SECTION 1: Identification of the substance/mixture and of the company/undertaking

1.1 Product identifiers

- **Product name**: Formic acid
- **Product Number**: 251364
- **Brand**: Sigma-Aldrich
- **Index-No.**: 607-001-00-0
- **CAS-No.**: 64-18-6

1.2 Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against

- **Identified uses**: Laboratory chemicals, Synthesis of substances

1.3 Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

- **Company**: Sigma-Aldrich Inc.
  3050 SPRUCE ST
  ST. LOUIS MO 63103
  UNITED STATES
- **Telephone**: +1 314 771-5765
- **Fax**: +1 800 325-5052

1.4 Emergency telephone

- **Emergency Phone #**: 800-424-9300 CHEMTREC (USA) +1-703-527-3887 CHEMTREC (International) 24 Hours/day; 7 Days/week

SECTION 2: Hazards identification

2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture

**GHS Classification in accordance with 29 CFR 1910 (OSHA HCS)**

- Flammable liquids (Category 3), H226
- Acute toxicity, Oral (Category 4), H302
- Acute toxicity, Inhalation (Category 3), H331
- Skin corrosion (Category 1A), H314
- Serious eye damage (Category 1), H318

For the full text of the H-Statements mentioned in this Section, see Section 16.

2.2 GHS Label elements, including precautionary statements

- **Signal word**: Danger
Hazard statement(s)
H226     Flammable liquid and vapor.
H302     Harmful if swallowed.
H314     Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.
H331     Toxic if inhaled.

Precautionary statement(s)
P210     Keep away from heat/ sparks/ open flames/ hot surfaces. No smoking.
P233     Keep container tightly closed.
P240     Ground/bond container and receiving equipment.
P241     Use explosion-proof electrical/ ventilating/ lighting/ equipment.
P242     Use only non-sparking tools.
P243     Take precautionary measures against static discharge.
P261     Avoid breathing dust/ fume/ gas/ mist/ vapors/ spray.
P264     Wash skin thoroughly after handling.
P270     Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.
P271     Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area.
P280     Wear protective gloves/ protective clothing/ eye protection/ face protection.
P301 + P312 + P330     IF SWALLOWED: Call a POISON CENTER/ doctor if you feel unwell. Rinse mouth.
P301 + P330 + P331     IF SWALLOWED: Rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting.
P303 + P361 + P353     IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/ shower.
P304 + P340 + P310     IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing. Immediately call a POISON CENTER/ doctor.
P305 + P351 + P338 + P310     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.
P363     Wash contaminated clothing before reuse.
P370 + P378     In case of fire: Use dry sand, dry chemical or alcohol-resistant foam to extinguish.
P403 + P233     Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed.
P403 + P235     Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep cool.
P405     Store locked up.
P501     Dispose of contents/ container to an approved waste disposal plant.

2.3 Hazards not otherwise classified (HNOC) or not covered by GHS
Corrosive to the respiratory tract.

SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients

3.1 Substances
Formula      :  CH₂O₂
Molecular weight   :  46.03 g/mol
CAS-No.       :  64-18-6
EC-No.        :  200-579-1
Index-No.     :  607-001-00-0

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Sigma-Aldrich - 251364
Formic acid

| Flam. Liq. 3; Acute Tox. 4; Acute Tox. 3; Skin Corr. 1A; Eye Dam. 1; H226, H302, H331, H314, H318 | <= 100 % |
| Concentration limits: |
| > 78.5 %: Acute Tox. 3, H331; 75 - 78.5 %: Acute Tox. 4, H332; > 75 %: , EUH071; >= 90 %: Skin Corr. 1A, H314; 10 - < 90 %: Skin Corr. 1B, H314; 2 - < 10 %: Skin Irrit. 2, H315; 2 - < 10 %: Eye Irrit. 2, H319; |

For the full text of the H-Statements mentioned in this Section, see Section 16.

SECTION 4: First aid measures

4.1 Description of first-aid measures

General advice
First aider needs to protect himself. Show this material safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance.

If inhaled
After inhalation: fresh air. Immediately call in physician. If breathing stops: immediately apply artificial respiration, if necessary also oxygen.

In case of skin contact
In case of skin contact: Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/shower. Call a physician immediately.

In case of eye contact
After eye contact: rinse out with plenty of water. Immediately call in ophthalmologist. Remove contact lenses.

If swallowed
After swallowing: make victim drink water (two glasses at most), avoid vomiting (risk of perforation). Pulmonary failure possible after aspiration of vomit. Call a physician immediately. Do not attempt to neutralise.

4.2 Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed
The most important known symptoms and effects are described in the labelling (see section 2.2) and/or in section 11

4.3 Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed
No data available
SECTION 5: Firefighting measures

5.1 Extinguishing media

Suitable extinguishing media
Water Foam Carbon dioxide (CO2) Dry powder

Unsuitable extinguishing media
For this substance/mixture no limitations of extinguishing agents are given.

5.2 Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture
Nature of decomposition products not known.
Combustible.
Vapors are heavier than air and may spread along floors.
Forms explosive mixtures with air at elevated temperatures.
Development of hazardous combustion gases or vapours possible in the event of fire.

5.3 Advice for firefighters
Stay in danger area only with self-contained breathing apparatus. Prevent skin contact by keeping a safe distance or by wearing suitable protective clothing.

5.4 Further information
Remove container from danger zone and cool with water. Prevent fire extinguishing water from contaminating surface water or the ground water system.

SECTION 6: Accidental release measures

6.1 Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures
Advice for non-emergency personnel: Do not breathe vapors, aerosols. Avoid substance contact. Ensure adequate ventilation. Keep away from heat and sources of ignition. Evacuate the danger area, observe emergency procedures, consult an expert. For personal protection see section 8.

6.2 Environmental precautions
Do not let product enter drains. Risk of explosion.

6.3 Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up
Cover drains. Collect, bind, and pump off spills. Observe possible material restrictions (see sections 7 and 10). Take up carefully with liquid-absorbent material (e.g. Chemizorb®). Dispose of properly. Clean up affected area.

6.4 Reference to other sections
For disposal see section 13.

SECTION 7: Handling and storage

7.1 Precautions for safe handling

Advice on safe handling
Work under hood. Do not inhale substance/mixture. Avoid generation of vapours/aerosols.

Advice on protection against fire and explosion
Keep away from open flames, hot surfaces and sources of ignition. Take precautionary measures against static discharge.

Hygiene measures
Immediately change contaminated clothing. Apply preventive skin protection. Wash hands and face after working with substance. For precautions see section 2.2.

7.2 **Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities**

**Storage conditions**
Keep container tightly closed in a dry and well-ventilated place. Keep away from heat and sources of ignition. Keep locked up or in an area accessible only to qualified or authorized persons.

Vent periodically. Handle and open container with care. Hygroscopic.

Storage class (TRGS 510): 3: Flammable liquids

7.3 **Specific end use(s)**
Apart from the uses mentioned in section 1.2 no other specific uses are stipulated

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**SECTION 8: Exposure controls/personal protection**

8.1 **Control parameters**

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<td>10 ppm 19 mg/m3</td>
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8.2 **Exposure controls**

**Appropriate engineering controls**
Immediately change contaminated clothing. Apply preventive skin protection. Wash hands and face after working with substance.

**Personal protective equipment**

**Eye/face protection**
Use equipment for eye protection tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or EN 166(EU). Tightly fitting safety goggles

**Skin protection**
This recommendation applies only to the product stated in the safety data sheet, supplied by us and for the designated use. When dissolving in or mixing with other
substances and under conditions deviating from those stated in EN374 please contact the supplier of CE-approved gloves (e.g. KCL GmbH, D-36124 Eichenzell, Internet: www.kcl.de).
Full contact
Material: Chloroprene
Minimum layer thickness: 0.65 mm
Break through time: 480 min
Material tested: KCL 720 Camapren®

This recommendation applies only to the product stated in the safety data sheet, supplied by us and for the designated use. When dissolving in or mixing with other substances and under conditions deviating from those stated in EN374 please contact the supplier of CE-approved gloves (e.g. KCL GmbH, D-36124 Eichenzell, Internet: www.kcl.de).
Splash contact
Material: Latex gloves
Minimum layer thickness: 0.6 mm
Break through time: 60 min
Material tested: Lapren® (KCL 706 / Aldrich Z677558, Size M)

**Body Protection**
Flame retardant antistatic protective clothing.

**Respiratory protection**
required when vapours/aerosols are generated. Our recommendations on filtering respiratory protection are based on the following standards: DIN EN 143, DIN 14387 and other accompanying standards relating to the used respiratory protection system.

**Control of environmental exposure**
Do not let product enter drains. Risk of explosion.

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**SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties**

**9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties**

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<td>d) pH</td>
<td>2.2 at 10 g/l at 20 °C (68 °F)</td>
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<td>e) Melting point/freezing point</td>
<td>Melting point/range: 8.2 - 8.4 °C (46.8 - 47.1 °F) - lit.</td>
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<td>f) Initial boiling point and boiling range</td>
<td>100 - 101 °C 212 - 214 °F - lit.</td>
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<td>g) Flash point</td>
<td>49.5 °C (121.1 °F) - closed cup - Regulation (EC) No. 440/2008, Annex, A.9</td>
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<td>h) Evaporation rate</td>
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<td>i) Flammability (solid, gas)</td>
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<td>j) Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits</td>
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<td>Lower explosion limit: 18 %(V)</td>
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k) Vapor pressure 171 hPa at 50 °C (122 °F) - OECD Test Guideline 104
l) Vapor density 1.59 - (Air = 1.0)
m) Relative density 1.22 at 20 °C (68 °F) - OECD Test Guideline 109
n) Water solubility miscible in all proportions, (experimental)
o) Partition coefficient: log Pow: -2.1 at 23 °C (73 °F) - OECD Test Guideline 107 - Bioaccumulation is not expected.
p) Autoignition temperature 528 °C (982 °F) at 1,008 hPa - Tested according to Directive 92/69/EEC.
q) Decomposition temperature 350 °C (662 °F) - 

r) Viscosity 1.47 mm²/s at 20 °C (68 °F) - OECD Test Guideline 114 - 1.02 mm²/s at 40 °C (104 °F) - OECD Test Guideline 114 -
s) Explosive properties No data available
t) Oxidizing properties No data available

9.2 Other safety information
Surface tension 71.5 mN/m at 1g/l at 20 °C (68 °F) - OECD Test Guideline 115
Dissociation constant 3.7 at 20 °C (68 °F) - OECD Test Guideline 112
Relative vapor density 1.59 - (Air = 1.0)

SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity

10.1 Reactivity
Vapor/air-mixtures are explosive at intense warming.

10.2 Chemical stability
The product is chemically stable under standard ambient conditions (room temperature).

10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions
Risk of ignition or formation of inflammable gases or vapours with:
- Aluminum
- Risk of explosion with:
  - organic nitro compounds
  - sodium hypochlorite
  - hydrogen peroxide
  - furfuryl alcohol
- Generates dangerous gases or fumes in contact with:
  - alkalines
  - Strong oxidizing agents
  - sulfuric acid
  - nonmetallic oxides
  - metal catalysts
  - Oxides of phosphorus
  - Nitric acid
  - nitrates
  - Exothermic reaction with:
    - alkaline earth hydroxides
    - alkali hydroxides
10.4 **Conditions to avoid**
Heating.

10.5 **Incompatible materials**
Strong oxidizing agents, Strong bases, Powdered metals

10.6 **Hazardous decomposition products**
In the event of fire: see section 5

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**SECTION 11: Toxicological information**

11.1 **Information on toxicological effects**

**Acute toxicity**
LD$_{50}$ Oral - Rat - male and female - 730 mg/kg
(OECD Test Guideline 401)
LC$_{50}$ Inhalation - Rat - male and female - 4 h - 7.85 mg/l
(OECD Test Guideline 403)
Dermal: No data available
No data available

**Skin corrosion/irritation**
Skin - Rabbit
Result: Severe skin irritation
(Draize Test)

**Serious eye damage/eye irritation**
Causes serious eye damage. conjunctivitis Lacrimal irritation due to vapours.

**Respiratory or skin sensitization**
Buehler Test - Guinea pig
Result: negative
(OECD Test Guideline 406)
Prolonged or repeated exposure may cause allergic reactions in certain sensitive individuals.

**Germ cell mutagenicity**
Ames test
Salmonella typhimurium
Result: negative
sister chromatid exchange assay
Chinese hamster lung cells
Result: negative
sister chromatid exchange assay
Human lymphocytes
Result: negative
In vitro mammalian cell gene mutation test
Chinese hamster ovary cells
Result: negative
Chromosome aberration test in vitro
Chinese hamster ovary cells
Result: negative
OECD Test Guideline 477
Carcinogenicity

IARC: No ingredient of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as probable, possible or confirmed human carcinogen by IARC.

NTP: No ingredient of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a known or anticipated carcinogen by NTP.

OSHA: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is on OSHA's list of regulated carcinogens.

Reproductive toxicity
No data available

Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure
No data available

Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure
No data available

Aspiration hazard
No data available

11.2 Additional Information

Repeated dose toxicity - Rat - male and female - Oral - 52 Weeks - NOAEL (No observed adverse effect level) - 400 mg/kg - LOAEL (Lowest observed adverse effect level) - 2,000 mg/kg

Remarks: (in analogy to similar products)

RTECS: LQ4900000

Material is extremely destructive to tissue of the mucous membranes and upper respiratory tract, eyes, and skin., spasm, inflammation and edema of the larynx, spasm, inflammation and edema of the bronchi, pneumonitis, pulmonary edema, burning sensation, Cough, wheezing, laryngitis, Shortness of breath, Headache, Nausea, Vomiting

To the best of our knowledge, the chemical, physical, and toxicological properties have not been thoroughly investigated.

Kidney - Irregularities - Based on Human Evidence

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SECTION 12: Ecological information

12.1 Toxicity

Toxicity to fish static test LC50 - Danio rerio (zebra fish) - 130 mg/l - 96 h (OECD Test Guideline 203)

Remarks: (in analogy to similar products)

The value is given in analogy to the following substances: ammonium formate
Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates static test EC50 - Daphnia magna (Water flea) - 365 mg/l - 48 h (OECD Test Guideline 202) Remarks: (in analogy to similar products) The value is given in analogy to the following substances: ammonium formate

Toxicity to algae static test ErC50 - Pseudokirchneriella subcapitata - 1,240 mg/l - 72 h (OECD Test Guideline 201) Remarks: (in analogy to similar products) The value is given in analogy to the following substances: ammonium formate

Toxicity to bacteria static test NOEC - activated sludge - 72 mg/l - 13 d Remarks: (ECHA)

12.2 Persistence and degradability
Biodegradability aerobic - Exposure time 14 d Result: 100 % - Readily biodegradable. (OECD Test Guideline 301C)

Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD) 86 mg/g Remarks: (External MSDS)
Ratio BOD/ThBOD 8.60 %

12.3 Bioaccumulative potential
Bioaccumulation is unlikely. Does not significantly accumulate in organisms.

12.4 Mobility in soil
No data available

12.5 Results of PBT and vPvB assessment
PBT/vPvB assessment not available as chemical safety assessment not required/not conducted

12.6 Other adverse effects
Additional ecological information No data available

SECTION 13: Disposal considerations

13.1 Waste treatment methods
Product
Waste material must be disposed of in accordance with the national and local regulations. Leave chemicals in original containers. No mixing with other waste. Handle uncleaned containers like the product itself. See www.retrologistik.com for processes regarding the return of chemicals and containers, or contact us there if you have further questions.
CHAPTER 14: Transport information

DOT (US)
UN number: 1779 Class: 8 (3) Packing group: II
Proper shipping name: Formic acid
Reportable Quantity (RQ): 5000 lbs
Poison Inhalation Hazard: No

IMDG
UN number: 1779 Class: 8 (3) Packing group: II
Proper shipping name: FORMIC ACID
EMS-No: F-E, S-C

IATA
UN number: 1779 Class: 8 (3) Packing group: II
Proper shipping name: Formic acid

CHAPTER 15: Regulatory information

SARA 302 Components
This material does not contain any components with a section 302 EHS TPQ.

SARA 313 Components
The following components are subject to reporting levels established by SARA Title III, Section 313:

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SARA 311/312 Hazards
Fire Hazard, Acute Health Hazard, Chronic Health Hazard

Massachusetts Right To Know Components
No components are subject to the Massachusetts Right to Know Act.

SECTION 16: Other information

Further information
The above information is believed to be correct but does not purport to be all inclusive and shall be used only as a guide. The information in this document is based on the present state of our knowledge and is applicable to the product with regard to appropriate safety precautions. It does not represent any guarantee of the properties of the product. Sigma-Aldrich Corporation and its Affiliates shall not be held liable for any damage resulting from handling or from contact with the above product. See www.sigma-aldrich.com and/or the reverse side of invoice or packing slip for additional terms and conditions of sale.

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