

SECTION 1. IDENTIFICATION

1.1 Product identifiers

Product name : Metacresol, United States Pharmacopeia
(USP) Reference Standard

Product Number : 1395204
Brand : US Pharmacopeia
Index-No. : 604-004-00-9
CAS-No. : 108-39-4

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

Identified uses : Laboratory chemicals, Synthesis of substances

Restrictions on use : Not Available

1.3 Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

Company : Sigma-Aldrich Inc.
SPRUCE ST 3050
63103 St. Louis

Telephone : (314) 771-5765
Telefax: (800) 325-5052

1.4 Emergency telephone number

Emergency Phone # : 800 424 9300 (CHEMTREC) 24/7
+1 703 527 3887 (CHEMTREC) 24/7

SECTION 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

**GHS classification in accordance with the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard
(29 CFR 1910.1200)**

Hazards for the product as supplied

Flammable liquids : Category 4

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Acute toxicity (Oral) : Category 3

Acute toxicity (Dermal) : Category 3

Skin corrosion : Category 1B

Serious eye damage : Category 1

Short-term (acute) aquatic hazard : Category 2

Long-term (chronic) aquatic hazard : Category 3

Other hazards

None known.

GHS label elements

Hazard pictograms : 

Signal word : Danger

Hazard statements : H227 Combustible liquid.
H301 + H311 Toxic if swallowed or in contact with skin.
H314 Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.
H401 Toxic to aquatic life.
H412 Harmful to aquatic life with long lasting effects.

Precautionary statements : **Prevention:**
P210 Keep away from heat/ sparks/ open flames/ hot surfaces. No smoking.
P264 Wash skin thoroughly after handling.
P270 Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.
P273 Avoid release to the environment.
P280 Wear protective gloves/ protective clothing/ eye protection/ face protection.

Response:
P301 + P310 + P330 IF SWALLOWED: Immediately call a POISON CENTER/ doctor. 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.
P362 Take off contaminated clothing and wash before reuse.
P370 + P378 In case of fire: Use dry sand, dry chemical or alcohol-resistant foam to extinguish.

Storage:

P403 + P235 Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep cool.
P405 Store locked up.

Disposal:

P501 Dispose of contents/ container to an approved waste disposal plant.

SECTION 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Substance / Mixture : Substance

CAS-No. : 108-39-4

Components

Chemical name	CAS No./Unique ID	Concentration (% w/w)	Trade secret
meta-Cresol	108-39-4*	$\geq 90 - \leq 100$	-

* Indicates that the identifier is a CAS No.

Actual concentration is withheld as a trade secret

SECTION 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

General advice : First aiders need to protect themselves. Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance.

If inhaled : After inhalation: fresh air. Call in physician.

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.

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Remove contact lenses.

If swallowed	: If swallowed: give water to drink (two glasses at most). Seek medical advice immediately. In exceptional cases only, if medical care is not available within one hour, induce vomiting (only in persons who are wide awake and fully conscious), administer activated charcoal (20 - 40 g in a 10% slurry) and consult a doctor as quickly as possible. Do not attempt to neutralise.
Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed	: The most important known symptoms and effects are described in the labelling (see section 2 GHS label elements) and/or in section 11
Protection of first-aiders	: For personal protection see section 8.
Notes to physician	: No data available

SECTION 5. FIREFIGHTING MEASURES

Suitable extinguishing media	: Water Foam Carbon dioxide (CO ₂) Dry powder
Unsuitable extinguishing media	: For this substance/mixture no limitations of extinguishing agents are given.
Specific hazards during fire fighting	: Combustible.

Vapours are heavier than air and may spread along floors.

Forms explosive mixtures with air on intense heating.

Development of hazardous combustion gases or vapours possible in the event of fire.

Hazardous combustion products	: Carbon oxides
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Specific extinguishing methods	: No data available
Further information	: Remove container from danger zone and cool with water. Prevent fire extinguishing water from contaminating surface water or the ground water system.
Special protective equipment for fire-fighters	: Stay in danger area only with self-contained breathing apparatus. Prevent skin contact by keeping a safe distance or by wearing suitable protective clothing.

SECTION 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures	: Advice for non-emergency personnel: Do not breathe vapours, 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. Advice for emergency responders: Wear appropriate personal protective equipment, as indicated in Section 8.
Environmental precautions	: Do not let product enter drains.
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.

SECTION 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

For precautions see section 2 GHS label elements

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



storage conditions Keep in a well-ventilated place.
Keep locked up or in an area accessible only to
qualified or authorised persons.

Storage class : 6.1A, Combustible, acute toxic Cat. 1 and 2 / very
toxic hazardous materials

Recommended storage : Recommended storage temperature see product label.
temperature

SECTION 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

Ingredients with workplace control parameters

Components	CAS-No.	Value type (Form of exposure)	Control parameters / Permissible concentration	Basis
meta-Cresol	108-39-4	TWA	2.3 ppm 10 mg/m ³	NIOSH REL
		TWA	5 ppm 22 mg/m ³	OSHA Z-1
		TWA (Inhalable fraction and vapor)	20 mg/m ³	ACGIH

Engineering measures : No data available

Personal protective equipment

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.

Recommended Filter : Filter A-(P3)
type:

The entrepreneur has to ensure that maintenance, cleaning and
testing of respiratory protective devices are carried out according to
the instructions of the producer. These measures have to be
properly documented.

Hand protection
Material : Chloroprene

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Break through time : 480 min
Glove thickness : 0.65 mm
Protective index : Full contact
Manufacturer : KCL 720 Camapren®

Material : Latex gloves
Break through time : 60 min
Glove thickness : 0.6 mm
Protective index : Splash contact
Manufacturer : Lapren® (KCL 706 / Aldrich Z677558, Size M)

Remarks : 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 EN 16523-1 please contact the supplier of CE-approved gloves (e.g. KCL GmbH, D-36124 Eichenzell, Internet: www.kcl.de).

Eye 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 and body protection : protective clothing

Hygiene measures : Immediately change contaminated clothing. Apply preventive skin protection. Wash hands and face after working with substance.

SECTION 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Appearance : liquid

Colour : colourless, light yellow

Odour : phenol-like

Odour Threshold : No data available

pH : No data available

Melting point/ range : 46 - 50 °F / 8 - 10 °C

Boiling point/boiling range : 392 - 397 °F / 200 - 203 °C (1,013 hPa)



Flash point	: 187 °F / 86 °C
	Method: closed cup
Evaporation rate	: No data available
Flammability (solid, gas)	: No data available
Flammability (liquids)	: No data available
Burning rate	: No data available
Self-ignition	: 1038 °F / 559 °C 1,013 hPa
Upper explosion limit / Upper flammability limit	: 1.35 %(V) (302 °F / 150 °C)
Lower explosion limit / Lower flammability limit	: 1.06 %(V)
Vapour pressure	: < 1 hPa (68 °F / 20 °C)
Relative vapour density	: 3.73 (Air = 1.0)
Relative density	: 1.03 (68 °F / 20 °C)
Density	: 1.034 g/cm ³ (68 °F / 20 °C)
Solubility(ies)	
Water solubility	: 22.7 g/l (77 °F / 25 °C)
Partition coefficient: n- octanol/water	: log Pow: 1.96 Bioaccumulation is not expected.
Autoignition temperature	: 1036 °F / 558 °C
Decomposition temperature	: No data available
Viscosity	
Viscosity, dynamic	: 6.18 mPa.s (104 °F / 40 °C) 20.8 mPa.s (68 °F / 20 °C)
Viscosity, kinematic	: No data available
Flow time	: No data available



Explosive properties	: No data available
Oxidizing properties	: none
Molecular weight	: 108.14 g/mol
Particle characteristics	
Particle size	: No data available

SECTION 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Reactivity	: Forms explosive mixtures with air on intense heating. A range from approx. 15 Kelvin below the flash point is to be rated as critical.
Chemical stability	: The product is chemically stable under standard ambient conditions (room temperature) .
Possibility of hazardous reactions	: Violent reactions possible with: Strong oxidizing agents Nitric acid fuming sulfuric acid chlorosulfonic acid alkalines Iron Lead
Conditions to avoid	: Strong heating.
Incompatible materials	: No data available
Hazardous decomposition products	: For Hazardous combustion products in the event of fire: see section 5

SECTION 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

11.1 Information on toxicological effects

Acute toxicity

LD50 Oral - Rat - male - 242 mg/kg

(OECD Test Guideline 401)

Symptoms: If ingested, severe burns of the mouth and throat, as well as a danger of perforation of the oesophagus and the stomach.

Symptoms: mucosal irritations, Cough, Shortness of breath, Possible damages:, damage of respiratory tract

Inhalation: Corrosive to respiratory system.

LD50 Dermal - Rabbit - 620 mg/kg

Remarks: Behavioral:Somnolence (general depressed activity).

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Behavioral: Tetany.
(RTECS)

Skin corrosion/irritation

Skin - Rabbit

Result: Causes burns. - 24 h

Remarks: (ECHA)

Remarks: Classified according to Regulation (EU) 1272/2008, Annex VI (Table 3.1/3.2)

Serious eye damage/eye irritation

Remarks: Causes serious eye damage.

Respiratory or skin sensitization

No data available

Germ cell mutagenicity

Test Type: Ames test

Test system: Escherichia coli/Salmonella typhimurium

Metabolic activation: with and without metabolic activation

Method: OECD Test Guideline 471

Result: negative

Test Type: Mutagenicity (mammal cell test): chromosome aberration.

Test system: Chinese hamster lung cells

Metabolic activation: with and without metabolic activation

Method: OECD Test Guideline 473

Result: positive

Test Type: In vitro mammalian cell gene mutation test

Test system: mouse lymphoma cells

Metabolic activation: with and without metabolic activation

Method: OECD Test Guideline 476

Result: negative

Test Type: Chromosome aberration test

Species: Mouse

Cell type: Bone marrow

Application Route: Oral

Method: OECD Test Guideline 475

Result: negative

Carcinogenicity

IARC: No component 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 component 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 - Oral - 13 Weeks - No observed adverse effect level - 50 mg/kg

Material is extremely destructive to tissue of the mucous membranes and upper respiratory tract, eyes, and skin., Cough, Shortness of breath, Headache, Nausea
To the best of our knowledge, the chemical, physical, and toxicological properties have not been thoroughly investigated.

After absorption:

Systemic effects:

Headache
Nausea
Vomiting
Dizziness
agitation, spasms
respiratory arrest
Unconsciousness

Damage to:

Central nervous system
Liver
Kidney

This substance should be handled with particular care.

Stomach - Irregularities - Based on Human Evidence

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SECTION 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION**Ecotoxicity****Components:****meta-Cresol:**

Toxicity to fish : LC50 (*Salvelinus fontinalis*): 7.6 mg/l
End point: mortality
Exposure time: 96 h

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Test Type: static test
Remarks: (ECHA)

LC50 (Oncorhynchus mykiss (rainbow trout)): 8.6 mg/l

End point: mortality
Exposure time: 96 h
Test Type: static test
Remarks: (ECHA)

LC50 (Salmo trutta (brown trout)): 8.4 mg/l

End point: mortality
Exposure time: 96 h
Test Type: static test
Remarks: (ECHA)

Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates : EC50 (Daphnia pulicaria): > 99.5 mg/l
End point: mortality
Exposure time: 48 h
Test Type: flow-through test
Analytical monitoring: yes
Method: US-EPA

Toxicity to fish (Chronic toxicity) : NOEC (Pimephales promelas (fathead minnow)): 1.35 mg/l
Exposure time: 32 d
Test Type: flow-through test
Method: OECD Test Guideline 210
Remarks: The value is given in analogy to the following substances:
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Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates (Chronic toxicity) : NOEC (Daphnia magna (Water flea)): 1 mg/l
End point: mortality
Exposure time: 21 d
Test Type: semi-static test
Analytical monitoring: yes
Remarks: (ECHA)
The value is given in analogy to the following substances:
The value is given in analogy to the following substances: p-cresol

Ecotoxicology Assessment

Chronic aquatic toxicity : Harmful to aquatic life with long lasting effects.



Persistence and degradability

Components:

meta-Cresol:

Biodegradability : aerobic
Inoculum: activated sludge, adapted
Result: Inherently biodegradable.
Biodegradation: 96 %
Exposure time: 10 d
Method: OECD Test Guideline 302B

Bioaccumulative potential

Components:

meta-Cresol:

Bioaccumulation : Species: Leuciscus idus (Golden orfe)
Bioconcentration factor (BCF): 17 - 20
Exposure time: 3 d
Concentration: 0.05 mg/l

Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water : log Pow: 1.96
Remarks: Bioaccumulation is not expected.

Mobility in soil

No data available

Other adverse effects

Components:

meta-Cresol:

Results of PBT and vPvB assessment : Substance does not meet the criteria for PBT or vPvB according to Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006, Annex XIII.

Additional ecological information : Biological effects:

Hazard for drinking water supplies.

Change in the flavour characteristics of fish protein.

Discharge into the environment must be avoided.

Endocrine disrupting properties

No data available



SECTION 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Disposal methods

Waste from residues : 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.

SECTION 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

International Regulations

IATA-DGR

UN/ID No. : UN 2076
Proper shipping name : Cresols, liquid
Class : 6.1
Subsidiary risk : 8
Packing group : II
Labels : Division 6.1 - Toxic substances, Class 8 - Corrosive substances
Packing instruction (cargo aircraft) : 660
Packing instruction (passenger aircraft) : 653

IMDG-Code

UN number : UN 2076
Proper shipping name : CRESOLS, LIQUID
Class : 6.1
Subsidiary risk : 8
Packing group : II
Labels : 6.1 (8)
EmS Code : F-A, S-B
Marine pollutant : no

Transport in bulk according to IMO instruments

Not applicable for product as supplied.

National Regulations

49 CFR

UN/ID/NA number : UN 2076
Proper shipping name : Cresols, liquid
Class : 6.1
Subsidiary risk : 8
Packing group : II
Labels : Division 6.1 - Toxic substances, Class 8 - Corrosive



substances
ERG Code : 153
Marine pollutant : no
Poison Inhalation Hazard : No

Special precautions for user

The transport classification(s) provided herein are for informational purposes only, and solely based upon the properties of the unpackaged material as it is described within this Safety Data Sheet. Transportation classifications may vary by mode of transportation, package sizes, and variations in regional or country regulations.

SECTION 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

CERCLA Reportable Quantity

Components	CAS-No.	Component RQ (lbs)	Calculated product RQ (lbs)
meta-Cresol	108-39-4	100	100
meta-Cresol	108-39-4	100	100 (D024)

SARA 304 Extremely Hazardous Substances Reportable Quantity

This material does not contain any components with a section 304 EHS RQ.

SARA 302 Extremely Hazardous Substances Threshold Planning Quantity

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

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

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

meta-Cresol 108-39-4 >= 90 - <= 100 %

US State Regulations

Massachusetts Right To Know

meta-Cresol 108-39-4

Pennsylvania Right To Know

meta-Cresol 108-39-4

Maine Chemicals of High Concern

Product does not contain any listed chemicals

Vermont Chemicals of High Concern

Product does not contain any listed chemicals

Washington Chemicals of High Concern

Product does not contain any listed chemicals

The components of this product are reported in the following inventories:

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US TSCA : All substances listed as active on the TSCA inventory

TSCA list

No substances are subject to a Significant New Use Rule.

No substances are subject to TSCA 12(b) export notification requirements.

SECTION 16. OTHER INFORMATION

Full text of other abbreviations

ACGIH	: USA. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)
NIOSH REL	: USA. NIOSH Recommended Exposure Limits
OSHA Z-1	: USA. Occupational Exposure Limits (OSHA) - Table Z-1 Limits for Air Contaminants
ACGIH / TWA	: 8-hour, time-weighted average
NIOSH REL / TWA	: Time-weighted average concentration for up to a 10-hour workday during a 40-hour workweek
OSHA Z-1 / TWA	: 8-hour time weighted average

AIIC - Australian Inventory of Industrial Chemicals; ASTM - American Society for the Testing of Materials; bw - Body weight; CERCLA - Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act; CMR - Carcinogen, Mutagen or Reproductive Toxicant; DIN - Standard of the German Institute for Standardisation; DOT - Department of Transportation; DSL - Domestic Substances List (Canada); ECx - Concentration associated with x% response; EHS - Extremely Hazardous Substance; ELx - Loading rate associated with x% response; EmS - Emergency Schedule; ENCS - Existing and New Chemical Substances (Japan); ErCx - Concentration associated with x% growth rate response; ERG - Emergency Response Guide; GHS - Globally Harmonised System; GLP - Good Laboratory Practice; HMIS - Hazardous Materials Identification System; IARC - International Agency for Research on Cancer; IATA - International Air Transport Association; IBC - International Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships carrying Dangerous Chemicals in Bulk; IC50 - Half maximal inhibitory concentration; ICAO - International Civil Aviation Organization; IECSC - Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances in China; IMDG - International Maritime Dangerous Goods; IMO - International Maritime Organisation; ISHL - Industrial Safety and Health Law (Japan); ISO - International Organisation for Standardisation; KECI - Korea Existing Chemicals Inventory; LC50 - Lethal Concentration to 50 % of a test population; LD50 - Lethal Dose to 50% of a test population (Median Lethal Dose); MARPOL - International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships; MSHA - Mine Safety and Health Administration; n.o.s. - Not Otherwise Specified; NFPA - National Fire Protection Association; NO(A)EC - No Observed (Adverse) Effect Concentration; NO(A)EL - No Observed (Adverse) Effect Level; NOELR - No Observable Effect Loading Rate; NTP - National Toxicology Program; NZIoC - New Zealand Inventory of Chemicals; OECD - Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development; OPPTS - Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention; PBT - Persistent, Bioaccumulative and Toxic substance; PICCS - Philippines Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances; (Q)SAR - (Quantitative) Structure Activity Relationship; RCRA - Resource Conservation and Recovery Act; REACH - Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals; RQ - Reportable Quantity; SADT - Self-



Accelerating Decomposition Temperature; SARA - Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act; SDS - Safety Data Sheet; TCSI - Taiwan Chemical Substance Inventory; TECI - Thailand Existing Chemicals Inventory; TSCA - Toxic Substances Control Act (United States); UN - United Nations; UNRTDG - United Nations Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods; vPvB - Very Persistent and Very Bioaccumulative

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