

Safety data sheet
according to 1907/2006/EC, Article 31



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1 Identification of the substance/mixture and of the company/undertaking

- **Product identifier**
- **Trade name:** **FORMIC ACID 85 -90%**
- **Article number:** PA0003
- **CAS Number:** 64-18-6
- **EC number:**
200-579-1
- **Index number:**
607-001-00-0
- **Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against Industrial use**
- **Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet**
- **Manufacturer/Supplier:**
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Wadeville, Germiston
Tel: 011-821 3300

- Protea Chemicals PE
127 Grahamstown Road
Deal Party, Port Elizabeth
Tel: 041-403 1000

- Protea Chemicals CT
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Killarney Gardens, Milnerton, Cape Town
Tel: 021-550 8100

- Protea Chemicals KZN
150 Quality Street,
Jacobs, Durban
Tel: 031-468 5424
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13 Sloane Street
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Bryanston
Tel: 011-7098743

- Protea Chemicals KZN
150 Quality Street, Jacobs
Durban
Tel: 031-4685424

- Protea Chemicals Cape Town
54 Killarney Avenue
Killarney Gardens,
Milnerton, Cape Town
Tel: 021-5508100

- Protea Chemicals Inland
1 Berrange Rd
Wadeville, Germiston
Tel: 011-8213300
- **Further information obtainable from:** Protea Chemicals

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- **Emergency telephone number:**
08610 OMNIA or
08610 66642

2 Hazards identification

- **Classification of the substance or mixture**



flame

Flam. Liq. 3 H226 Flammable liquid and vapour.



corrosion

Skin Corr. 1A H314 Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.

- **Label elements**

- **GHS label elements**

The substance is classified and labelled according to the Globally Harmonised System (GHS).

- **Hazard pictograms**



GHS02 GHS05

- **Signal word** Danger

- **Hazard statements**

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- **Precautionary statements**

Keep away from heat/sparks/open flames/hot surfaces. - No smoking.

IF ON SKIN (or hair): Remove/Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/shower.

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.

Store locked up.

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

- **Other hazards**

- **Results of PBT and vPvB assessment**

- **PBT:** Not applicable.

- **vPvB:** Not applicable.

3 Composition/information on ingredients

- **Chemical characterisation: Substances**

- **CAS No. Description**

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4 First aid measures

- **Description of first aid measures**
- **General information:** Immediately remove any clothing soiled by the product.
- **After inhalation:**
Remove to fresh air. In case of unconsciousness place patient stably in side position for transportation.
- **After skin contact:**
Immediately wash with water and soap and rinse thoroughly. Remove contaminated clothing. Flush affected areas with plenty of water and soap.
- **After eye contact:** Rinse opened eye for several minutes under running water. Then consult a doctor.
- **After swallowing:** Drink plenty of water and provide fresh air. Call for a doctor immediately.
- **Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed** No further relevant information available.
- **Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed**
No further relevant information available.

5 Firefighting measures

- **Extinguishing media**
- **Suitable extinguishing agents:**
CO₂, powder or water spray. Fight larger fires with water spray or alcohol resistant foam.
- **Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture** No further relevant information available.
- **Advice for firefighters**
- **Protective equipment:** Use breathing apparatus with independent air supply (Isolated)

6 Accidental release measures

- **Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures**
Wear protective equipment. Keep unprotected persons away.
- **Environmental precautions:**
Dilute with plenty of water.
Do not allow to enter sewers/ surface or ground water. Should not be released into the environment.
- **Methods and material for containment and cleaning up:**
Absorb with liquid-binding material (sand, diatomite, acid binders, universal binders). Transfer into suitable containers. To be disposed of in compliance with existing regulations. After cleaning, flush away traces with water.
Use neutralising agent.
Dispose contaminated material as waste according to item 13.
Ensure adequate ventilation.
- **Reference to other sections**
See Section 7 for information on safe handling.
See Section 8 for information on personal protection equipment.
See Section 13 for disposal information.

7 Handling and storage

- **Precautions for safe handling**
Ensure good ventilation/exhaustion at the workplace.
Prevent formation of aerosols.
- **Information about fire - and explosion protection:**
Put on appropriate personal protective equipment. Keep away from open flames, shut of the production of sources of ignition. Electricity: static electricity, electricity sparks, heat. Do not breathe vapor or mist. No smoking.

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- **Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities**
- **Storage:**
- **Requirements to be met by storerooms and receptacles:**
Observe the rules usually applicable when handling chemicals.
- **Information about storage in one common storage facility:** Not required.
- **Further information about storage conditions:** Keep container tightly sealed in a dry well-ventilated place.
- **Specific end use(s)** No further relevant information available.

8 Exposure controls/personal protection

- **Additional information about design of technical facilities:**
Ensure eyewash stations and safety showers are close to the workstation location.
- **Control parameters**
- **Ingredients with limit values that require monitoring at the workplace:** Not required.
- **Additional information:** The lists valid during the making were used as basis.
- **Exposure controls**
- **Personal protective equipment:**
- **General protective and hygienic measures:**
Keep away from foodstuffs, beverages and feed.
Immediately remove all soiled and contaminated clothing
Wash hands before breaks and at the end of work.
Avoid contact with the eyes and skin.
- **Respiratory protection:**
In case of brief exposure or low pollution use respiratory filter device. In case of intensive or longer exposure use self-contained respiratory protective device.
- **Protection of hands:**
Due to missing tests no recommendation to the glove material can be given for the product/the preparation/the chemical mixture.



Protective gloves

The glove material has to be impermeable and resistant to the product/ the substance/ the preparation.
Selection of the glove material on consideration of the penetration times, rates of diffusion and the degradation

- **Material of gloves**
The selection of the suitable gloves does not only depend on the material, but also on further marks of quality and varies from manufacturer to manufacturer.
- **Penetration time of glove material**
The exact break through time has to be found out by the manufacturer of the protective gloves and has to be observed.
- **Eye protection:**



Tightly sealed goggles



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9 Physical and chemical properties

· Information on basic physical and chemical properties	
· General Information	
· Appearance:	
Form:	Fluid
Colour:	Colourless
· Odour:	Pungent
· Odour threshold:	Not determined.
· pH-value (2,2 g/l) at 2 °C:	20
· Change in condition	
Melting point/Melting range:	8 °C
Boiling point/Boiling range:	101 °C
· Flash point:	48 °C
· Flammability (solid, gaseous):	Not applicable.
· Ignition temperature:	520 °C
· Decomposition temperature:	Not determined.
· Self-igniting:	Not determined.
· Danger of explosion:	Product is not explosive. However, formation of explosive air/vapour mixtures are possible.
· Explosion limits:	
Lower:	14 Vol %
Upper:	33 Vol %
· Vapour pressure at 20 °C:	43 hPa
· Density at 20 °C:	1,22 g/cm ³
· Relative density	Not determined.
· Vapour density	Not determined.
· Evaporation rate	Not determined.
· Solubility in / Miscibility with water:	Fully miscible.
· Partition coefficient (n-octanol/water):	Not determined.
· Viscosity:	
Dynamic:	Not determined.
Kinematic:	Not determined.
· Other information	No further relevant information available.

10 Stability and reactivity

- **Reactivity**
- **Chemical stability**
- **Thermal decomposition / conditions to be avoided:** No decomposition if used according to specifications.
- **Possibility of hazardous reactions** No dangerous reactions known.
- **Conditions to avoid** No further relevant information available.
- **Incompatible materials:** No further relevant information available.
- **Hazardous decomposition products:** No dangerous decomposition products known.

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11 Toxicological information

- **Information on toxicological effects**
- **Acute toxicity:**

- **LD/LC50 values relevant for classification:**

Oral	LD50	1100 mg/kg (rat)
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- **Primary irritant effect:**

- **on the skin:** Strong caustic effect on skin and mucous membranes.

- **on the eye:** Strong caustic effect.

- **Sensitisation:** No sensitising effects known.

- **Additional toxicological information:**

Swallowing will lead to a strong caustic effect on mouth and throat and to the danger of perforation of esophagus and stomach.

12 Ecological information

- **Toxicity**
- **Aquatic toxicity:** No further relevant information available.
- **Persistence and degradability** No further relevant information available.
- **Bioaccumulative potential** No further relevant information available.
- **Mobility in soil** No further relevant information available.
- **Additional ecological information:**

- **General notes:**

Water hazard class 1 (German Regulation) (Assessment by list): slightly hazardous for water

Do not allow undiluted product or large quantities of it to reach ground water, water course or sewage system.

Must not reach sewage water or drainage ditch undiluted or unneutralised.

Rinse off of bigger amounts into drains or the aquatic environment may lead to increased pH-values. A high pH-value harms aquatic organisms. In the dilution of the use-level the pH-value is considerably reduced, so that after the use of the product the aqueous waste, emptied into drains, is only low water-dangerous.

- **Results of PBT and vPvB assessment**

- **PBT:** Not applicable.

- **vPvB:** Not applicable.

- **Other adverse effects** No further relevant information available.

13 Disposal considerations

- **Waste treatment methods**
- **Recommendation**
Must not be disposed together with household garbage. Do not allow product to reach sewage system.
- **Uncleaned packaging:**
- **Recommendation:** Disposal must be made according to official regulations.
- **Recommended cleansing agents:** Water, if necessary together with cleansing agents.

14 Transport information

- **UN-Number**

- **ADR, IMDG, IATA**

UN1779

- **UN proper shipping name**

- **ADR**

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· IMDG, IATA	FORMIC ACID
· Transport hazard class(es)	
· ADR, IMDG, IATA	
 	
· Class	8 Corrosive substances.
· Label	8+3
· Subsidiary risk	3
· Packing group	
· ADR, IMDG, IATA	II
· Environmental hazards:	
· Marine pollutant:	No
· Special precautions for user	Warning: Corrosive substances.
· EMS Number:	F-A,S-B
· Segregation groups	Acids, acids
· ERG No.	153
· Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL73/78 and the IBC Code	Not applicable.
· Transport/Additional information:	
· ADR	
· Limited quantities (LQ)	1L
· Excepted quantities (EQ)	Code: E2 Maximum net quantity per inner packaging: 30 ml Maximum net quantity per outer packaging: 500 ml
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· Tunnel restriction code	E
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· UN "Model Regulation":	UN1779, FORMIC ACID, 8 (3), II

15 Regulatory information

· Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture

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· **Chemical safety assessment:** *A Chemical Safety Assessment has not been carried out.*

16 Other information

This information is based on our present knowledge. However, this shall not constitute a guarantee for any specific product features and shall not establish a legally valid contractual relationship.

· **Abbreviations and acronyms:**

RID: Règlement international concernant le transport des marchandises dangereuses par chemin de fer (Regulations Concerning the International Transport of Dangerous Goods by Rail)

ICAO: International Civil Aviation Organisation

ADR: Accord européen sur le transport des marchandises dangereuses par Route (European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road)

IMDG: International Maritime Code for Dangerous Goods

IATA: International Air Transport Association

EINECS: European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances

CAS: Chemical Abstracts Service (division of the American Chemical Society)

LC50: Lethal concentration, 50 percent

LD50: Lethal dose, 50 percent

Flam. Liq. 3: Flammable liquids, Hazard Category 3

Skin Corr. 1A: Skin corrosion/irritation, Hazard Category 1A

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