

### 1. Identification of the substance/mixture and of the company/undertaking

#### 1.1 Product identifier

Product name : Formic acid  
Product code : GK4394  
CAS number : 64-18-6  
EINECS : 200-579-1

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

PC21: Laboratory chemicals.

#### 1.3 Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

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	United Kingdom	Web	: www.glentham.com

#### 1.4 Emergency telephone number

Emergency telephone number: +44 (0) 1225 667 798 (09.00 - 17.00 GMT)

#### 1.5 REACH

A registration number is not available for this substance as the substance or its uses are exempted from registration, the annual tonnage does not require a registration or the registration is envisaged for a later registration deadline.

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### 2. Hazards identification

#### 2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture

##### Classification under CLP

Flam. Liq. 3, Acute Oral Tox. 4, Acute Inha. Tox. 3, Skin Corr. 1A.

#### 2.2 Label elements

##### Label elements under CLP

##### Pictograms



##### Signal words

Danger

##### Hazard statements

H226	Flammable liquid and vapour.
H302	Harmful if swallowed.
H314	Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.
H331	Toxic if inhaled.

##### Precautionary statements

P210	Keep away from heat/sparks/open flames/hot surfaces. — No smoking.
P260	Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/vapours/spray.
P301 + P312	IF SWALLOWED: Call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician if you feel unwell.
P303 + P361 + P353	IF ON SKIN (or hair): Remove/Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/shower.
P304 + P340	IF INHALED: Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing.
P305 + P351 + P338	IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.
P310	Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician.

#### 2.3 Other hazards

##### PBT

This substance is not identified as a PBT substance.

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### 3.0 Composition/information on ingredients

#### 3.1 Substances

Product name	: Formic acid	MW: 46.03
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### 4.0 First aid measures

#### 4.1 Description of first aid measures

##### Skin contact

Remove all contaminated clothes and footwear immediately unless stuck to skin. Drench the affected skin with running water for 10 minutes or longer if substance is still on skin. Transfer to hospital if there are burns or symptoms of poisoning.

**Eye contact**

Bathe the eye with running water for 15 minutes. Transfer to hospital for specialist examination. Consult a doctor.

**Ingestion**

Wash out mouth with water. Do not induce vomiting. If conscious, give half a litre of water to drink immediately. Give 1 cup of water to drink every 10 minutes. If unconscious, check for breathing and apply artificial respiration if necessary. If unconscious and breathing is OK, place in the recovery position. Consult a doctor. Transfer to hospital as soon as possible.

**Inhalation**

Consult a doctor. Remove casualty from exposure ensuring one's own safety whilst doing so. If conscious, ensure the casualty sits or lies down. If unconscious and breathing is OK, place in the recovery position. If unconscious, check for breathing and apply artificial respiration if necessary. If breathing becomes bubbly, have the casualty sit and provide oxygen if available. Transfer to hospital as soon as possible.

**4.2 Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed****Skin contact**

There may be mild irritation at the site of contact. There may be redness or whiteness of the skin in the area of exposure. Irritation or pain may occur at the site of contact. Blistering may occur. Progressive ulceration will occur if treatment is not immediate. Absorption through the skin may be fatal.

**Eye contact**

There may be irritation and redness. There may be severe pain. The eyes may water profusely. Corneal burns may occur. May cause permanent damage.

**Ingestion**

There may be soreness and redness of the mouth and throat. Corrosive burns may appear around the lips. There may be vomiting. Blood may be vomited. There may be bleeding from the mouth or nose. Convulsions may occur. There may be loss of consciousness. There may be irritation of the throat.

**Inhalation**

There may be irritation of the throat with a feeling of tightness in the chest. There may be shortness of breath with a burning sensation in the throat. Exposure may cause coughing or wheezing. There may be loss of consciousness. Convulsions may occur. Absorption through the lungs can occur causing symptoms similar to those of ingestion.

**Delayed / immediate effects**

Immediate effects can be expected after short-term exposure. Delayed effects can be expected after long-term exposure.

**4.3 Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed****Immediate / special treatment**

Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance. Immediate medical attention is required. Eye bathing equipment should be available on the premises. Not applicable.

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**5.0 Fire-fighting measures****5.1 Extinguishing media**

Water spray. Carbon dioxide. Alcohol resistant foam. Dry chemical powder. Use water spray to cool containers. Suitable extinguishing media for the surrounding fire should be used.

**5.2 Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture****Exposure hazards**

Highly flammable. Toxic. Corrosive. May form flammable / explosive dust-air mixture. In combustion emits toxic fumes.

**5.3 Advice for fire-fighters**

Wear self-contained breathing apparatus. Wear protective clothing to prevent contact with skin and eyes.

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**6.0 Accidental release measures****6.1 Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures****Personal precautions**

Refer to section 8 of SDS for personal protection details. Notify the police and fire brigade immediately. Eliminate all sources of ignition. If outside do not approach from downwind. If outside keep bystanders upwind and away from danger point. Mark out the contaminated area with signs and prevent access to unauthorised personnel. Do not attempt to take action without suitable protective clothing - see section 8 of SDS. Turn leaking containers leak-side up to prevent the escape of liquid.

**6.2 Environmental precautions**

Do not discharge into drains or rivers. Contain the spillage using bunding.

**6.3 Methods and material for containment and cleaning up****Clean-up procedures**

Absorb into dry earth or sand. Transfer to a closable, labelled salvage container for disposal by an appropriate method. Do not use equipment in clean-up procedure which may produce sparks. Clean-up should be dealt with only by qualified personnel familiar with the specific substance.

**6.3 Reference to other sections**

Refer to section 8 of SDS.

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### 7.0 Handling and storage

#### 7.1 Precautions for safe handling

##### Handling requirements

Ensure there is sufficient ventilation of the area. Ensure there is exhaust ventilation of the area. Do not handle in a confined space. Avoid the formation or spread of dust in the air. Smoking is forbidden. Use non-sparking tools. Avoid direct contact with the substance.

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

##### Storage conditions

Store in cool, well ventilated area. Keep away from sources of ignition. Keep container tightly closed. Avoid contact with water or humidity. Prevent the build up of electrostatic charge in the immediate area. Ensure lighting and electrical equipment are not a source of ignition.

#### 7.3 Specific end use(s)

No data available.

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### 8.0 Exposure controls/personal protection

#### 8.1 Control parameters

##### Workplace exposure limits

Not applicable.

#### 8.2 Exposure controls

##### Engineering measures

Ensure there is sufficient ventilation of the area. Ensure there is exhaust ventilation of the area. Ensure lighting and electrical equipment are not a source of ignition.

##### Respiratory protection

Respiratory protective device with particle filter. Self-contained breathing apparatus must be available in case of emergency.

##### Hand protection

Protective gloves. Impermeable gloves.

##### Eye protection

Safety glasses. Safety glasses with side-shields. Tightly fitting safety goggles. Ensure eye bath is to hand.

##### Skin protection

Protective clothing.

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### 9.0 Physical and chemical properties

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

Physical Form:	Liquid	
Colour:	Colourless	
Melting Point:	7 - 9	[°C]
Boiling Point:	100 - 101	[°C]
Relative Density:	1.22	[g/ml]

#### 9.2 Other information

Not applicable.

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### 10.0 Stability and reactivity

#### 10.1 Reactivity

Stable under recommended transport or storage conditions.

#### 10.2 Chemical stability

Stable under normal conditions. Stable at room temperature.

#### 10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions

##### Hazardous reactions

Hazardous reactions will not occur under normal transport or storage conditions. Decomposition may occur on exposure to conditions or materials listed below.

#### 10.4 Conditions to avoid

Heat. Hot surfaces. Sources of ignition. Flames.

### 10.5 Incompatible materials

#### Materials to avoid

Strong acids. Strong oxidising agents.

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## 11.0 Toxicological information

### 11.1 Information on toxicological effects

#### Toxicity values

Not applicable.

### 11.2 Information on toxicological effects

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#### Other information

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## 12.0 Ecological information

### 12.1 Toxicity

Not applicable.

### 12.2 Persistence and degradability

Biodegradable.

### 12.3 Bioaccumulative potential

No bioaccumulation potential.

### 12.4 Mobility in soil

Readily absorbed into soil.

### 12.5 Results of PBT and vPvB assessment

This substance is not identified as a PBT substance.

### 12.6 Other adverse effects

Negligible ecotoxicity.

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## 13.0 Disposal considerations

### 13.1 Waste treatment methods

#### Disposal operations

Transfer to a suitable container and arrange for collection by specialised disposal company.

#### NB

The user's attention is drawn to the possible existence of regional or national regulations regarding disposal.

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## 14.0 Transport information

### 14.1 UN number

UN1779

### 14.2 UN proper shipping name

Formic acid

**14.3 Transport hazard class(es)**

8 (3)

**14.4 Packing group**

II

**14.5 Environmental hazards**

N/A

**14.6 Special precautions for user**

No special precautions.

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**15.0 Regulatory information**

**Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture**

Not applicable.

**Chemical Safety Assessment**

A chemical safety assessment has not been carried out for the substance or the mixture by the supplier.

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**16.0 Other information**

**Other information**

This safety data sheet is prepared in accordance with Commission Regulation (EU) No 453/2010.

**Legal disclaimer**

The above information is believed to be correct but does not purport to be all inclusive and shall be used only as a guide. This company shall not be held liable for any damage resulting from handling or from contact with the above product.