal conditions of use. Where air-filtering respirators are unsuitable (e.g., airborne concentrations are high, risk of oxygen deficiency, confined space) use appropriate positive pressure breathing apparatus.
- Hand Protection** : Where hand contact with the product may occur the use of gloves approved to relevant standards (e.g. Europe: EN374, US: F739) made from the following materials may provide suitable chemical protection:
Longer term protection: Butyl rubber. Incidental contact/Splash protection: Natural rubber. Neoprene rubber. Nitrile rubber. Suitability and durability of a glove is dependent on usage, e.g. frequency and duration of contact, chemical resistance of glove material, glove thickness, dexterity. Always seek advice from glove suppliers. Contaminated gloves should be replaced.
- Eye Protection** : Chemical splash goggles (chemical monogoggles).
- Protective Clothing** : Use protective clothing which is chemical resistant to this material. Safety shoes and boots should also be chemical resistant.
- Monitoring Methods** : Monitoring of the concentration of substances in the breathing zone of workers or in the general workplace may be required to confirm compliance with an OEL and adequacy of exposure controls. For some substances biological monitoring may also be appropriate. Examples of sources of recommended air monitoring methods are given below or contact supplier. Further national methods may be available. National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), USA: Manual of analytical Methods
<http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/nmam/nmamenu.html> Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), USA: Sampling and



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Analytical Methods <http://www.osha-slc.gov/dts/sltc/methods/toc.html> Health and Safety Executive (HSE), UK: Methods for the Determination of Hazardous Substances <http://www.hsl.gov.uk/search.htm>

Environmental Exposure Controls : Local guidelines on emission limits for volatile substances must be observed for the discharge of exhaust air containing vapour.

9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Appearance : Clear. Liquid.
Odour : Pleasant, non residual.
pH : Not applicable.
Boiling point : Typical 74 - 78 °C / 165 - 172 °F
Melting / freezing point : -83.6 °C / -118.5 °F
Flash point : -4 °C / 25 °F (Abel)
Explosion / Flammability limits in air : 2.1 - 11.5 %(V)
Auto-ignition temperature : 460 °C / 860 °F (ASTM E-659)
Vapour pressure : 37,000 Pa at 50 °C / 122 °F
9,800 Pa at 20 °C / 68 °F
Density : Typical 900 kg/m³ at 20 °C / 68 °F (ASTM D-4052)
Water solubility : 77 g/l at 20 °C / 68 °F
Solubility in other solvents : Organic solvents Miscible.
n-octanol/water partition coefficient (log Pow) : 0.73
Dynamic viscosity : 0.45 mPa.s at 20 °C / 68 °F
Vapour density (air=1) : 3
Electrical conductivity : 0.2 µS/m at 20 °C / 68 °F (ASTM D-4308)
Coefficient of expansion : 0.0013 / °C
Dielectric constant : 6 at 20 °C / 68 °F
Heat of vapourisation : 403 J/g
Refractive index : 1.372 at 20 °C / 68 °F (ASTM D-1218)
Reaction with water : Forms an azeotrope with water which boils at 70.4 °C, containing 91.8% EtAc
Specific heat : 1.95 kJ/kg °C at 20 °C / 68 °F
Saturated Vapour concentration (in air) : 353 at 20 °C / 68 °F (estimated value(s))
Thermal conductivity : 0.146 W/m °C at 20 °C / 68 °F
Evaporation rate (nBuAc=1) : 4.2 (ASTM D 3539, nBuAc=1)
2.9 (DIN 53170, di-ethyl ether=1)
Surface tension : 24.2 mN/m at 20 °C / 68 °F
Molecular weight : 88.1 g/mol

10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Stability : Stable under normal conditions of use.
Conditions to Avoid : Avoid heat, sparks, open flames and other ignition sources.

11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Basis for Assessment : Information given is based on product testing.
Acute Oral Toxicity : Low toxicity: LD50 >2000 mg/kg , Rat
Acute Dermal Toxicity : Low toxicity: LD50 >2000 mg/kg , Rabbit



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- Acute Inhalation Toxicity** : High concentrations may cause central nervous system depression resulting in headaches, dizziness and nausea; continued inhalation may result in unconsciousness and/or death. Rat
Low toxicity: LC50 >20 mg/l Rat
- Skin Irritation** : Not irritating to skin.
Prolonged/repeated contact may cause defatting of the skin which can lead to dermatitis.
- Eye Irritation** : Moderately irritating to eyes. Classified as irritant.
- Respiratory Irritation** : Inhalation of vapours or mists may cause irritation to the respiratory system.
- Sensitisation** : Not a skin sensitiser.
- Repeated Dose Toxicity** : Blood: may cause haemolysis of red blood cells and/or anaemia. Effects were seen at high doses only.
- Mutagenicity** : Not mutagenic.
- Carcinogenicity** : Not expected to be carcinogenic.
- Reproductive and Developmental Toxicity** : Insufficient information to make an assessment.

12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

- Acute Toxicity**
- Fish** : Low toxicity: LC/EC/IC50 > 100 mg/l
- Aquatic Invertebrates** : Low toxicity: LC/EC/IC50 > 100 mg/l
- Mobility** : Dissolves in water.
If product enters soil, it will be highly mobile and may contaminate groundwater.
- Persistence/degradability** : Readily biodegradable meeting the 10 day window criterion.
Oxidises rapidly by photo-chemical reactions in air.
- Bioaccumulation** : Not expected to bioaccumulate significantly.

13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

- Material Disposal** : Recover or recycle if possible. It is the responsibility of the waste generator to determine the toxicity and physical properties of the material generated to determine the proper waste classification and disposal methods in compliance with applicable regulations.
- Container Disposal** : Drain container thoroughly. After draining, vent in a safe place away from sparks and fire. Residues may cause an explosion hazard. Do not puncture, cut or weld uncleaned drums. Send to drum recoverer or metal reclaimer.
- Local Legislation** : Disposal should be in accordance with applicable regional, national, and local laws and regulations. Local regulations may be more stringent than regional or national requirements and must be complied with.

14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

- ADR**
- Class : 3
- Packing group : II



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Classification code : F1
Hazard identification no. : 33
UN No. : 1173
Danger label (primary risk) : 3
Proper shipping name : ETHYL ACETATE

RID

Class : 3
Packing group : II
Classification code : F1
Hazard identification no. : 33
UN No. : 1173
Danger label (primary risk) : 3
Proper shipping name : ETHYL ACETATE

IMDG

Identification number : UN 1173
Proper shipping name : ETHYL ACETATE
Class / Division : 3
Packing group : II
Marine pollutant: No

IATA (Country variations may apply)

UN No. : 1173
Proper shipping name : Ethyl acetate
Class / Division : 3
Packing group : II

15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

The regulatory information is not intended to be comprehensive. Other regulations may apply to this material.

EC Label Name : ETHYL ACETATE
EC label/EC Number : 205-500-4
EC Classification : Highly flammable. Irritant.
EC Annex I Number : 607-022-00-5
EC Symbols : F Highly flammable.
Xi Irritant.
EC Risk Phrases : R11 Highly flammable.
R36 Irritating to eyes.
R66 Repeated exposure may cause skin dryness or cracking.
R67 Vapours may cause drowsiness and dizziness.
EC Safety Phrases : S16 Keep away from sources of ignition - No smoking.
S26 In case of contact with eyes, rinse immediately with plenty
of water and seek medical advice.
S33 Take precautionary measures against static discharges.
AICS : Listed.
DSL : Listed.
INV (CN) : Listed.
ENCS (JP) : Listed. (2)-726



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TSCA	:	Listed.	
EINECS	:	Listed.	205-500-4
KECI (KR)	:	Listed.	KE-00047
KECI (KR)	:	Listed.	97-1-161
National Legislation OE_HP	:	Listed.	

16. OTHER INFORMATION

R-phrases

R11	Highly flammable.
R36	Irritating to eyes.
R66	Repeated exposure may cause skin dryness or cracking.
R67	Vapours may cause drowsiness and dizziness.

MSDS Version Number	:	2.
MSDS Effective Date	:	13.09.2005
MSDS Revisions	:	A vertical bar () in the left margin indicates an amendment from the previous version.
MSDS Regulation	:	The content and format of this safety data sheet is in accordance with Commission Directive 2001/58/EC of 27 July 2001, amending for the second time Commission Directive 91/155/EEC.
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