

SODIUM FORMATE

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SECTION 1: IDENTIFICATION

1.1 GHS Product identifier:

SODIUM FORMATE
Synonyms: Sodium methanoate; Formic acid, sodium salt
CAS: 141-53-7

Other means of identification:

Not relevant

1.2 Recommended use of the chemical and restrictions on use:

Relevant uses: Oilfield drilling and completion fluid additive (density/brine component); de-icing agent for roads and runways; leather tanning auxiliary (buffering agent); textile dyeing and printing auxiliary; boiler/cooling water treatment; chemical intermediate (e.g. for formic acid, oxalic acid). For industrial user only.
Uses advised against: All uses not specified in this section or in section 7.3.

1.3 Supplier's details:

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SECTION 2: HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture:

GHS:
Classification of this product has been carried out in accordance with the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS).
Not classified as hazardous substance or mixture under GHS criteria based on available data.

2.2 GHS label elements, including precautionary statements:

GHS: No signal word, pictogram or hazard statement required.

Hazard statements:

None assigned.

Precautionary statements:

P264: Wash exposed skin thoroughly after handling.
P270: Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.
P280: Wear protective gloves/eye protection.

2.3 Other hazards which do not result in classification:

Dust may cause transient mechanical irritation to eyes and respiratory tract. Not a PBT or vPvB substance.

SECTION 3: COMPOSITION / INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

3.1 Substances:

Chemical description: Sodium Formate
In accordance with Annex 4.3.3 of the GHS, the product contains:

Identification	Chemical Name / Classification	Concentration
CAS: 141-53-7	Sodium Formate — Not classified as hazardous	≥ 97% (technical grade; remainder moisture/trace chlorides)

To obtain more information on the hazards of the substances, consult sections 11, 12 and 16.

3.2 Mixtures:

Non-applicable

SECTION 4: FIRST AID MEASURES

4.1 Description of necessary first-aid measures:

Request medical assistance in case of discomfort or when in doubt, showing the SDS of this product.

By inhalation:

Remove to fresh air if dust is inhaled and irritation occurs. Seek medical attention if discomfort persists.

By skin contact:

Wash with plenty of water and soap. Remove contaminated clothing.

By eye contact:

Rinse thoroughly with plenty of water for several minutes, holding eyelids open. Remove contact lenses if present and easy to do. Seek medical attention if irritation persists.

By ingestion/aspiration:

Rinse the mouth with water. If a large quantity is swallowed, seek medical advice.

4.2 Most important symptoms/effects, acute and delayed:

May cause transient mechanical irritation to eyes and respiratory tract due to dust. No significant systemic effects expected at normal occupational exposure.

4.3 Indication of immediate medical attention and special treatment needed, if necessary:

Treat symptomatically. No specific antidote.

SECTION 5: FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES

5.1 Suitable extinguishing media:

Suitable: Non-combustible under normal conditions; use extinguishing media appropriate to the surrounding fire (water spray, foam, dry chemical powder, carbon dioxide).

Unsuitable: None known.

5.2 Specific hazards arising from the chemical:

Not readily combustible; may decompose at high temperature to give flammable/toxic gases (see 10.6). Dust clouds of fine material may present a combustible dust hazard in extreme cases of accumulation and ignition source.

5.3 Special protective actions for fire-fighters:

Standard fire-fighting protective equipment (self-contained breathing apparatus and full protective clothing) when fighting fires involving surrounding combustible materials.

Additional provisions:

Cool containers/bulk storage exposed to fire with water spray if safe to do so.

SECTION 6: ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

6.1 Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures:

For non-emergency personnel:

Evacuate unnecessary personnel. Keep upwind. Ventilate the area. Use the personal protective equipment described in Section 8. Avoid contact with skin, eyes and clothing. Avoid generating and inhaling dust.

For emergency responders:

Wear suitable protective equipment as described in Section 8. Act only if trained and equipped for the task.

6.2 Environmental precautions:

Prevent large spills from entering drains, watercourses or soil. Contain and collect for recovery or disposal. May exert biochemical/chemical oxygen demand in large quantities released to water.

6.3 Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up:

Sweep up or vacuum (avoid dust generation) and place in a suitable, labelled container for reuse (preferred) or disposal.

6.4 Reference to other sections:

See sections 8 and 13.

SECTION 7: HANDLING AND STORAGE

7.1 Precautions for safe handling:

A. General precautions for safe use:

Avoid generating and inhaling dust. Use local exhaust ventilation where dusting may occur. Avoid contact with eyes and prolonged skin contact.

B. Technical recommendations for the prevention of fires and explosions:

Avoid accumulation of fine dust and eliminate ignition sources in dusty atmospheres as a precaution. No specific fire/explosion hazard under normal handling.

C. Technical recommendations on general occupational hygiene:

Do not eat, drink or smoke during handling; wash hands and exposed skin thoroughly after handling.

D. Technical recommendations to prevent environmental risks:

Avoid uncontrolled discharge to the environment. Follow the protective measures given in Section 8.

7.2 Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities:

A. Specific storage requirements:

Storage temperature	Ambient
Maximum shelf life	Typical value — refer to current specification sheet

B. General conditions for storage:

Store in a cool, dry, well-ventilated place in tightly closed containers/bags, away from strong oxidisers and strong acids.

7.3 Specific end use(s):

Except for the instructions already specified, it is not necessary to provide any special recommendation regarding the uses of this product.

SECTION 8: EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

8.1 Control parameters:

No specific occupational exposure limit established for sodium formate. Treat as a nuisance dust: as a general guide, the Factories Act, 1948 framework recommends total inhalable dust not otherwise classified be kept below 10 mg/m³ (TWA, 8 hr) and respirable dust below 4 mg/m³ (TWA, 8 hr).

8.2 Appropriate engineering controls:

Ensure adequate general and/or local exhaust ventilation to keep exposure below the occupational exposure limits (where established) and to keep dust concentrations as low as reasonably practicable. Eyewash station and safety shower should be available in the work area. Consult the manufacturer's information leaflet for storage, use, cleaning and maintenance of PPE.

B. Respiratory protection:

Not normally required with adequate ventilation. Where dust levels may be exceeded, use a particulate filter (dust) mask.

C. Specific protection for the hands:

Protective gloves against minor risks (e.g. cotton or nitrile).

D. Eye and face protection:

Safety glasses or goggles when handling/charging to avoid dust contact with eyes.

E. Bodily protection:

Standard industrial workwear; dust mask/apron for prolonged bulk handling.

F. Additional emergency measures:

Emergency shower (ANSI Z358-1, ISO 3864-1:2011, ISO 3864-4:2011) and eyewash stations (DIN 12 899, ISO 3864-1:2011, ISO 3864-4:2011) should be available in the immediate work area.

Environmental exposure controls:

Avoid release of the product to drains, soil and watercourses. See subsection 7.1.D and Section 12.

SECTION 9: PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties:

Appearance	
Physical state at 20°C	Solid (crystalline powder/granules)
Appearance	White crystalline solid
Odor	Odourless
Odour threshold	Not relevant (odourless)
Volatility	
Boiling point at atmospheric pressure	Not applicable (decomposes before boiling)
Vapour pressure at 20°C	Negligible
Evaporation rate at 20°C	Not relevant (solid)
Product Description	

Density / Relative density at 20°C	1.92 g/cm³
Bulk density	Typical value — refer to current specification sheet
pH (aqueous solution, 5% w/v)	≈ 7.0 – 8.5
Partition coefficient n-octanol/water	Not applicable (ionic salt)
Solubility in water at 20°C	Highly soluble (> 400 g/L)
Decomposition temperature	≈ 300°C (decomposes)
Melting point/freezing point	253°C
Flammability	
Flash Point	Non-applicable (inorganic solid)
Flammability (solid, gas)	Non-flammable (not readily combustible)
Autoignition temperature	Non-applicable
Lower / Upper flammability limit	Non-applicable
Particle Characteristics	
Median equivalent diameter	Typical value — refer to current specification sheet

Molecular weight: 68.01 g/mol. Values are typical literature/specification values for this well-characterised commercial grade; minor batch-to-batch variation is normal.

9.2 Other information:

Explosive properties	Not explosive
Oxidising properties	Not oxidising – mild reducing agent
Corrosive to metals	Not corrosive
Heat of combustion	Not relevant (non-combustible)
Surface tension at 20°C	Not relevant (solid)
Refraction index	Not relevant

SECTION 10: STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

10.1 Reactivity:

Stable under normal conditions of use. Mild reducing agent; may react with strong oxidising agents. Liberates formic acid vapour on contact with strong acids.

10.2 Chemical stability:

Chemically stable under the indicated conditions of storage, handling and use.

10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions:

No hazardous reactions expected under normal use and storage conditions, except with strong oxidisers or strong acids.

10.4 Conditions to avoid:

Shock/Friction	Contact with Air	Increase in Temperature	Sunlight	Humidity
Not applicable	No specific hazard	Avoid strong heating (decomposition)	No specific hazard	Avoid prolonged dampness (caking)

10.5 Incompatible materials:

Strong Oxidisers	Strong Acids	Moisture
Avoid contact	Avoid contact (liberates formic acid)	Avoid prolonged exposure (caking)

10.6 Hazardous decomposition products:

Thermal decomposition above ≈ 300°C may give off carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide, sodium oxalate/carbonate, and traces of hydrogen.

SECTION 11: TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

11.1 Information on toxicological effects:

Sodium formate is of low acute toxicity. In case of exposure that is repetitive, prolonged, or at concentrations higher than the recommended occupational exposure limits, adverse health effects may result depending on the means of exposure:

A. Ingestion (acute effect):

Low toxicity. Large doses may cause mild gastrointestinal discomfort.

B. Inhalation (acute effect):

Dust may cause mechanical irritation of the respiratory tract.

C. Contact with skin and eyes (acute effect):

Not irritating to skin under normal handling; may cause transient mechanical irritation to eyes from dust.

D. CMR effects (carcinogenicity, mutagenicity, reproductive toxicity):

Classification criteria are not met based on available data. Not listed by IARC.

E. Sensitizing effects:

Classification criteria for respiratory or skin sensitisation are not met based on available data.

F. Specific target organ toxicity (STOT) – single exposure:

Classification criteria are not met based on available data.

G. Specific target organ toxicity (STOT) – repeated exposure:

Classification criteria are not met based on available data.

H. Aspiration hazard:

Not relevant (solid).

Product-specific toxicological information:

Identification	Acute Toxicity	Genus
Sodium Formate CAS: 141-53-7	LD50 oral: ≈ 4939 mg/kg	Rat
	LD50 dermal: Not established for this grade	–

SECTION 12: ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Not classified as hazardous to the aquatic environment under GHS criteria based on available data.

12.1 Toxicity:

Identification	Acute Toxicity	Species	Genus
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Sodium Formate CAS: 141-53-7	LC50: > 100 mg/L (96h)	Non-applicable	Fish
	EC50: Not established for this grade	Non-applicable	Crustacean

12.2 Persistence and degradability:

Readily biodegradable; formate ion is a simple carbon source metabolised by many micro-organisms.

12.3 Bioaccumulative potential:

Not expected to bioaccumulate (highly water-soluble, readily biodegradable).

12.4 Mobility in soil:

Koc	Henry	Dry Soil	Moist Soil
Low (ionic salt)	Not relevant	Mobile (soluble)	Mobile (soluble)

12.5 Results of PBT and vPvB assessment:

Does not meet PBT/vPvB criteria.

12.6 Other adverse effects:

Large releases to water may exert biochemical oxygen demand (BOD) and locally deplete dissolved oxygen.

SECTION 13: DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

13.1 Disposal methods:

Recover for reuse where possible. Non-hazardous waste; dispose of via an authorised waste contractor in accordance with local regulations.

Refer to national and local regulations on waste management. In India, dispose of in accordance with the Hazardous and Other Wastes (Management and Transboundary Movement) Rules, 2016, as amended, through an authorised waste handler/recycler, or as advised by the State Pollution Control Board.

SECTION 14: TRANSPORT INFORMATION

Transport of dangerous goods by land (ADR 2023 / RID 2023 principles, as adapted for India):

14.1 UN number	Not assigned – not a dangerous good
14.2 UN proper shipping name	Non-applicable
14.3 Transport hazard class(es)	Not classified
14.4 Packing group	N/A
14.5 Environmental hazard	No
14.6 Special precautions for user	Non-hazardous for transport; physico-chemical properties: see section 9
14.7 Transport in bulk	Permitted subject to standard bulk-solid handling practice

Transport of dangerous goods by sea (IMDG):

14.1 UN number	Not assigned – not a dangerous good
14.2 UN proper shipping name	Non-applicable
14.3 Transport hazard class(es)	Not classified
14.4 Packing group	N/A
14.5 Marine pollutant	No
14.6 Special precautions for user	Non-hazardous for transport
14.7 Transport in bulk	Permitted subject to standard bulk-solid handling practice

Transport of dangerous goods by air (IATA/ICAO):

14.1 UN number	Not assigned – not a dangerous good
14.2 UN proper shipping name	Non-applicable
14.3 Transport hazard class(es)	Not classified
14.4 Packing group	N/A
14.5 Environmental hazard	No
14.6 Special precautions for user	Non-hazardous for transport
14.7 Transport in bulk	Permitted subject to standard bulk-solid handling practice

SECTION 15: REGULATORY INFORMATION

15.1 Safety, health and environmental regulations specific for the product in question:

It is recommended to use the information included in this safety data sheet as data used in a risk evaluation of local circumstances, in order to establish the necessary risk prevention measures for the manipulation, use, storage and disposal of this product.

Other legislation (India):

Manufacture, Storage and Import of Hazardous Chemicals Rules, 1989 (as amended)
The Factories Act, 1948 (Act No. 63 of 1948), as amended by the Factories (Amendment) Act, 1987 (Act 20 of 1987)
The Chemical Accidents (Emergency Planning, Preparedness, and Response) Rules, 1996
Public Liability Insurance Act, 1991
Hazardous and Other Wastes (Management and Transboundary Movement) Rules, 2016

SECTION 16: OTHER INFORMATION

Legislation related to safety data sheets:

This safety data sheet has been designed in accordance with Annex 4 – Guidance on the preparation of Safety Data Sheets of the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS).

Texts of the legislative phrases mentioned in sections 2 and 3:

Not applicable – no hazard classification assigned to this product.

The phrases indicated do not refer to the product itself; they are present merely for informative purposes and refer to the individual components which appear in section 3.

Advice related to training:

Minimal training is recommended to prevent industrial risks for staff using this product, in order to facilitate their comprehension and interpretation of this safety data sheet, as well as the label on the product.

Principal bibliographical sources:

United Nations Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS); European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) Classification & Labelling Inventory; United Nations Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (Model Regulations).

Abbreviations and acronyms:

ADR: European agreement concerning the international carriage of dangerous goods by road | IMDG: International maritime dangerous goods code | IATA: International Air Transport Association | ICAO: International

The information contained in this safety data sheet is based on sources, technical knowledge and current legislation, without being able to guarantee its accuracy. This information cannot be considered a guarantee of the properties of the product; it is simply a description of the security requirements. The occupational methodology and conditions for users of this product are not within Suraj Chemicals' awareness or control, and it is ultimately the responsibility of the user to take the necessary measures to obtain the legal requirements concerning the manipulation, storage, use and disposal of chemical products. The information on this safety data sheet only refers to this product, which should not be used for needs other than those specified.

END OF SAFETY DATA SHEET