SAFETY DATA SHEET

Paraformaldehyde 91-93%

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SECTION 1. IDENTIFICATION

Product name : Paraformaldehyde 91-93%
Product code : 000000000050000767

Manufacturer or supplier’s details
Company name of supplier : Celanese Ltd. Irving Texas
Address : 222 West Las Colinas Boulevard Suite 900N
Irving TX TX 75039
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E-mail address of person responsible for the SDS : HazCom@celanese.com
Emergency telephone number : DOMESTIC NORTH AMERICA: 800-424-9300
INTERNATIONAL, CALL +1 703-527-3887 (collect calls accepted)

Recommended use of the chemical and restrictions on use
Recommended use : Chemical intermediate

SECTION 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

GHS classification in accordance with the Hazardous Products Regulations
Acute toxicity (Oral) : Category 4
Acute toxicity (Inhalation) : Category 4
Skin corrosion : Category 1C
Serious eye damage : Category 1
Skin sensitisation : Category 1
Germ cell mutagenicity : Category 2
Carcinogenicity : Category 1B
Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure : Category 3 (Respiratory system)
Acute aquatic toxicity : Category 3
Celanese Paraformaldehyde 91-93% have been tested in accordance with U.N. Test N1 and determined not to be a flammable solid.

**GHS label elements**

**Hazard pictograms**

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**Signal word**

- Danger

**Hazard statements**

- H302 + H332 Harmful if swallowed or if inhaled
- H314 Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.
- H317 May cause an allergic skin reaction.
- H335 May cause respiratory irritation.
- H341 Suspected of causing genetic defects.
- H350 May cause cancer.

**Precautionary statements**

**Prevention:**
- P201 Obtain special instructions before use.
- P202 Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood.
- P260 Do not breathe dust or mist.
- 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.
- P272 Contaminated work clothing should not be allowed out of the workplace.
- P280 Wear protective gloves/ protective clothing/ eye protection/ face protection.

**Response:**
- 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.
- 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.
- P308 + P313 IF exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/attention.
- P333 + P313 If skin irritation or rash occurs: Get medical advice/attention.
- P362 + P364 Take off contaminated clothing and wash it before
Storage:
P403 + P233 Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed.
P405 Store locked up.

Disposal:
P501 Dispose of contents/container to an approved waste disposal plant.

Other hazards
None known.

SECTION 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

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SECTION 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

General advice: Do not leave the victim unattended.

If inhaled: If unconscious, place in recovery position and seek medical advice.
If symptoms persist, call a physician.

In case of skin contact: If on skin, rinse well with water.
If symptoms persist, call a physician.

In case of eye contact: Remove contact lenses.
Protect unharmed eye.
If eye irritation persists, consult a specialist.

If swallowed: Keep respiratory tract clear.
Do not give milk or alcoholic beverages.
Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person.
If symptoms persist, call a physician.

Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed: Harmful if swallowed or if inhaled
May cause an allergic skin reaction.
Causes serious eye damage.
May cause respiratory irritation.
Suspected of causing genetic defects.
May cause cancer.
Causes severe burns.

SECTION 5. FIREFIGHTING MEASURES

Suitable extinguishing media: Water
Foam
Dry chemical
Carbon dioxide (CO2)

Specific hazards during firefighting: Do not use a solid water stream as it may scatter and spread fire. Avoid generating dust; fine dust dispersed in air in sufficient concentrations, and in the presence of an ignition source is a potential dust explosion hazard.

Hazardous combustion products: Carbon oxides
Formaldehyde

Further information: Standard procedure for chemical fires. Use extinguishing measures that are appropriate to local circumstances and the surrounding environment. Collect contaminated fire extinguishing water separately. This must not be discharged into drains.

Special protective equipment for firefighters: Wear self-contained breathing apparatus for firefighting if necessary.

SECTION 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures: Avoid contact with the skin and the eyes.
Avoid dust formation.
Avoid breathing dust.
Ensure adequate ventilation.
Mark the contaminated area with signs and prevent access to unauthorized personnel.

Environmental precautions: Do not flush into surface water or sanitary sewer system.
Do not let product enter drains.

Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up: Pick up and arrange disposal without creating dust.
Sweep up and shovel.
Do not create a powder cloud by using a brush or compressed air.
Non-sparking tools should be used.
Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal.

SECTION 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

Advice on protection against fire and explosion: Provide appropriate exhaust ventilation at places where dust is formed. During processing, dust may form explosive mixture in air. Take measures to prevent the build up of electrostatic charge. Do not empty bag over drums with ignitable gas mixtures. Use explosion-proof equipment.

Advice on safe handling: For personal protection see section 8.
Smoking, eating and drinking should be prohibited in the application area.
Minimize dust generation and accumulation.
Dry powders can build static electricity charges when subjected to the friction of transfer and mixing operations.
Paraformaldehyde decomposes to formaldehyde which can build up in a shipping container depending on time and temperature during transit. The level of formaldehyde exposure may be instantaneously high when the shipping container is opened.
Provide adequate ventilation.

**Conditions for safe storage**
- Keep container closed when not in use.
- Keep in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place.
- Store locked up.
- Electrical installations / working materials must comply with the technological safety standards.

**Materials to avoid**
- Acids
- Bases
- Amines
- Oxidizing agents
- Reducing agents

**SECTION 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSOAL PROTECTION**

**Components with workplace control parameters**
Contains no substances with occupational exposure limit values. Formaldehyde is slowly emitted from Paraformaldehyde. The release rate and air concentration are dependent on storage conditions including temperature and ventilation. This exposure limit information on formaldehyde is provided for your reference.

**Engineering measures**
- Use with local exhaust ventilation.
- Use explosion-proof equipment.

**Personal protective equipment**

**Respiratory protection**
- In the case of dust or aerosol formation use respirator with an approved filter.
- Use NIOSH approved respiratory protection.

**Hand protection**
- Material: butyl-rubber
- Break through time: 480 min
- Glove length: 0.3 mm
- Manufacturer: Class 6

**Eye protection**
- Safety goggles

**Skin and body protection**
- Protective suit

**Hygiene measures**
- General industrial hygiene practice.
SECTION 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

- **Appearance**: solid prills
- **Colour**: white
- **Odour**: pungent
- **Odour Threshold**: 1 ppm
- **pH**: 4 - 5
- **Melting point/range**: 120 - 170 °C
- **Flash point**: Not applicable
- **Bulk density**: 890 kg/m³
- **Solubility(ies)**: hydrolyses
- **Dust deflagration index (Kst)**: < 200 m.b_/s

SECTION 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

- **Reactivity**: Stable under recommended storage conditions.
- **Chemical stability**: Stable under recommended storage conditions.
- **Possibility of hazardous reactions**: Stable under recommended storage conditions.
- **Conditions to avoid**: Keep away from fire, sparks and heated surfaces. Take measures to prevent the build up of electrostatic charge.
- **Incompatible materials**: Acids
  - Bases
  - Amines
  - Oxidizing agents
  - Reducing agents

- **Hazardous decomposition products**: Formaldehyde

SECTION 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

**Acute toxicity**

**Components:**

**Paraformaldehyde:**
- **Acute oral toxicity**: LD50 (Rat): 680 mg/kg
- **Acute inhalation toxicity**: LC50 (Rat): 1.07 mg/l
  - Exposure time: 4 h
- **Acute dermal toxicity**: LD50 (Rabbit): > 2,000 mg/kg
formaldehyde:
Acute oral toxicity: LD50 (Rat, male): 460 mg/kg
   Method: OECD Test Guideline 401

Acute inhalation toxicity: LC50 (Rat): 1 mg/l
   Exposure time: 0.5 h
   Method: OECD Test Guideline 403

Acute dermal toxicity: 270 mg/kg

Skin corrosion/irritation

Components:

Paraformaldehyde:
Species: Rabbit
Result: Severe skin irritation

formaldehyde:
Species: Rabbit
Method: OECD Test Guideline 404
Result: Corrosive

Serious eye damage/eye irritation

Components:

Paraformaldehyde:
Species: Rabbit
Result: Severe eye irritation

formaldehyde:
Species: Rabbit
Result: Corrosive
Method: OECD Test Guideline 405

Respiratory or skin sensitisation

Components:

formaldehyde:
Species: Mouse
Method: OECD Test Guideline 429
Result: May cause sensitisation by skin contact.

Germ cell mutagenicity

Components:

Paraformaldehyde:
Genotoxicity in vitro: Test Type: Chromosome aberration test in vitro
   Species: Chinese hamster cells
   Metabolic activation: without metabolic activation
Method: OECD Test Guideline 473
Result: negative

Test Type: sister chromatid exchange assay
Species: Chinese hamster ovary cells
Metabolic activation: with and without metabolic activation
Method: OECD Test Guideline 479
Result: positive

Test Type: gene mutation test
Species: mouse lymphoma cells
Metabolic activation: with and without metabolic activation
Method: OECD Test Guideline 476
Result: positive

Genotoxicity in vivo
Species: Rat
Method: Mutagenicity (micronucleus test)
Remarks: negative

Reproductive toxicity

Components:

formaldehyde:
Effects on foetal development
Species: Mouse
Application Route: Oral
Result: no adverse developmental effects

SECTION 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Ecotoxicity

Components:

Paraformaldehyde:
Toxicity to fish
LC50 (Oncorhynchus mykiss (rainbow trout)): 60 mg/l
Exposure time: 96 h

formaldehyde:
Toxicity to fish
LC50 (Danio rerio (zebra fish)): 6.7 mg/l
Exposure time: 96 h
Method: OECD Test Guideline 203

Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates
EC50 (Daphnia pulex (Water flea)): 5,800 mg/l
Exposure time: 48 h
Method: OECD Test Guideline 202

Toxicity to algae
(Desmodesmus subspicatus (green algae)): Exposure time:
Method: OECD Test Guideline 201
EC50 (Scenedesmus quadricauda (Green algae)): 4.89 mg/l
Exposure time: 72 h
Persistence and degradability

**Components:**

**formaldehyde:**

Biodegradability: Inoculum: Fresh water

Result: Readily biodegradable.

Method: OECD Test Guideline 201

Bioaccumulative potential

**Components:**

**formaldehyde:**

Bioaccumulation: Bioconcentration factor (BCF): 0.4

Remarks: Does not significantly accumulate in organisms.

Mobility in soil

No data available

Other adverse effects

**Product:**

Additional ecological information: No data available

**Components:**

**formaldehyde:**

Results of PBT and vPvB assessment: The substance does not meet the criteria for PBT / vPvB assessment according to REACH, Annex XIII

SECTION 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

**Disposal methods**

Waste from residues: Dispose of as hazardous waste in compliance with local and national regulations.

Contaminated packaging: Empty containers should be taken to an approved waste handling site for recycling or disposal.

SECTION 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

**International Regulations**

**IATA-DGR**

Not regulated as a dangerous good

**IMDG-Code**

Not regulated as a dangerous good
Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL 73/78 and the IBC Code
Not applicable for product as supplied.

National Regulations

SECTION 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

SECTION 16. OTHER INFORMATION

Full text of other abbreviations
AICS - Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances; ANTT - National Agency for Transport by Land of Brazil; ASTM - American Society for the Testing of Materials; bw - Body weight; CMR - Carcinogen, Mutagen or Reproductive Toxicant; CPR - Controlled Products Regulations; DIN - Standard of the German Institute for Standardisation; DSL - Domestic Substances List (Canada); ECx - Concentration associated with x% response; ELx - Loading rate associated with x% response; EmS - Emergency Schedule; ENCS - Existing and New Chemical Substances (Japan); ErCx - Concentration associated with x% growth rate response; ERG - Emergency Response Guide; GHS - Globally Harmonized System; GLP - Good Laboratory Practice; IARC - International Agency for Research on Cancer; IATA - International Air Transport Association; IBC - International Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships carrying Dangerous Chemicals in Bulk; IC50 - Half maximal inhibitory concentration; ICAO - International Civil Aviation Organization; IECSC - Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances in China; IMDG - International Maritime Dangerous Goods; IMO - International Maritime Organization; ISHL - Industrial Safety and Health Law (Japan); ISO - International Organisation for Standardization; KECI - Korea Existing Chemicals Inventory; LC50 - Lethal Concentration to 50% of a test population; LD50 - Lethal Dose to 50% of a test population (Median Lethal Dose); MARPOL - International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships; n.o.s. - Not Otherwise Specified; Nch - Chilean Norm; NO(A)EC - No Observed (Adverse) Effect Concentration; NO(A)EL - No Observed (Adverse) Effect Level; NOELR - No Observable Effect Loading Rate; NOM - Official Mexican Norm; NTP - National Toxicology Program; NZIoC - New Zealand Inventory of Chemicals; OECD - Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development; OPPTS - Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention; PBT - Persistent, Bioaccumulative and Toxic substance; PICCS - Philippines Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances; (Q)SAR - (Quantitative) Structure Activity Relationship; REACH - Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals; SADT - Self-Accelerating Decomposition Temperature; SDS - Safety Data Sheet; TCSI - Taiwan Chemical Substance Inventory; TDG - Transportation of Dangerous Goods; TSCA - Toxic Substances Control Act (United States); UN - United Nations; UNRTDG - United Nations Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods; vPvB - Very Persistent and Very Bioaccumulative; WHMIS - Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System

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