SAFETY DATA SHEET (SDS)

in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 (REACH), Annex II — Regulation (EU) 2020/878

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formic acid

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CAS 64-18-6

CH_2O_2 | EC 200-579-1

MOLAR MASS	LOGP
46.02	-0.54

HAZARD CLASSIFICATION (GHS / CLP)



Danger

H226 | H290 | H331 | H302 | H314 | H318

Hazard class scope limited to the harmonised classification (CLP Annex VI); classes outside the harmonised entry may require supplier self-classification (CLP Art. 4(3)) — verify with the supplier safety data sheet.

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

1.1 Substance name	formic acid
1.1 IUPAC name	formic acid
1.1 CAS number	64-18-6
1.1 EC number	200-579-1
1.1 PubChem CID	284
1.1 InChIKey	BDAGIHXWWSANSR-UHFFFAOYSA-N
1.1 SMILES	C(=O)O
1.1 Molecular formula	CH_2O_2 [7]
1.1 Molar mass	46.025 g/mol [7]
1.1 Exact mass	46.0055 Da [7]

1.2 Uses

For laboratory and research purposes. Not for use in the production of food, medicines or cosmetics without appropriate authorisation.

1.3 Details of the supplier

REFERENCE COPY — NO SUPPLIER DETAILS — NOT FOR DISTRIBUTION	Supplier details are not included in this reference copy. The supplier placing the substance on the market must complete this section and remains responsible for the sheet under REACH. MolGod.org prepares documentation and is not the supplier of this substance.

1.4 Emergency telephone number

Emergency telephone	112 (EU-wide emergency number)

Contact the poison centre designated in the country of placing on the market (CLP Art. 45).

2. Hazards identification

GHS:



PPE:



Prohibitions:



Danger

Hazard statements (H) [3][4][10]

H226	Flammable liquid and vapour
H290	May be corrosive to metals
H331	Toxic if inhaled
H302	Harmful if swallowed
H314	Causes severe skin burns and eye damage
H318	Causes serious eye damage

Precautionary statements (P) [3][4][10]

P210	Keep away from heat, hot surfaces, sparks, open flames and other ignition sources. No smoking
P233	Keep container tightly closed
P240	Ground and bond container and receiving equipment
P260	Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/vapours/spray
P264	Wash 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	IF SWALLOWED: Call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician if you feel unwell
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 or shower
P304+P340	IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep 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
P311	Call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician
P321	Specific treatment
P330	Rinse mouth
P363	Wash contaminated clothing before reuse

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P370+P378	In case of fire: Use appropriate media to extinguish
P403+P235	Store in a well-ventilated place: Keep cool
P403+P233	Store in a well-ventilated place: Keep container tightly closed
P405	Store locked up
P501	Dispose of contents/container to an approved waste collection point

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3. Composition/information on ingredients

Substance type	pure substance
CAS Number	64-18-6
EC number	200-579-1
Molecular formula	CH_2O_2
Concentration	≥99% (typical reagent-grade purity — to be confirmed by the supplier's specification)
Clp index no	607-001-00-0
Specific concentration limits / M-factor (CLP Annex VI Table 3)	SCL: H314: C ≥ 90 %; H314: 10 % ≤ C < 90 %; H315: 2 % ≤C < 10 % [3]

4. First aid measures



Inhalation

Move the affected person to fresh air. Keep at rest. Call a physician. Semi-sitting position. Give oxygen if available. If not breathing: artificial respiration (qualified personnel only). [1][2][12]

Skin contact

Remove contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with soap and water (min. 15 minutes). Call a physician immediately. [1][2][12]

Eye contact

Rinse eyes with running water (min. 15 minutes). Remove contact lenses if possible. Call an ophthalmologist immediately. [1][2][12]

Ingestion

Do NOT induce vomiting (unless directed by a physician). Rinse mouth with water. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Emergency number: 112 (EU-wide). Contact the poison centre designated in your country (CLP Art. 45). [1][2][12]

Symptoms and effects

nausea, vomiting, diarrhoea; cough, shortness of breath, headache, dizziness; skin redness and irritation; eye irritation and watering. [3][10]

Notes for physician

Requires verification

Emergency numbers: Emergency: 112 (EU-wide). Poison centre: as designated in the country of placing on the market (CLP Art. 45).

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5. Firefighting measures

Suitable extinguishing media	Alcohol-resistant foam, carbon dioxide (CO_2), dry chemical powder, water spray/mist. [1][2][12]
Unsuitable extinguishing media	Full/compact water jet (splashes and spreads the burning liquid, which floats on water). [1][2][12]
Specific hazards	Thermal decomposition products: CO, CO2. [13]
Advice for firefighters	Use self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA). Full protective suit. [1][2][12]
Flash Point	50°C [7]
Auto-ignition temperature	601.1°C [7]

6. Accidental release measures

Personal precautions	Use personal protective equipment (see Section 8). Avoid breathing vapours. [1][2][12]
Environmental precautions	Prevent entry into sewers, groundwater and surface water. [1][2][12]
Methods for containment and cleaning up	Contain the spill with a barrier. Absorb with inert material (sand, vermiculite, diatomaceous earth). Collect into sealed, labelled containers. Do not release into drains. Remove ignition sources; use non-sparking tools. [1][2][12]
Related sections	8; 13

7. Handling and storage

Precautions	Work in a fume hood or with adequate ventilation. No eating, drinking or smoking in the work area. [1][2][12]
Storage temperature	Store at room temperature (15-25°C) or as indicated on the label. [1][2][12]
Humidity	Store in a dry place (<60% RH). [1][2][12]
Light	Protect from direct sunlight. [1][2][12]
Incompatible materials	Strong oxidizers, strong bases, Base metals (hydrogen evolution), Ignition sources, open flames. [13]

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8. Exposure controls/personal protection

8.1 Control parameters

OEL — NDS (Poland)	No NDS (OEL) value in the available working list — verify in the current MRPiPS regulation before use; do not assume the absence of a limit value.
OEL (EU)	The EU OEL value has not been verified against the available dataset — check the IOELV/BOELV directives; do not assume the absence of a value.
DNEL	No data available.
PNEC	No data available.

8.2 Personal protective equipment (PPE) [5][6][14]



9. Physical and chemical properties

Property (item 9.1)	Value	Source
Physical state	Liquid	
Colour	Colorless fuming liquid [7]	
Odour	Pungent, penetrating odor [7]	
pH (1% aqueous solution)	No data available.	
Melting point	8.3°C [8] [7]	
Boiling point	100.8654°C [8] [7]	
Flash point	50°C (experimental data) [7]	
Flammability	Flam. Liq. 3 (H226) [3][10]	
Lower and upper explosion limit	No data available.	
Density (20°C)	1.22 g/cm³ [7]	
Vapour pressure	4.666 kPa (35 mmHg, 20°C) (experimental data) [7]	
Relative vapour density	1.59 [18]	
Dynamic viscosity	1.607 mPa·s [7]	
Kinematic viscosity	No data available.	
Refractive index nD^{20}	1.3714 (experimental data) [7]	
Auto-ignition temperature	601.1°C (experimental data) [7]	

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Property (item 9.1)	Value	Source
Decomposition temperature	Not applicable	
Surface Tension	37.13 mN/m [9]	
Dissociation constant (pKa)	pKa = 3.75 [9]	
Water solubility	Miscible with water in all proportions. [9]	
Particle characteristics	Not applicable (REACH 9.1(r))	
Partition coefficient n-octanol/water (log value)	-0.54 [9]	
Molar mass	46.025 g/mol [7]	
Molecular formula	CH_2O_2 [7]	
Lipinski rule (RO5)	PASS	

Where a property above reads "No data available", no measured value was found in the public sources consulted for this substance. The property has not been determined by MolGod.org and no value is inferred. "Not applicable" means the property has no meaning for this substance in the form supplied.

10. Stability and reactivity

Reactivity	Stable under normal storage and handling conditions.
Chemical stability	Thermally stable under recommended conditions.
Hazardous reactions	No hazardous reactions known under normal conditions.
Conditions to avoid	High temperatures, direct sunlight, moisture.
Incompatible materials	Strong oxidizers, strong bases, Base metals (hydrogen evolution), Ignition sources, open flames.
Decomposition products	Thermal decomposition products: CO, CO2.

11. Toxicological information

LD50 (oral)	No data available.
LD50 (dermal)	No data available.
LC50 (inhalation)	No data available.
Skin irritation	Category 1 (H314) — corrosive; sub-category (1A/1B/1C) per CLP Annex VI entry. [3][10]
Eye irritation	Category 1 — serious eye damage.
Sensitisation	Not classified for this hazard (outside the scope of the harmonised classification in CLP Annex VI; verify supplier self-classification) [3][10]
Mutagenicity	Not classified for this hazard (outside the scope of the harmonised classification in CLP Annex VI; verify supplier self-classification) [3][10]
Carcinogenicity	Not classified for this hazard (outside the scope of the harmonised classification in CLP Annex VI; verify supplier self-classification) [3][10]
IARC classification (carcinogenicity)	No individual IARC monograph for this CAS — this is not confirmation of the absence of carcinogenicity (cf. CLP/GHS classification in section 2).
Reproductive toxicity	Not classified for this hazard (outside the scope of the harmonised classification in CLP Annex VI; verify supplier self-classification) [3][10]
STOT — single exposure	Not classified for this hazard (outside the scope of the harmonised classification in CLP Annex VI; verify supplier self-classification) [3][10]
STOT — repeated exposure	Not classified for this hazard (outside the scope of the harmonised classification in CLP Annex VI; verify supplier self-classification) [3][10]

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Aspiration hazard	Not classified for this hazard (outside the scope of the harmonised classification in CLP Annex VI; verify supplier self-classification) [3][10]

12. Ecological information

Aquatic toxicity	EC_{50} (Daphnia): 68 mg/L (Daphnia magna, 24 h) [17]
Persistence / biodegradability	No data available.
Bioaccumulative potential	log Kow = -0.54 [9]. Low bioaccumulation potential (log Kow < 4.5 — PBT/vPvB screening criterion per ECHA Guidance R.11). [15][16]
Mobility in soil	No data available.
PBT/vPvB assessment	Insufficient data to assess PBT/vPvB.
Endocrine disrupting properties	No information.

13. Disposal considerations

Disposal method	Hand over for disposal to licensed contractors in accordance with national and local regulations. Do not discharge into sewers.
Waste code (EWC)	16 05 06* — Laboratory and analytical chemicals (e.g. chemical reagents) containing hazardous substances. Verification of the EWC code required. [11]
Packaging	Cleaned packaging may be recycled. Contaminated packaging must be treated as hazardous waste.

14. Transport information



Class 3 — Flammable liquids



Class 6.1 — Toxic substances



Class 8 — Corrosive substances

UN number	VERIFICATION REQUIRED — no verified UN assignment.
Transport hazard class	Suggested from GHS classification — VERIFICATION REQUIRED.
Environmental hazard	Not classified as environmentally hazardous for transport (no H400/H410/H411 in CLP Annex VI; no marine pollutant mark required) [3]
Special precautions	Handle as dangerous goods according to the assigned class (ADR/IMDG/IATA); apply the precautions appropriate to that class.
CN/HS code	CN/HS code: verification required in the Eurostat Combined Nomenclature.
Notes	NOTE: the GHS classification indicates the substance may be subject to dangerous goods transport regulations (ADR/IMDG/IATA). Do NOT assume absence of restrictions — verify the UN number before shipping.

15. Regulatory information

SVHC status	SVHC status not verified against the available dataset — check the current ECHA Candidate List; do not assume absence. [1]
REACH Annex XIV	Not verified against the ECHA Authorisation List — check REACH Annex XIV. [1]
REACH Annex XVII	Not confirmed in the available Annex XVII dataset — verify against the current ECHA list before placing on the market; do not assume absence of restriction. [1]

16. Other information

Legal status of classification: harmonised under CLP Annex VI — Reg. (EC) No 1272/2008 (as at the date of issue).Entries with an entry-into-force date after 21.10.2026 were omitted as future (not yet applicable).

Data aggregated automatically from public reference databases (PubChem, ECHA, NIST and others).

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Abbreviations

ADR	European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road
ATE	Acute Toxicity Estimate
CAS	Chemical Abstracts Service
CLP	Classification, Labelling and Packaging (Reg. (EC) 1272/2008)
CMR	Carcinogenic, Mutagenic, toxic to Reproduction

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DNEL	Derived No-Effect Level
EC	European Community number
EPI	Personal protective equipment
GHS	Globally Harmonized System
IATA	International Air Transport Association
IMDG	International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code
SDS	Safety Data Sheet
LC50	Lethal Concentration, 50%
LD50	Lethal Dose, 50%
NDS	Maximum admissible concentration (workplace, PL)
NDSCh	Short-term exposure limit (PL)
OEL	Occupational Exposure Limit
PBT	Persistent, Bioaccumulative and Toxic
PNEC	Predicted No-Effect Concentration
REACH	Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (Reg. (EC) 1907/2006)
STOT	Specific Target Organ Toxicity
SVHC	Substance of Very High Concern
TPSA	Topological Polar Surface Area
vPvB	very Persistent and very Bioaccumulative

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External links

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