

1. Identification

Product identifier	Ethyl Formate	
Other means of identification		
Catalog number	1265606	
CAS number	109-94-4	
Chemical name	Formic acid, ethyl ester	
Recommended use	Specified quality tests and assay use only.	
Recommended restrictions	Not for use as a drug. Not for administration to humans or animals.	
Manufacturer/Importer/Supplier/Distributor information		
Manufacturer		
Company name	U. S. Pharmacopeia	
Address	12601 Twinbrook Parkway Rockville MD 20852-1790 United States	
Telephone	RS Technical Services	301-816-8129
Website	www.usp.org	
E-mail	RSTECH@usp.org	
Emergency phone number	CHEMTREC within US & Canada	1-800-424-9300
	CHEMTREC outside US & Canada	+1 703-527-3887

2. Hazard(s) identification

Physical hazards	Flammable liquids	Category 2
Health hazards	Acute toxicity, oral	Category 4
	Acute toxicity, inhalation	Category 4
	Serious eye damage/eye irritation	Category 2A
	Specific target organ toxicity, single exposure	Category 3 respiratory tract irritation
Environmental hazards	Not classified.	
OSHA defined hazards	Not classified.	
Label elements		



Signal word	Danger
Hazard statement	Highly flammable liquid and vapor. Harmful if swallowed. Causes serious eye irritation. Harmful if inhaled. May cause respiratory irritation.
Precautionary statement	
Prevention	Keep away from heat/sparks/open flames/hot surfaces. Keep container tightly closed. Use explosion-proof electrical/ventilating/lighting equipment. Use only non-sparking tools. Take precautionary measures against static discharge. Wear protective gloves/eye protection/face protection. Wash thoroughly after handling. Avoid breathing mist or vapor. Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area.
Response	If swallowed: Call a poison center/doctor if you feel unwell. Rinse mouth. If inhaled: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing. Call a poison center/doctor if you feel unwell. If in eyes: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. If eye irritation persists: Get medical advice/attention. If on skin (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/shower. In case of fire: Use appropriate media for extinction.
Storage	Keep container tightly closed. Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep cool. Store locked up.
Disposal	Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local/regional/national/international regulations.

Hazard(s) not otherwise classified (HNOC)	None known.
Supplemental information	None.

3. Composition/information on ingredients

Substance

Chemical name	Common name and synonyms	CAS number	%
Ethyl Formate		109-94-4	100

4. First-aid measures

Inhalation	If breathing is difficult, remove to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing. Oxygen or artificial respiration if needed. Induce artificial respiration with the aid of a pocket mask equipped with a one-way valve or other proper respiratory medical device. Call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician if you feel unwell.
Skin contact	Rinse skin with water/shower. Get medical attention if irritation develops and persists.
Eye contact	Rinse with water. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. Get medical attention if irritation develops and persists.
Ingestion	Rinse mouth. Do not induce vomiting without advice from poison control center. If vomiting occurs, keep head low so that stomach content doesn't get into the lungs.
Most important symptoms/effects, acute and delayed	None known.
Indication of immediate medical attention and special treatment needed	Provide general supportive measures and treat symptomatically. Thermal burns: Flush with water immediately. While flushing, remove clothes which do not adhere to affected area. Call an ambulance. Continue flushing during transport to hospital.
General information	Remove from exposure. Remove contaminated clothing. For treatment advice, seek guidance from an occupational health physician or other licensed health-care provider familiar with workplace chemical exposures. In the United States, the national poison control center phone number is 1-800-222-1222. If person is not breathing, give artificial respiration. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen if available. Persons developing serious hypersensitivity (anaphylactic) reactions must receive immediate medical attention.

5. Fire-fighting measures

Suitable extinguishing media	Water fog. Foam. Dry chemical powder. Carbon dioxide (CO2).
Unsuitable extinguishing media	Do not use water jet as an extinguisher, as this will spread the fire.
Specific hazards arising from the chemical	No unusual fire or explosion hazards noted.
Special protective equipment and precautions for firefighters	Wear suitable protective equipment.
Fire fighting equipment/instructions	As with all fires, evacuate personnel to a safe area. Firefighters should use self-contained breathing equipment and protective clothing. In case of fire and/or explosion do not breathe fumes. Move containers from fire area if you can do so without risk.
Specific methods	Use standard firefighting procedures and consider the hazards of other involved materials.
General fire hazards	Highly flammable liquid and vapor.

6. Accidental release measures

Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures	Keep unnecessary personnel away. ELIMINATE all ignition sources (no smoking, flares, sparks or flames in immediate area). Wear appropriate personal protective equipment. Avoid inhalation of vapors. Do not touch damaged containers or spilled material unless wearing appropriate protective clothing. Ensure adequate ventilation. For personal protection, see section 8 of the SDS.
Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up	Absorb spillage with suitable absorbent material. For waste disposal, see section 13 of the SDS. Remove sources of ignition. Keep combustibles (wood, paper, oil, etc.) away from spilled material. Clean surface thoroughly to remove residual contamination.
Environmental precautions	Avoid discharge into drains, water courses or onto the ground.

7. Handling and storage

Precautions for safe handling	As a general rule, when handling USP Reference Standards, avoid all contact and inhalation of dust, mists, and/or vapors associated with the material. Clean equipment and work surfaces with suitable detergent or solvent after use. After removing gloves, wash hands and other exposed skin thoroughly. Select and use containment devices and personal protective equipment based on a risk assessment of material potency and exposure potential.
Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities	Store in tight container as defined in the USP-NF. This material should be handled and stored per label instructions to ensure product integrity.

8. Exposure controls/personal protection

Occupational exposure limits

The following constituents are the only constituents of the product which have a PEL, TLV or other recommended exposure limit. At this time, the other constituents have no known exposure limits.

US. OSHA Table Z-1 Limits for Air Contaminants (29 CFR 1910.1000)

Material	Type	Value
Ethyl Formate (CAS 109-94-4)	PEL	300 mg/m3
		100 ppm

US. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values

Material	Type	Value
Ethyl Formate (CAS 109-94-4)	STEL	100 ppm

US. NIOSH: Pocket Guide to Chemical Hazards

Material	Type	Value
Ethyl Formate (CAS 109-94-4)	TWA	300 mg/m3
		100 ppm

Biological limit values

No biological exposure limits noted for the ingredient(s).

Appropriate engineering controls

For laboratory operations, use good technique and limit open handling. Control exposures to below the occupational exposure level (if available). Select and use containment devices and personal protective equipment based on a risk assessment of exposure potential. Cover all containers for solutions and slurries while being transferred.

Individual protection measures, such as personal protective equipment

Eye/face protection

Wear safety glasses with side shields, chemical splash goggles, or full face shield, if necessary. Base the choice of protection on the job activity and potential for contact with eyes or face. An emergency eye wash station should be available.

Skin protection

Hand protection

Wear nitrile or other impervious gloves if skin contact is possible. When the material is dissolved or suspended in an organic solvent, wear gloves that provide protection against the solvent.

Other

Wear lab coat. Base the choice of skin protection on the job activity, potential for skin contact and solvents and reagents in use. Do not wear protective garments in common areas (e.g., cafeterias) or out-of-doors.

Respiratory protection

Respirators are generally not required for laboratory operations. Choose respiratory protection appropriate to the task and the level of existing engineering controls.

Thermal hazards

Wear appropriate thermal protective clothing, when necessary.

General hygiene considerations

Handling practices in this SDS are recommendations for laboratory use of reference standards. Procedures for any other uses or quantities should be determined after an appropriate assessment.

9. Physical and chemical properties

Appearance

Appearance descriptions are general information and not specific to any USP lot.

Physical state

Liquid.

Form

Liquid.

Color

Clear. Colorless.

Odor

Fruity.

Odor threshold

Not available.

pH

Not available.

Melting point/freezing point

-112 °F (-80 °C)

Initial boiling point and boiling range

125.6 - 129.2 °F (52 - 54 °C)

Flash point

24.8 °F (-4.0 °C) (CC)

Evaporation rate

Not available.

Flammability (solid, gas)

Not applicable.

Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits

Flammability limit - lower (%)

2.8 %

Flammability limit - upper (%)

16 %

Explosive limit - lower (%)	Not available.
Explosive limit - upper (%)	Not available.
Vapor pressure	195.9 mm Hg at 20 °C
Vapor density	2.56 2.5 (air=1)
Relative density	Not available.
Solubility(ies)	
Solubility (water)	Slightly soluble.
Solubility (other)	Alcohol: Soluble. Acetone: Soluble. Ether: Soluble. Benzene: Miscible.
Partition coefficient (n-octanol/water)	0.23
Auto-ignition temperature	851 °F (455 °C)
Decomposition temperature	Not available.
Viscosity	Not available.
Other information	
Chemical family	Aliphatic ester.
Molecular formula	C3H6O2
Molecular weight	74.08 g/mol
Specific gravity	0.92 at 20 °C
Surface tension	24 mN/m (68 °F (20 °C))

10. Stability and reactivity

Reactivity	The product is stable and non-reactive under normal conditions of use, storage and transport.
Chemical stability	Material is stable under normal conditions.
Possibility of hazardous reactions	No dangerous reaction known under conditions of normal use.
Conditions to avoid	Contact with incompatible materials.
Incompatible materials	Nitrates.
Hazardous decomposition products	Irritating and/or toxic fumes or gases. Emits toxic fumes under fire conditions.

11. Toxicological information

Information on likely routes of exposure

Inhalation	Harmful if inhaled. May cause irritation to the respiratory system.
Skin contact	Knowledge about health hazard is incomplete.
Eye contact	Causes serious eye irritation.
Ingestion	Harmful if swallowed.
Symptoms related to the physical, chemical, and toxicological characteristics	Coughing. Shortness of breath. Headache. Gastrointestinal disturbances. Drowsiness. Burning in mouth, throat, and/or stomach.

Information on toxicological effects

Acute toxicity	Harmful if swallowed. Harmful if inhaled.
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Product	Species	Test Results
Ethyl Formate (CAS 109-94-4)		
Dermal		
LD50	Rabbit	> 20 ml/kg
Oral		
LD50	Guinea pig	1110 mg/kg
	Rabbit	2075 mg/kg
	Rat	1850 mg/kg
Skin corrosion/irritation	Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.	
Serious eye damage/eye irritation	Causes serious eye irritation.	

Local effects

Eye irritation test
Result: Moderate.
Species: Rabbit
Skin irritation test
Result: Mild.
Species: Rabbit

Respiratory or skin sensitization

Respiratory sensitization Knowledge about health hazard is incomplete.

Skin sensitization Knowledge about health hazard is incomplete.

Germ cell mutagenicity Knowledge about mutagenicity is incomplete.

Carcinogenicity Knowledge about carcinogenicity is incomplete.

IARC Monographs. Overall Evaluation of Carcinogenicity

Not listed.

OSHA Specifically Regulated Substances (29 CFR 1910.1001-1050)

Not regulated.

US. National Toxicology Program (NTP) Report on Carcinogens

Not listed.

Reproductive toxicity Knowledge about health hazard is incomplete.

Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure May cause respiratory irritation.

Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure Knowledge about health hazard is incomplete.

Aspiration hazard Knowledge about health hazard is incomplete.

12. Ecological information

Ecotoxicity There are no data on the ecotoxicity of this product.

Persistence and degradability No data is available on the degradability of this product.

Bioaccumulative potential

Octanol/water partition coefficient log Kow

0.23

Mobility in soil No data available.

Other adverse effects No other adverse environmental effects (e.g. ozone depletion, photochemical ozone creation potential, endocrine disruption, global warming potential) are expected from this component.

13. Disposal considerations

Disposal instructions Dispose in accordance with all applicable regulations. Under RCRA, it is the responsibility of the user of the product to determine, at the time of disposal, whether the product meets RCRA criteria for hazardous waste.

Local disposal regulations Dispose in accordance with all applicable regulations.

Hazardous waste code D001: Waste Flammable material with a flash point <140 F
The waste code should be assigned in discussion between the user, the producer and the waste disposal company.

Waste from residues / unused products Empty containers or liners may retain some product residues. This material and its container must be disposed of in a safe manner (see: Disposal instructions).

Contaminated packaging Since emptied containers may retain product residue, follow label warnings even after container is emptied.

14. Transport information

DOT

UN number UN1190

UN proper shipping name Ethyl formate (Ethyl formate RQ = 100 LBS)

Transport hazard class(es)

Class 3

Subsidiary risk -

Packing group II

Packaging exceptions 150

Packaging non bulk 202

Packaging bulk 242

IATA

UN number UN1190

UN proper shipping name Ethyl formate (Ethyl formate)

Transport hazard class(es)**Class** 3**Subsidiary risk** -**Packing group** II**Other information****Passenger and cargo aircraft** Allowed with restrictions.**Cargo aircraft only** Allowed with restrictions.**Transport in bulk according to** Not established.**Annex II of MARPOL 73/78 and****the IBC Code****DOT****IATA****General information**

It is the shipper's responsibility to determine the correct transport classification at the time of shipment.

15. Regulatory information**US federal regulations**

This product is a "Hazardous Chemical" as defined by the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard, 29 CFR 1910.1200.

TSCA Section 12(b) Export Notification (40 CFR 707, Subpt. D)

Not regulated.

CERCLA Hazardous Substance List (40 CFR 302.4)

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Listed.

SARA 304 Emergency release notification

Not regulated.

OSHA Specifically Regulated Substances (29 CFR 1910.1001-1050)

Not regulated.

Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA)**Hazard categories**Immediate Hazard - Yes
Delayed Hazard - No
Fire Hazard - Yes
Pressure Hazard - No
Reactivity Hazard - No**SARA 302 Extremely hazardous substance**

Not listed.

SARA 311/312 Hazardous chemical

Yes

SARA 313 (TRI reporting)

Not regulated.

Other federal regulations**Clean Air Act (CAA) Section 112 Hazardous Air Pollutants (HAPs) List**

Not regulated.

Clean Air Act (CAA) Section 112(r) Accidental Release Prevention (40 CFR 68.130)

Not regulated.

Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) Not regulated.**FEMA Priority Substances Respiratory Health and Safety in the Flavor Manufacturing Workplace**

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Low priority

Food and Drug Administration (FDA)
Total food additive
Direct food additive
GRAS food additive**US state regulations** California Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (Proposition 65): This material is not known to contain any chemicals currently listed as carcinogens or reproductive toxins.**International Inventories**

Country(s) or region	Inventory name	On inventory (yes/no)*
Australia	Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances (AICS)	Yes
Canada	Domestic Substances List (DSL)	Yes
Canada	Non-Domestic Substances List (NDSL)	No
China	Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances in China (IECSC)	Yes
Europe	European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances (EINECS)	Yes
Europe	European List of Notified Chemical Substances (ELINCS)	No
Japan	Inventory of Existing and New Chemical Substances (ENCS)	Yes
Korea	Existing Chemicals List (ECL)	Yes
New Zealand	New Zealand Inventory	Yes
Philippines	Philippine Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances (PICCS)	Yes
United States & Puerto Rico	Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) Inventory	Yes

*A "Yes" indicates that all components of this product comply with the inventory requirements administered by the governing country(s)

A "No" indicates that one or more components of the product are not listed or exempt from listing on the inventory administered by the governing country(s).

16. Other information, including date of preparation or last revision**Issue date** 11-01-2005**Revision date** 04-27-2018**Version #** 03

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