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## **Material Safety Data Sheet**

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### **SECTION 1. ----- CHEMICAL IDENTIFICATION-----**

CATALOG #: 2623-1-X3  
NAME: METHYL BENZOATE

### **SECTION 2. ----- COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS -----**

CAS NUMBER: 93-58-3  
MOLECULAR FORMULA:  $C_8H_8O_2$   
MOLECULAR WEIGHT: 136.15

### **SECTION 3. ----- HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION -----**

#### **LABEL PRECAUTIONARY STATEMENTS**

FLAMMABLE LIQUID.

HARMFUL.

HARMFUL IF SWALLOWED. HARMFUL IF ABSORBED THROUGH SKIN.

IRRITANT.

IRRITANT BY INHALATION, IN CONTACT WITH SKIN AND TO EYES.

### **SECTION 4. ----- FIRST-AID MEASURES-----**

#### **ORAL EXPOSURE**

IF SWALLOWED, WASH OUT MOUTH WITH COPIOUS AMOUNTS OF WATER PROVIDED PERSON IS CONSCIOUS.

#### **INHALATION EXPOSURE**

IF INHALED, REMOVE EXPOSED TO FRESH AIR. IF BREATHING IS DIFFICULT, CALL A PHYSICIAN.

#### **DERMAL EXPOSURE**

IN CASE OF EXPOSURE, IMMEDIATELY WASH SKIN WITH SOAP AND COPIOUS AMOUNTS OF WATER.

#### **EYE EXPOSURE**

IN CASE OF CONTACT WITH EYES, FLUSH WITH COPIOUS AMOUNTS OF WATER FOR AT LEAST 15 MINUTES. ASSURE ADEQUATE FLUSHING BY SEPARATING THE EYELIDS WITH FINGERS.

**SECTION 5. ----- FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES -----**

**EXTINGUISHING MEDIA**

SUITABLE: FOR SMALL (INCIPIENT) FIRES, USE MEDIA SUCH AS "ALCOHOL" FOAM, DRY CHEMICAL, OR CARBON DIOXIDE. FOR LARGE FIRES, APPLY WATER FROM AS FAR AS POSSIBLE. USE VERY LARGE QUANTITIES (FLOODING) OF WATER APPLIED AS A MIST OR SPRAY; SOLID STREAMS OF WATER MAY BE INEFFECTIVE. COOL ALL AFFECTED CONTAINERS WITH FLOODING QUANTITIES OF WATER.

**FIREFIGHTING**

PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT: WEAR SELF-CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUS AND PROTECTIVE CLOTHING TO PREVENT CONTACT WITH SKIN AND EYES.  
SPECIFIC HAZARD(S): EMITS TOXIC FUMES UNDER FIRE CONDITIONS.

**SECTION 6. ----- ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES-----**

**PERSONAL PROTECTION**

AVOID BREATHING VAPOR MIST, OR GAS. ENSURE ADEQYATE VENTILATION.  
WEAR PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT INCLUDING RUBBER GLOVES, AND EYE PROTECTION.  
KEEP UNPROTECTED PERSONS AWAY.  
REMOVE ALL SOURCES OF IGNITION. BEWARE OF VAPORS ACCUMULATING TO FORM EXPLOSIVE CONCENTRATIONS. VAPORS CAN ACCUMULATE IN LOW AREAS.

**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**

PREVENT FURTHER LEAKAGE OR SPILLAGE IF SAFE TO DO SO. TAKE PRECAUTIONS TO ENSURE PRODUCT DOES NOT CONTAMINATE THE GROUND OR ENTER THE DRAINAGE SYSTEM.

**COLLECTION**

CONTAIN SPILLAGE, AND THEN COLLECT WITH AN ELECTRICALLY PROTECTED VACUUM CLEANER OR BY WET-BRUSHING AND PLACE IN CONTAINER FOR DISPOSAL ACCORDING TO LOCAL REGULATIONS.

**SECTION 7. ----- HANDLING AND STORAGE-----**

**HANDLING**

USER EXPOSURE: AVOID INHALATION. AVOID CONTACT WITH EYES, SKIN, AND CLOTHING. AVOID PROLONGED OR REPEATED EXPOSURE.  
USE EXPLOSION-PROOF EQUIPMENT. KEEP AWAY FROM SOURCES OF IGNITION.  
TAKE MEASURES TO PREVENT THE BUILD UP OF ELECTROSTATIC CHARGE.

**STORAGE**

SUITABLE: TIGHTLY CLOSED CONTAINERS IN A DRY AND WELL-VENTILATED PLACE.  
CONTAINERS WHICH ARE OPENED MUST BE CAREFULLY RESEALED AND KEPT UPRIGHT TO PREVENT LEAKAGE. STORE IN COOL, DRY PLACE. AVOID DIRECT SUNLIGHT.

## **SECTION 8. ----- EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION-----**

### **ENGINEERING CONTROLS**

SAFETY SHOWER AND EYE BATH. MECHANICAL EXHAUST REQUIRED.

### **PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT**

RESPIRATORY: USE A FULL-FACE RESPIRATOR WITH MULTI-PURPOSE COMBINATION (US) OR TYPE ABEK (EN 14387) RESPIRATOR CARTRIDGES AS A BACKUP TO ENGINEERING CONTROLS. IF THE RESPIRATOR IS THE SOLE MEANS OF PROTECTION, USE A FULL-FACE SUPPLIED AIR RESPIRATOR. USE RESPIRATORS AND COMPONENTS TESTED AND APPROVED UNDER APPROPRIATE GOVERNMENT STANDARDS SUCH AS NIOSH (US) OR CEN (EU).

HAND: PROTECTIVE GLOVES. GLOVES MUST BE INSPECTED PRIOR TO USE.

EYE: CHEMICAL SAFETY GOGGLES.

SKIN AND BODY: IMPERVIOUS CLOTHING, FLAME RETARDANT ANTISTATIC PROTECTIVE CLOTHING, THE TYPE OF PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT MUST BE SELECTED ACCORDING TO THE CONCENTRATION AND AMOUNT OF THE DANGEROUS SUBSTANCE AT THE SPECIFIC WORKPLACE.

### **GENERAL HYGIENE MEASURES**

WASH THOROUGHLY AFTER HANDLING.

## **SECTION 9. ----- PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES -----**

### **APPEARANCE AND ODOR**

CLEAR LIQUID.

### **PHYSICAL PROPERTIES**

BOILING POINT:	198 – 200 °C
MELTING POINT:	-12 °C
FLASH POINT:	83 °C – CLOSED CUP
DENSITY:	1.094 g/ml @ 20 °C

## **SECTION 10. -----STABILITY AND REACTIVITY -----**

### **STABILITY**

STABLE: STABLE UNDER RECOMMENDED STORAGE CONDITIONS.

MATERIALS TO AVOID: STRONG OXIDIZING AGENTS. STRONG BASES.

CONDITIONS TO AVOID: HEAT, FLAMES AND SPARKS, EXTREMES OF TEMPERATURE, MOISTURE AND DIRECT SUNLIGHT.

### **HAZARDOUS DECOMPOSITION PRODUCTS**

HAZARDOUS DECOMPOSITION PRODUCTS: CARBON OXIDES.

### **HAZARDOUS POLYMERIZATION**

HAZARDOUS POLYMERIZATION: WILL NOT OCCUR.

## **SECTION 11. ----- TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION -----**

### **ROUTE OF EXPOSURE**

INHALATION: MAY BE HARMFUL IF INHALED. CAUSES RESPIRATORY TRACT IRRITATION.

INGESTION: HARMFUL IF SWALLOWED.

SKIN: HARMFUL IF ABSORBED THROUGH SKIN. CAUSES SKIN IRRITATION.

EYES: CAUSES EYE IRRITATION.

### **SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS OF EXPOSURE**

TO THE BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE, THE TOXICOLOGICAL PROPERTIES OF THIS PRODUCT HAVE NOT BEEN FULLY DETERMINED.

**SECTION 12. ----- ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION -----**

NOT YET AVAILABLE.

**SECTION 13. ----- DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS -----**

APPROPRIATE METHOD OF DISPOSAL OF SUBSTANCE OR PREPARATION

BURN IN A CHEMICAL INCINERATOR EQUIPPED WITH AN AFTERBURNER AND SCRUBBER BUT EXERT EXTRA CARE IN IGNITING AS THIS MATERIAL IS HIGHLY FLAMMABLE. OFFER SURPLUS AND NON-RECYCLABLE SOLUTIONS TO A LICENSED DISPOSAL COMPANY. CONTACT A LICENSED PROFESSIONAL WASTE DISPOSAL SERVICE TO DISPOSE OF THIS MATERIAL. OBSERVE ALL FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATIONS.

**SECTION 14. ----- TRANSPORT INFORMATION -----**

DOT

UN1993 - HC: 3 - PG: III

**SECTION 15. ----- REGULATORY INFORMATION -----**

EU ADDITIONAL CLASSIFICATION

SYMBOL OF DANGER: Xn, Xi

INDICATION OF DANGER: FLAMMABLE. IRRITANT. HARMFUL.

RISK STATEMENTS: 10-21/22-36/37/38

SAFETY STATEMENTS: 16-23-24/25-33-36/37/39-45

UNITED STATES REGULATORY INFORMATION

TSCA: LISTED ON TSCA INVENTORY; FOR R&D USE ONLY

**SECTION 16. ----- OTHER INFORMATION -----**

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