

Material Safety Data Sheet

Formamide

1. Product and company identification

Product name	: Formamide	Manufacturer	: Thermo Fisher Scientific
Synonym	: Formamide, >1% in a non hazardous diluent; carbamaldehyde; methanamide		
Chemical formula	: C-H3-N-O		
Supplier	: Thermo Fisher Scientific Pierce Biotechnology P.O. Box 117 Rockford, IL 61105 United States 815.968.0747 or 800.874.3723		: Pierce Biotechnology P.O. Box 117 Rockford, IL 61105 United States 815.968.0747 or 800.874.3723
Code	: 0017899		
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Print date	: 12/16/2010.		
Responsible name	: MSDS Specialist		
In case of emergency	: CHEMTREC: 800.424.9300 OUTSIDE US: 202.483.7616	Material uses	: Refer to the instruction booklet for proper and intended use. Otherwise, contact supplier for specific applications.
Product type	: Liquid.		

2. Hazards identification

Emergency overview

Physical state	: Liquid. [Thick, oily liquid.]
Color	: Clear.
Odor	: Odorless.
Signal word	: WARNING!
Hazard statements	: CAUSES RESPIRATORY TRACT, EYE AND SKIN IRRITATION. MAY BE HARMFUL IF ABSORBED THROUGH SKIN OR IF SWALLOWED. CAN CAUSE TARGET ORGAN DAMAGE. POSSIBLE REPRODUCTIVE HAZARD - MAY CAUSE ADVERSE REPRODUCTIVE EFFECTS IN FEMALES, BASED ON ANIMAL DATA.
Precautionary measures	: Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood. Obtain special instructions before use. Do not breathe vapor or mist. Do not ingest. Use only with adequate ventilation. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. Avoid contact with eyes, skin and clothing. Avoid prolonged contact with eyes, skin and clothing. Keep container tightly closed. Use personal protective equipment as required. Wash thoroughly after handling.
OSHA/HCS status	: This material is considered hazardous by the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard (29 CFR 1910.1200).
Routes of entry	: Dermal contact. Eye contact. Inhalation. Ingestion.

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2. Hazards identification

Potential acute health effects

Inhalation	: Irritating to respiratory system. Exposure to decomposition products may cause a health hazard. Serious effects may be delayed following exposure.
Ingestion	: Harmful if swallowed.
Skin	: Harmful in contact with skin. Irritating to skin.
Eyes	: Irritating to eyes.

Potential chronic health effects

Chronic effects	: Can cause target organ damage.
Carcinogenicity	: No known significant effects or critical hazards.
Mutagenicity	: No known significant effects or critical hazards.
Teratogenicity	: No known significant effects or critical hazards.
Developmental effects	: No known significant effects or critical hazards.
Fertility effects	: May impair female fertility, based on animal data.
Target organs	: Causes damage to the following organs: blood, kidneys, liver. May cause damage to the following organs: the reproductive system, mucous membranes, upper respiratory tract, skin, eyes, central nervous system (CNS), eye, lens or cornea.

Over-exposure signs/symptoms

Inhalation	: Adverse symptoms may include the following: respiratory tract irritation coughing reduced fetal weight increase in fetal deaths skeletal malformations
Ingestion	: Adverse symptoms may include the following: reduced fetal weight increase in fetal deaths skeletal malformations
Skin	: Adverse symptoms may include the following: irritation redness reduced fetal weight increase in fetal deaths skeletal malformations
Eyes	: Adverse symptoms may include the following: pain or irritation watering redness reduced fetal weight increase in fetal deaths skeletal malformations

Medical conditions aggravated by over-exposure	: Pre-existing disorders involving any target organs mentioned in this MSDS as being at risk may be aggravated by over-exposure to this product.
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See toxicological information (Section 11)

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3. Composition/information on ingredients

United States

Name	CAS number	%
Formamide	75-12-7	98 - 100

Canada

Name	CAS number	%
Formamide	75-12-7	98 - 100

There are no additional ingredients present which, within the current knowledge of the supplier and in the concentrations applicable, are classified as hazardous to health or the environment and hence require reporting in this section.

4. First aid measures

- Eye contact** : Check for and remove any contact lenses. Immediately flush eyes with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes, occasionally lifting the upper and lower eyelids. Get medical attention immediately.
- Skin contact** : In case of contact, immediately flush skin with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes while removing contaminated clothing and shoes. Wash clothing before reuse. Clean shoes thoroughly before reuse. Get medical attention immediately.
- Inhalation** : In case of contact, immediately flush skin with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes while removing contaminated clothing and shoes. Wash clothing before reuse. Clean shoes thoroughly before reuse. Get medical attention immediately.
- Inhalation** : Move exposed person to fresh air. If not breathing, if breathing is irregular or if respiratory arrest occurs, provide artificial respiration or oxygen by trained personnel. Loosen tight clothing such as a collar, tie, belt or waistband. Get medical attention immediately.
- Ingestion** : Wash out mouth with water. Do not induce vomiting unless directed to do so by medical personnel. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Get medical attention immediately.
- Protection of first-aiders** : No action shall be taken involving any personal risk or without suitable training. If it is suspected that fumes are still present, the rescuer should wear an appropriate mask or self-contained breathing apparatus. It may be dangerous to the person providing aid to give mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. Wash contaminated clothing thoroughly with water before removing it, or wear gloves.
- Notes to physician** : In case of inhalation of decomposition products in a fire, symptoms may be delayed. The exposed person may need to be kept under medical surveillance for 48 hours.

5. Fire-fighting measures

- Flammability of the product** : In a fire or if heated, a pressure increase will occur and the container may burst.
- Extinguishing media**
- Suitable** : Use an extinguishing agent suitable for the surrounding fire.
- Not suitable** : None known.
- Special exposure hazards** : Promptly isolate the scene by removing all persons from the vicinity of the incident if there is a fire. No action shall be taken involving any personal risk or without suitable training.
- Hazardous thermal decomposition products** : Decomposition products may include the following materials:
carbon dioxide
carbon monoxide
nitrogen oxides
- Special protective equipment for fire-fighters** : Fire-fighters should wear appropriate protective equipment and self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) with a full face-piece operated in positive pressure mode.

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6. Accidental release measures

- Personal precautions** : No action shall be taken involving any personal risk or without suitable training. Evacuate surrounding areas. Keep unnecessary and unprotected personnel from entering. Do not touch or walk through spilled material. Avoid breathing vapor or mist. Provide adequate ventilation. Wear appropriate respirator when ventilation is inadequate. Put on appropriate personal protective equipment (see Section 8).
- Environmental precautions** : Avoid dispersal of spilled material and runoff and contact with soil, waterways, drains and sewers. Inform the relevant authorities if the product has caused environmental pollution (sewers, waterways, soil or air).
- Methods for cleaning up**
- Small spill** : Stop leak if without risk. Move containers from spill area. Dilute with water and mop up if water-soluble. Alternatively, or if water-insoluble, absorb with an inert dry material and place in an appropriate waste disposal container. Dispose of via a licensed waste disposal contractor.
- Large spill** : Stop leak if without risk. Move containers from spill area. Approach release from upwind. Prevent entry into sewers, water courses, basements or confined areas. Wash spillages into an effluent treatment plant or proceed as follows. Contain and collect spillage with non-combustible, absorbent material e.g. sand, earth, vermiculite or diatomaceous earth and place in container for disposal according to local regulations (see section 13). Dispose of via a licensed waste disposal contractor. Contaminated absorbent material may pose the same hazard as the spilled product. Note: see section 1 for emergency contact information and section 13 for waste disposal.

7. Handling and storage

- Handling** : Put on appropriate personal protective equipment (see Section 8). Eating, drinking and smoking should be prohibited in areas where this material is handled, stored and processed. Workers should wash hands and face before eating, drinking and smoking. Remove contaminated clothing and protective equipment before entering eating areas. Avoid exposure - obtain special instructions before use. Avoid exposure during pregnancy. Do not get in eyes or on skin or clothing. Do not ingest. Avoid breathing vapor or mist. Use only with adequate ventilation. Wear appropriate respirator when ventilation is inadequate. Keep in the original container or an approved alternative made from a compatible material, kept tightly closed when not in use. Empty containers retain product residue and can be hazardous. Do not reuse container.
- Storage** : Store between the following temperatures: 2 to 8°C (35.6 to 46.4°F). Store in accordance with local regulations. Store in original container protected from direct sunlight in a dry, cool and well-ventilated area, away from incompatible materials (see section 10) and food and drink. Keep container tightly closed and sealed until ready for use. Containers that have been opened must be carefully resealed and kept upright to prevent leakage. Do not store in unlabeled containers. Use appropriate containment to avoid environmental contamination.

8. Exposure controls/personal protection

United States

Ingredient	Exposure limits
Formamide	ACGIH (United States). Absorbed through skin. TWA: 10 ppm ACGIH (United States). TLV: 18 mg/m ³ NIOSH (United States). Absorbed through skin. TWA: 10 ppm TWA: 15 mg/m ³ OSHA (United States, 0/1989). TWA: 20 ppm

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8. Exposure controls/personal protection

STEL: 30 ppm
ACGIH TLV (United States, 2/2010). Absorbed through skin.
 TWA: 18 mg/m³ 8 hour(s).
 TWA: 10 ppm 8 hour(s).
NIOSH REL (United States, 6/2009). Absorbed through skin.
 TWA: 15 mg/m³ 10 hour(s).
 TWA: 10 ppm 10 hour(s).
OSHA PEL 1989 (United States, 3/1989).
 STEL: 45 mg/m³ 15 minute(s).
 STEL: 30 ppm 15 minute(s).
 TWA: 30 mg/m³ 8 hour(s).
 TWA: 20 ppm 8 hour(s).

Canada

<u>Occupational exposure limits</u>		TWA (8 hours)			STEL (15 mins)			Ceiling			
Ingredient	List name	ppm	mg/m ³	Other	ppm	mg/m ³	Other	ppm	mg/m ³	Other	Notations
Formamide	US ACGIH 2/2010	10	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	[1]
	AB 4/2009	10	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	[1]
	BC 10/2009	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	[1]
	ON 7/2010	10	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	[1]
	QC 6/2008	10	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	[1]

[1]Absorbed through skin.

Consult local authorities for acceptable exposure limits.

Recommended monitoring procedures : If this product contains ingredients with exposure limits, personal, workplace atmosphere or biological monitoring may be required to determine the effectiveness of the ventilation or other control measures and/or the necessity to use respiratory protective equipment.

Engineering measures : Use only with adequate ventilation. If user operations generate dust, fumes, gas, vapor or mist, use process enclosures, local exhaust ventilation or other engineering controls to keep worker exposure to airborne contaminants below any recommended or statutory limits.

Hygiene measures : Wash hands, forearms and face thoroughly after handling chemical products, before eating, smoking and using the lavatory and at the end of the working period. Appropriate techniques should be used to remove potentially contaminated clothing. Wash contaminated clothing before reusing. Ensure that eyewash stations and safety showers are close to the workstation location.

Personal protection

Respiratory : Use a properly fitted, air-purifying or air-fed respirator complying with an approved standard if a risk assessment indicates this is necessary. Respirator selection must be based on known or anticipated exposure levels, the hazards of the product and the safe working limits of the selected respirator.

Hands : Chemical-resistant, impervious gloves complying with an approved standard should be worn at all times when handling chemical products if a risk assessment indicates this is necessary.

Eyes : Safety eyewear complying with an approved standard should be used when a risk assessment indicates this is necessary to avoid exposure to liquid splashes, mists or dusts.

Skin : Personal protective equipment for the body should be selected based on the task being performed and the risks involved and should be approved by a specialist before handling this product.

Environmental exposure controls : Emissions from ventilation or work process equipment should be checked to ensure they comply with the requirements of environmental protection legislation. In some cases, fume scrubbers, filters or engineering modifications to the process equipment will be necessary to reduce emissions to acceptable levels.

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9. Physical and chemical properties

Physical state : Liquid. [Thick, oily liquid.]
Flash point : Closed cup: 150°C (302°F)
 Open cup: 154.85°C (310.7°F)
Auto-ignition temperature : 500°C (932°F)
Flammable limits : Lower: 2.7%
 Upper: 19%
Color : Clear.
Odor : Odorless.
Molecular weight : 45.05 g/mole
Molecular formula : C-H3-N-O
pH : 7.1 [Conc. (% w/w): 2.25%]
Boiling/condensation point : Decomposition temperature: 209.85°C (409.7°F)
Melting/freezing point : 2.8°C (37°F)
Relative density : 1.1334
Vapor pressure : 0.011 kPa (0.08 mm Hg) [20°C]
Vapor density : 1.56 [Air = 1]
Evaporation rate : 0.004 (butyl acetate = 1)
Solubility : Soluble in the following materials: cold water, hot water, methanol and acetone.
 Very slightly soluble in the following materials: diethyl ether.

10. Stability and reactivity

Chemical stability : The product is stable.
Conditions to avoid : No specific data.
Incompatible materials : No specific data.
Hazardous decomposition products : Under normal conditions of storage and use, hazardous decomposition products should not be produced.
Possibility of hazardous reactions : Under normal conditions of storage and use, hazardous reactions will not occur.

11. Toxicological information

United States

Acute toxicity

Product/ingredient name	Result	Species	Dose	Exposure
Formamide	LD50 Dermal	Rabbit	17 g/kg	-
	LD50 Oral	Rat	4000 mg/kg	-

Conclusion/Summary : Not available.

Chronic toxicity

Conclusion/Summary : May cause congenital malformation in the fetus.

Irritation/Corrosion

Product/ingredient name	Result	Species	Score	Exposure	Observation
Formamide	Eyes - Severe irritant	Rabbit	-	-	-

Conclusion/Summary : Not available.

Sensitizer

Conclusion/Summary : Not available.

Carcinogenicity

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Conclusion/Summary : Not available.

Classification

Product/ingredient name	ACGIH	IARC	EPA	NIOSH	NTP	OSHA
Formamide	-	-	-	None.	-	None.

Mutagenicity

Conclusion/Summary : Not available.

Teratogenicity

Conclusion/Summary : Possible teratogen.

Reproductive toxicity

Conclusion/Summary : Not available.

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Mutagenicity

Conclusion/Summary : Not available.

Teratogenicity

Conclusion/Summary : Possible teratogen.

Reproductive toxicity

Conclusion/Summary : Not available.

12. Ecological information

Ecotoxicity : This product shows a low bioaccumulation potential.

United States

Aquatic ecotoxicity

Product/ingredient name	Result	Species	Exposure
Formamide	Acute LC50 >500 mg/L	Fish	48 hours

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Conclusion/Summary : Not available.

Persistence/degradability

Conclusion/Summary : Not available.

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Aquatic ecotoxicity

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Formamide	Acute LC50 >500 mg/L	Fish	48 hours

Conclusion/Summary : Not available.

Persistence/degradability

Conclusion/Summary : Not available.

Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water : -1.51

Bioconcentration factor : Not available.

Other adverse effects : No known significant effects or critical hazards.

13. Disposal considerations

Waste disposal : The generation of waste should be avoided or minimized wherever possible. Significant quantities of waste product residues should not be disposed of via the foul sewer but processed in a suitable effluent treatment plant. Dispose of surplus and non-recyclable products via a licensed waste disposal contractor. Disposal of this product, solutions and any by-products should at all times comply with the requirements of environmental protection and waste disposal legislation and any regional local authority requirements. Waste packaging should be recycled. Incineration or landfill should only be considered when recycling is not feasible. This material and its container must be disposed of in a safe way. Care should be taken when handling emptied containers that have not been cleaned or rinsed out. Empty containers or liners may retain some product residues. Avoid dispersal of spilled material and runoff and contact with soil, waterways, drains and sewers.

Disposal should be in accordance with applicable regional, national and local laws and regulations.

Refer to Section 7: HANDLING AND STORAGE and Section 8: EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION for additional handling information and protection of employees.

14. Transport information

Regulatory information	UN number	Proper shipping name	Classes	PG*
DOT Classification	Not regulated.	-	-	-
IATA-DGR Class	Not regulated.	-	-	-

PG* : Packing group

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15. Regulatory information

United States

- HCS Classification** : Irritating material
Target organ effects
- U.S. Federal regulations** : **TSCA 8(a) PAJR**: Formamide
TSCA 8(a) IUR: Partial exemption
United States inventory (TSCA 8b): This material is listed or exempted.
SARA 302/304/311/312 extremely hazardous substances: No products were found.
SARA 302/304 emergency planning and notification: No products were found.
SARA 302/304/311/312 hazardous chemicals: Formamide
SARA 311/312 MSDS distribution - chemical inventory - hazard identification:
Formamide: Immediate (acute) health hazard, Delayed (chronic) health hazard

Clean Air Act Section 112(b) Hazardous Air Pollutants (HAPs) : Not listed

Clean Air Act Section 602 Class I Substances : Not listed

Clean Air Act Section 602 Class II Substances : Not listed

DEA List I Chemicals (Precursor Chemicals) : Not listed

DEA List II Chemicals (Essential Chemicals) : Not listed

State regulations

- Massachusetts** : This material is listed.
- New York** : This material is not listed.
- New Jersey** : This material is listed.
- Pennsylvania** : This material is listed.
- United States inventory (TSCA 8b)** : This material is listed or exempted.

Canada

WHMIS (Canada) : Class D-2A: Material causing other toxic effects (Very toxic).

Canadian lists

- Canadian NPRI** : This material is not listed.
- CEPA Toxic substances** : This material is not listed.
- Canada inventory** : This material is listed or exempted.

This product has been classified in accordance with the hazard criteria of the Controlled Products Regulations and the MSDS contains all the information required by the Controlled Products Regulations.

International regulations

- International lists** : **Australia inventory (AICS)**: This material is listed or exempted.
China inventory (IECSC): This material is listed or exempted.
Japan inventory: This material is listed or exempted.
Korea inventory: This material is listed or exempted.
New Zealand Inventory of Chemicals (NZIoC): This material is listed or exempted.
Philippines inventory (PICCS): This material is listed or exempted.

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16. Other information

Label requirements : CAUSES RESPIRATORY TRACT, EYE AND SKIN IRRITATION. MAY BE HARMFUL IF ABSORBED THROUGH SKIN OR IF SWALLOWED. CAN CAUSE TARGET ORGAN DAMAGE. POSSIBLE REPRODUCTIVE HAZARD - MAY CAUSE ADVERSE REPRODUCTIVE EFFECTS IN FEMALES, BASED ON ANIMAL DATA.

Hazardous Material Information System (U.S.A.) :

Health	2
Flammability	1
Physical hazards	0

The customer is responsible for determining the PPE code for this material.

National Fire Protection Association (U.S.A.) :



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Final determination of suitability of any material is the sole responsibility of the user. All materials may present unknown hazards and should be used with caution. Although certain hazards are described herein, we cannot guarantee that these are the only hazards that exist.

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