SAFETY DATA SHEET

1. Identification

Product identifier **Propionic Acid**

Other means of identification

Catalog number 1572208

CAS number 79-09-4

Chemical name Propionic acid

Recommended use For analytical laboratory 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

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Rockville
MD
20852-1790
United States

Telephone Technical Services 301-816-8129

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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 3
Health hazards	Acute toxicity, dermal	Category 3
	Skin corrosion/irritation	Category 1
	Serious eye damage/eye irritation	Category 1

Environmental hazards Not classified.

OSHA defined hazards Not classified.

Label elements



Signal word Danger

Hazard statement Flammable liquid and vapor. Toxic in contact with skin. Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.

Precautionary statement

Prevention Keep away from heat/sparks/open flames/hot surfaces. - No smoking. Keep container tightly closed. Use only non-sparking tools. Use explosion-proof electrical/ventilating/lighting equipment. Take precautionary measures against static discharge. Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection. Do not breathe mist/vapors. Wash thoroughly after handling.

Response If swallowed: Rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting. If on skin (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/shower. Call a poison center/doctor if you feel unwell. Wash contaminated clothing before reuse. If inhaled: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing. 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. In case of fire: Use appropriate media to extinguish.

Storage	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	%
Propionic Acid		79-09-4	100

Information provided in the SDS is not specific to the lot provided. Refer to the label and USP Certificate/Product Information Sheet for the assigned value of a particular lot.

4. First-aid measures

Inhalation	If breathing is difficult, remove to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing. Call a physician or poison control center immediately.
Skin contact	Immediately flush skin with plenty of water. Remove and isolate contaminated clothing and shoes. For minor skin contact, avoid spreading material on unaffected skin. Get medical attention immediately. Wash clothing separately before reuse.
Eye contact	Immediately flush eyes with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. If a contact lens is present, DO NOT delay irrigation or attempt to remove the lens. Continue rinsing. Get medical attention if irritation develops and persists.
Ingestion	Rinse mouth. If ingestion of a large amount does occur, call a poison control center immediately.
Most important symptoms/effects, acute and delayed	Corrosive effects.
Indication of immediate medical attention and special treatment needed	Provide general supportive measures and treat symptomatically.
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	By heating and fire, harmful vapors/gases may be formed.
Special protective equipment and precautions for firefighters	Use protective equipment appropriate for surrounding materials.
Fire fighting equipment/instructions	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	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. Remove sources of ignition. Keep combustibles (wood, paper, oil, etc.) away from spilled material. Clean surface thoroughly to remove residual contamination. For waste disposal, see section 13 of the SDS.
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 materials, 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. 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. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values

Material	Type	Value
Propionic Acid (CAS 79-09-4)	TWA	10 ppm

US. NIOSH: Pocket Guide to Chemical Hazards

Material	Type	Value
Propionic Acid (CAS 79-09-4)	STEL	45 mg/m3
		15 ppm
	TWA	30 mg/m3
		10 ppm

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

Appropriate engineering controls Local exhaust ventilation such as a laboratory fume hood or other vented enclosure is recommended, particularly for aerosol-generating procedures. 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 USP materials.

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.

Odor Pungent. Rancid.

Odor threshold Not available.

pH Not available.

Melting point/freezing point -5.44 °F (-20.8 °C)

Initial boiling point and boiling range	285.78 °F (140.99 °C)
Flash point	127.4 °F (53.0 °C) Closed Cup
Evaporation rate	Not available.
Flammability (solid, gas)	Not applicable.
Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits	
Flammability limit - lower (%)	2.9 %
Flammability limit - upper (%)	12.1 %
Explosive limit - lower (%)	Not available.
Explosive limit - upper (%)	Not available.
Vapor pressure	2.9 mm of Hg @ 20 ° C
Vapor density	Not available.
Relative density	Not available.
Solubility(ies)	
Solubility (water)	Soluble.
Auto-ignition temperature	955.4 °F (513 °C)
Decomposition temperature	Not available.
Viscosity	Not available.
Other information	
Chemical family	Organic acid.
Dynamic viscosity	1.02 - 1.03 mPa.s (77 °F (25 °C))
Molecular formula	C3H6O2
Molecular weight	74.08
pH in aqueous solution	5 Solution: 1%
Specific gravity	1 (water = 1)
Surface tension	27.21 mN/m (59 °F (15 °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. Risk of ignition.
Possibility of hazardous reactions	No dangerous reaction known under conditions of normal use.
Conditions to avoid	Keep away from heat, hot surfaces, sparks, open flames and other ignition sources. Contact with incompatible materials.
Incompatible materials	Strong oxidizing agents.
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	Knowledge about health hazard is incomplete.
Skin contact	Toxic in contact with skin. Causes severe skin burns.
Eye contact	Causes serious eye damage.
Ingestion	Knowledge about health hazard is incomplete.
Symptoms related to the physical, chemical and toxicological characteristics	Coughing. Shortness of breath. Corrosive effects. Choking. Nausea. Vomiting. Excitement. Seizures.

Information on toxicological effects

Acute toxicity	Toxic in contact with skin.

Product	Species	Test Results
Propionic Acid (CAS 79-09-4)		
Acute		
Dermal		
LD50	Rabbit	500 mg/kg
Inhalation		
LC50	Rat	> 20 mg/l, 8 Hours
Oral		
LD50	Rat	2600 mg/kg

Skin corrosion/irritation Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.

Serious eye damage/eye irritation Causes serious eye damage.

Local effects

Eye irritation
Result: Corrosive.
Species: Rabbit
Skin irritation
Result: Corrosive.
Species: Rabbit

Respiratory or skin sensitization

Respiratory sensitization Knowledge about health hazard is incomplete.

Skin sensitization Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.

Sensitization study
Result: Non-sensitizing.
Species: Guinea pig
Organ: Skin.

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 1910.1001-1053)

Not listed.

US. National Toxicology Program (NTP) Report on Carcinogens

Not listed.

Reproductive toxicity Knowledge about health hazard is incomplete.

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

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

Aspiration hazard Knowledge about health hazard is incomplete.

12. Ecological information

Ecotoxicity The product is not classified as environmentally hazardous. However, this does not exclude the possibility that large or frequent spills can have a harmful or damaging effect on the environment.

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

Bioaccumulative potential

Mobility in soil No data available.

Other adverse effects The product contains volatile organic compounds which have a photochemical ozone creation potential.

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 D002: Waste Corrosive material [pH <=2 or =>12.5, or corrosive to steel] 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	UN3463
UN proper shipping name	Propionic Acid
Transport hazard class(es)	
Class	8
Subsidiary risk	3
Packing group	II
Packaging exceptions	154
Packaging non bulk	203
Packaging bulk	241

IATA

UN number	UN3463
UN proper shipping name	Propionic Acid
Transport hazard class(es)	
Class	8
Subsidiary risk	3
Packing group	II
Other information	
Passenger and cargo aircraft	Allowed with restrictions.
Cargo aircraft only	Allowed with restrictions.

Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL 73/78 and the IBC Code	Not established.

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.

Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA)

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

Not regulated.

CERCLA Hazardous Substance List (40 CFR 302.4)

Propionic Acid (CAS 79-09-4) Listed.

SARA 304 Emergency release notification

Not regulated.

OSHA Specifically Regulated Substances (29 CFR 1910.1001-1053)

Not listed.

Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA)

SARA 302 Extremely hazardous substance

Not listed.

SARA 311/312 Hazardous chemical Yes

Classified hazard categories
Flammable (gases, aerosols, liquids, or solids)
Acute toxicity (any route of exposure)
Skin corrosion or irritation
Serious eye damage or eye irritation

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.

Clean Water Act (CWA) Section 112(r) (40 CFR 68.130) Hazardous substance

Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) Not regulated.

FEMA Priority Substances Respiratory Health and Safety in the Flavor Manufacturing Workplace

Propionic Acid (CAS 79-09-4) High priority

Food and Drug Administration (FDA)
Total food additive
Direct food additive
GRAS food additive

US state regulations

California Proposition 65

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. For more information go to www.P65Warnings.ca.gov.

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
Taiwan	Taiwan Chemical Substance Inventory (TCSI)	Yes

Country(s) or region	Inventory name	On inventory (yes/no)*
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

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