



# SAFETY DATA SHEET

According to EC Directive 1907/2006/EC, Article 31

Revision Date: 02/March/2009

## 1. IDENTIFICATION OF THE SUBSTANCE/PREPARATION AND THE COMPANY/UNDERTAKING

**Product Name:** Potassium Formate Solution

**Synonyms:** KFormate; Formic acid, potassium salt

**Use of the Substance/Preparation:** Catalyst, Industrial Products

**Supplier:**

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## 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

**Indication of danger:** Not a hazardous substance or preparation according to EC-directives 67/548/EEC or 99/45/EC and their various amendments and adaptations.

**Principle Routes of Exposure:** Inhalation, Eye contact, Skin contact

**POTENTIAL HEALTH EFFECTS**

**Eye Contact:** May cause irritation. Avoid contact with eyes.

**Skin Contact:** May cause irritation. Avoid contact with skin.

**Inhalation:** Dried product may be irritating to respiratory tract. Do not breathe dust.

**Ingestion:** Ingestion may cause gastrointestinal irritation, nausea, vomiting and diarrhea. Low hazard for usual industrial or commercial handling.

**Carcinogenic Effects:** Does not contain any substances listed by IARC (International Agency for Research on Cancer), NTP (National Toxicology Program), OSHA (Occupational Safety and Health Administration), ACGIH (American Conference for Governmental Industrial Hygienists) or EU (European Union). See also Section 11.

**Target Organ Effects:** Eyes, Skin, Respiratory system

**Medical Conditions Aggravated by Exposure:** None under normal use

**Potential Environmental Effects:** No special environmental precautions required. See also Section 12.

### 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Chemical Name	CAS Number	EINECS/ELINCS Number	Weight %	EU Classification
Formic acid, potassium salt	590-29-4	209-677-9	70-76	None
Water	7732-18-5	231-791-2	24-30	None
Carbonate and bicarbonate salts of sodium and/or potassium	Various	Various	0-5	None
Other alkali formates	Various	Not assigned	< 3	None

### 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

<b>Skin Contact:</b>	Wash thoroughly with soap and water. Remove contaminated clothing and shoes. Seek medical attention if redness, swelling, itching, or burning occurs.
<b>Eye Contact:</b>	Flush eyes immediately with large amounts of water for 15 minutes. Seek medical attention if redness, swelling, itching, burning or visual disturbances occur.
<b>Inhalation:</b>	If cough, shortness of breath or other breathing problems occur, move to fresh air. Seek medical attention if symptoms persist. If necessary, restore normal breathing through standard first aid measures.
<b>Ingestion:</b>	Do not induce vomiting. If conscious, give several glasses of water. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Seek medical attention.
<b>Notes to Physician:</b>	Treat symptomatically.

### 5. FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES

<b>Extinguishing Media:</b>	Use extinguishing measures that are appropriate to local circumstances and the surrounding environment.
<b>Special Protective Equipment for Firefighters:</b>	Wear suitable protective equipment. In the event of fire, wear self-contained breathing apparatus.
<b>Specific Hazards:</b>	Burning produces irritant fumes.
<b>Hazardous Decomposition and/or Combustion Products:</b>	Carbon monoxide, Carbon dioxide, Mixture of inorganic salts.
<b>Risk of Dust Explosion:</b>	Negligible. Dust may form explosive mixture in air.

### 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

<b>Personal Precautions:</b>	Avoid formation of dust and aerosols. Ensure adequate ventilation. Use personal protective equipment. See also Section 8.
<b>Methods for Cleaning Up:</b>	Soak up with inert absorbent material. Pick up and transfer to properly labelled containers. See Section 13.
<b>Environmental Precautions:</b>	Do not allow material to contaminate ground water system. Local authorities should be advised if significant spillages cannot be contained. See also Section 13.

### 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

<b>Handling:</b>	Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Avoid formation of dust, aerosol, or mist. Do not breathe aerosols or dust from dried material. Provide appropriate exhaust ventilation at machinery and at places where dust, aerosol, or mist can be generated.
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**Storage:** DO NOT FREEZE. Keep at temperatures above 0°C. Keep containers tightly closed in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place. Keep away from direct sunlight. Keep in properly labeled containers.

## 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

### EXPOSURE LIMITS

There are no exposure limits identified for this product.

### ENGINEERING CONTROLS

Ensure adequate ventilation to minimize exposures.

### PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

**Respiratory Protection:** Approved respirator may be necessary if local exhaust ventilation is not adequate.

**Hand Protection:** Wear as appropriate. Impervious gloves. Neoprene gloves. Nitrile rubber gloves. Rubber gloves. PVC or other plastic material gloves.

**Eye Protection:** Wear eye/face protection. Safety glasses with side-shields. Goggles. Wear face-shield if splashes are likely to occur.

**Skin and Body Protection:** Wear chemical impervious protective clothing if skin contact may occur.

**Other:** Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice. Emergency eyewash and safety shower should be located nearby.

## 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

<b>Appearance:</b>	Light-yellow Liquid
<b>Odor:</b>	None
<b>pH:</b>	6.5-11
<b>Density:</b>	1.53 - 1.57 g/cm <sup>3</sup>
<b>Boiling Point/Range:</b>	134-140°C
<b>Melting Point/Range:</b>	Not applicable
<b>Vapor Pressure:</b>	575-700 Pa
<b>Water Solubility:</b>	76.8% soluble at 20°C
<b>Evaporation Rate:</b>	<0 @ 20°C
<b>Viscosity:</b>	7-13 cp @ 25°C
<b>Partition Coefficient (n-octanol/water):</b>	< 0 (no potential to bioconcentrate)
<b>Flash Point:</b>	Not determined
<b>Method:</b>	Not applicable
<b>Explosion Limits in Air - Upper (g/m<sup>3</sup>):</b>	Not determined
<b>Explosion Limits in Air - Lower (g/m<sup>3</sup>):</b>	Not determined
<b>Autoignition Temperature:</b>	Not determined

## 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

<b>Stability:</b>	Stable. Thermally decomposes above 360°C.
<b>Hazardous Polymerization:</b>	Hazardous polymerization does not occur.
<b>Mechanical Sensitivity (shock):</b>	Not sensitive to mechanical impact.
<b>Conditions to Avoid:</b>	Avoid contact with strong oxidizing agents. During long exposures to high temperatures, and in contact with certain catalysts, some liberation of gasses (H <sub>2</sub> and CO) might occur. The greatest risk exists when dry formate powder is contacted by a platinum catalyst. Users are advised to obtain the Cabot Specialty Fluid's (CSF) Formate Technical Manual, Section A13 from a CSF representative for more detailed information on conditions to avoid. CSF does not recommend retorting formate solutions to determine solids content as temperatures may exceed 500 °C. The use of rupture disks is recommended as a precautionary measure when conducting heat aging of formate solutions at temperatures above 150 °C.
<b>Hazardous Decomposition and/or Combustion Products:</b>	Carbon dioxide, Carbon monoxide, Hydrogen, Mixture of inorganic salts, Potassium oxides.
<b>Static Discharge Effects:</b>	Dust may form explosive mixture in air. Take precautionary measures against static discharges.

## 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### ACUTE TOXICITY

**Oral LD50:** LD50/oral/mouse = 5500 mg/kg.

**Inhalation LC50:** Not determined.

**Dermal LD50:** Not determined.

**Eye Irritation:** Draize: Maximum average irritation score: 32.7 @ 1 hr, 7.3 @ 24 hr, 0.7 @ 48 hr. Moderate eye irritation.

**Skin Irritation:** Primary irritation index = 0.3. Slight irritation.

### SUBCHRONIC TOXICITY

Not determined.

### CHRONIC TOXICITY

**Carcinogenic Effects:** Does not contain any substances listed by IARC (International Agency for Research on Cancer), NTP (National Toxicology Program), OSHA (Occupational Safety and Health Administration), ACGIH (American Conference for Governmental Industrial Hygienists) or EU (European Union).

### OTHER

**Mutagenic Effects:** Not determined.

**Reproductive Toxicity:** Not determined.

**Sensitizing Effects:** Contains no known sensitizers.

**Synergistic Materials:** None reasonably foreseeable.

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**Aquatic Toxicity:**

**MARINE**

Juvenile turbot (*Scophthalmus maximus*) LC50 (96 hr) = 1700 mg/l  
Marine algae (*Skeletonema costatum*) EbC50 (72 hr) = 3400 mg/l  
Marine copepod (*Acartia tonsa*) LC50 (48 hr) = 300 mg/l  
Brown shrimp (*Crangon crangon*) LC50 (96 hr) = 1300 mg/l

**FRESHWATER**

Rainbow trout (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*) LC50 (96 hr) = 3500 mg/l  
Freshwater algae (*Scenedesmus subspicatus*) EbC50 (72 hr) = 1000 mg/l  
Water flea (*Daphnia magna*) EC50 (48 hr) = 540 mg/l

**Other Information:**

In the majority of marine species, this material has not demonstrated toxicity and has received a rating of GOLD/SILVER/SILVER for drilling products and GOLD for Completion/Workover products under the PARCOM Harmonized Offshore and Chemical Notification Format (HOCNF).

## ENVIRONMENTAL FATE

**Mobility:**

Highly soluble in water. Water solubility = 1200 g/L.

**Bioaccumulation:**

Log Pow = <0 (no potential to bioconcentrate). See also Section 9.

**Persistence / Degradability:**

Readily biodegradable  
(Method: OECD 301D and 301E)

## 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Product, as supplied, should be disposed of in accordance with the regulations issued by the appropriate federal, state and local authorities. Same consideration should be given to containers and packaging.

## 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

Not covered by International Regulation on the transport of Dangerous Goods (IMDG, IATA, ADR/RID).

**UN Number:** Not Regulated

**UN Proper Shipping Name:** Not classified

**UN Shipping Class:** Not classified

**UN Packing Group:** Not classified

**IMO IBC Code:**

Potassium Formate - Pollution Category Z, Pollution Hazard Only, Not Requiring a Chemical Tanker.

**IMDG (International Maritime Organization's Dangerous Goods Code):**

Not regulated.

**IATA (International Air Transport Association):**

Not regulated.

## 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

**Indication of danger:**

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### International Inventories

All components of this product are listed on or exempt from the following inventories:

- YES - Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances (AICS)
- YES - Canadian Domestic Substances List (DSL)
- NO - Chinese Inventory
- YES - European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances (EINECS)
- NO - Japanese Inventory of Existing and New Chemical Substances (ENCS)
- NO - Korean Existing Chemicals List (KECL)
- NO - New Zealand Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act (HSNO)
- NO - Philippines Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances (PICCS)
- YES - United States Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) Inventory

### **Germany Water Endangering Class (WGK) Class**

WGK ID Nr.: Not determined

### **Switzerland Giftklasse (Poison Class) Toxic Category**

#### **Chemical Name**

Formic acid, potassium salt -- (tested and found to be not toxic): G-7498

## 16. OTHER INFORMATION

### **References:**

MARPOL 73/78, Latest edition of Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC) Circulars MEPC.2/Circular, IBC Code, IMO Resolution A.673(16) Guidelines for the Transport and Handling of Limited Amounts of Hazardous and Noxious Liquid Substances in bulk on Offshore Support Vessels.

### **EU Local Contacts:**

See Section 1.

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