

## SECTION 1: IDENTIFICATION OF THE SUBSTANCE/MIXTURE AND OF THE COMPANY/UNDERTAKING

### 1.1. Product identifier

Product Description:	<b>Sodium formate</b>
Cat No. :	<b>36424</b>
Synonyms	Formic acid sodium salt
CAS No	141-53-7
EC No	205-488-0
Molecular Formula	C H Na O <sub>2</sub>
REACH registration number	-

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

Recommended Use	Laboratory chemicals.
Sector of use	SU3 - Industrial uses: Uses of substances as such or in preparations at industrial sites
Product category	PC21 - Laboratory chemicals
Process categories	PROC15 - Use as a laboratory reagent
Environmental release category	ERC6a - Industrial use resulting in manufacture of another substance (use of intermediates)
Uses advised against	No Information available

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

Company	Avocado Research Chemicals Ltd. (Part of Thermo Fisher Scientific) Shore Road, Heysham Lancashire, LA3 2XY, United Kingdom Office Tel: +44 (0) 1524 850506 Office Fax: +44 (0) 1524 850608
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### 1.4. Emergency telephone number

For information **US** call: 001-800-227-6701 / **Europe** call: +32 14 57 52 11  
Emergency Number **US**:001-201-796-7100 / **Europe**: +32 14 57 52 99  
**CHEMTREC** Tel. No. **US**:001-800-424-9300 / **Europe**:001-703-527-3887

## SECTION 2: HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

### 2.1. Classification of the substance or mixture

**CLP Classification - According to GB-CLP Regulations UK SI 2019/720 and UK SI 2020/1567**

**Physical hazards**

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Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

## Health hazards

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

## Environmental hazards

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

Full text of Hazard Statements: see section 16

## 2.2. Label elements

None required

May form combustible dust concentrations in air

## 2.3. Other hazards

May form explosible dust-air mixture if dispersed  
This product does not contain any known or suspected endocrine disruptors

## SECTION 3: COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

### 3.1. Substances

Component	CAS No	EC No	Weight %	CLP Classification - According to GB-CLP Regulations UK SI 2019/720 and UK SI 2020/1567
Sodium formate	141-53-7	EEC No. 205-488-0	>95	-

REACH registration number

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Full text of Hazard Statements: see section 16

## SECTION 4: FIRST AID MEASURES

### 4.1. Description of first aid measures

<b>Eye Contact</b>	Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids, for at least 15 minutes. Get medical attention.
<b>Skin Contact</b>	Wash off immediately with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Get medical attention.
<b>Ingestion</b>	Do NOT induce vomiting. Get medical attention.

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**Inhalation** Remove to fresh air. Get medical attention. If not breathing, give artificial respiration.

**Self-Protection of the First Aider** No special precautions required.

## **4.2. Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed**

. May cause adverse kidney effects: Ingestion may cause gastrointestinal irritation, nausea, vomiting and diarrhea

## **4.3. Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed**

**Notes to Physician** Treat symptomatically.

## **SECTION 5: FIREFIGHTING MEASURES**

### **5.1. Extinguishing media**

#### **Suitable Extinguishing Media**

Water spray. Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>). Dry chemical. Chemical foam.

#### **Extinguishing media which must not be used for safety reasons**

No information available.

### **5.2. Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture**

Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating gases and vapors. Keep product and empty container away from heat and sources of ignition. Fine dust dispersed in air may ignite. Dust can form an explosive mixture with air.

#### **Hazardous Combustion Products**

Carbon monoxide (CO), Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>), Sodium oxides.

### **5.3. Advice for firefighters**

As in any fire, wear self-contained breathing apparatus pressure-demand, MSHA/NIOSH (approved or equivalent) and full protective gear.

## **SECTION 6: ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES**

### **6.1. Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures**

Use personal protective equipment as required. Ensure adequate ventilation. Avoid contact with skin, eyes or clothing. Avoid dust formation. Do not touch damaged packages or spilled material.

### **6.2. Environmental precautions**

See Section 12 for additional Ecological Information.

### **6.3. Methods and material for containment and cleaning up**

Sweep up and shovel into suitable containers for disposal. Avoid dust formation.

### **6.4. Reference to other sections**

Refer to protective measures listed in Sections 8 and 13.

## **SECTION 7: HANDLING AND STORAGE**

### **7.1. Precautions for safe handling**

Wear personal protective equipment/face protection. Ensure adequate ventilation. Avoid dust formation. Avoid contact with skin

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and eyes. Do not breathe dust.

## Hygiene Measures

Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice. Keep away from food, drink and animal feeding stuffs. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. Remove and wash contaminated clothing and gloves, including the inside, before re-use. Wash hands before breaks and after work.

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

Keep in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed. Keep away from heat, sparks and flame. Protect from direct sunlight.

Technical Rules for Hazardous Substances (TRGS) 510 Class 13  
Storage Class (LGK) (Germany)

## 7.3. Specific end use(s)

Use in laboratories

## SECTION 8: EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

### 8.1. Control parameters

#### Exposure limits

List source(s):

#### Biological limit values

This product, as supplied, does not contain any hazardous materials with biological limits established by the region specific regulatory bodies

#### Derived No Effect Level (DNEL) / Derived Minimum Effect Level (DMEL)

See table for values

Component	Acute effects local (Dermal)	Acute effects systemic (Dermal)	Chronic effects local (Dermal)	Chronic effects systemic (Dermal)
Sodium formate 141-53-7 (>95)	16.67 mg/cm <sup>2</sup>	5000 mg/kg/day	16.67 mg/cm <sup>2</sup>	5000 mg/kg/day

Component	Acute effects local (Inhalation)	Acute effects systemic (Inhalation)	Chronic effects local (Inhalation)	Chronic effects systemic (Inhalation)
Sodium formate 141-53-7 (>95)		350 mg/m <sup>3</sup>		353 mg/m <sup>3</sup>

#### Predicted No Effect Concentration (PNEC)

See values below.

Component	Fresh water	Fresh water sediment	Water Intermittent	Microorganisms in sewage treatment	Soil (Agriculture)
Sodium formate 141-53-7 (>95)	PNEC = 2mg/L	PNEC = 13.4mg/kg sediment dw	PNEC = 10mg/L	PNEC = 2.21mg/L	PNEC = 1.5mg/kg soil dw

Component	Marine water	Marine water sediment	Marine water intermittent	Food chain	Air
Sodium formate 141-53-7 (>95)	PNEC = 0.2mg/L	PNEC = 1.34mg/kg sediment dw			

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## 8.2. Exposure controls

### Engineering Measures

Use only under a chemical fume hood. Ensure that eyewash stations and safety showers are close to the workstation location.

### Personal protective equipment

#### Eye Protection

Wear safety glasses with side shields (or goggles) (European standard - EN 166)

#### Hand Protection

Protective gloves

Glove material	Breakthrough time	Glove thickness	EU standard	Glove comments
Natural rubber	See manufacturers	-	EN 374	(minimum requirement)
Nitrile rubber	recommendations			
Neoprene				
PVC				

#### Skin and body protection

Wear appropriate protective gloves and clothing to prevent skin exposure.

Inspect gloves before use.

Please observe the instructions regarding permeability and breakthrough time which are provided by the supplier of the gloves.

(Refer to manufacturer/supplier for information)

Ensure gloves are suitable for the task: Chemical compatibility, Dexterity, Operational conditions, User susceptibility, e.g. sensitisation effects, also take into consideration the specific local conditions under which the product is used, such as the danger of cuts, abrasion.

Remove gloves with care avoiding skin contamination.

#### Respiratory Protection

When workers are facing concentrations above the exposure limit they must use appropriate certified respirators.

#### Large scale/emergency use

Use a NIOSH/MSHA or European Standard EN 136 approved respirator if exposure limits are exceeded or if irritation or other symptoms are experienced

**Recommended Filter type:** Particle filter

#### Small scale/Laboratory use

Maintain adequate ventilation

#### Environmental exposure controls

No information available.

## SECTION 9: PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

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

Physical State	Powder Solid	
Appearance	Off-white	
Odor	pungent	
Odor Threshold	No data available	
Melting Point/Range	258 - 261 °C / 496.4 - 501.8 °F	
Softening Point	No data available	
Boiling Point/Range	360 °C / 680 °F	
Flammability (liquid)	Not applicable	Solid
Flammability (solid,gas)	No information available	
Explosion Limits	No data available	
Flash Point	No information available	<b>Method -</b> No information available
Autoignition Temperature	No data available	
Decomposition Temperature	350 °C	
pH	7-8.5	5% aq.sol
Viscosity	Not applicable	Solid
Water Solubility	550 g/L (20°C)	
Solubility in other solvents	No information available	

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## Partition Coefficient (n-octanol/water)

Vapor Pressure	No data available	
Density / Specific Gravity	1.92	
Bulk Density	No data available	
Vapor Density	Not applicable	Solid
Particle characteristics	No data available	

## 9.2. Other information

Molecular Formula	C H Na O2
Molecular Weight	68.01
Evaporation Rate	Not applicable - Solid

## SECTION 10: STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

### 10.1. Reactivity

None known, based on information available

### 10.2. Chemical stability

Hygroscopic. Stable under normal conditions.

### 10.3. Possibility of hazardous reactions

Hazardous Polymerization	No information available.
Hazardous Reactions	No information available.

### 10.4. Conditions to avoid

Incompatible products. Exposure to moist air or water. Avoid dust formation. Ignitions sources - heat, sparks and open flames.

### 10.5. Incompatible materials

Strong oxidizing agents. Strong acids.

### 10.6. Hazardous decomposition products

Carbon monoxide (CO). Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>). Sodium oxides.

## SECTION 11: TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### 11.1. Information on hazard classes as defined in Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008

#### Product Information

#### (a) acute toxicity;

Oral

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

Dermal

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

Inhalation

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

Component	LD50 Oral	LD50 Dermal	LC50 Inhalation
Sodium formate	LD50 = 11200 mg/kg ( Rat )	LD50 > 2000 mg/kg ( Rat )	LC50 > 0.67 mg/L ( Rat ) 4 h

#### (b) skin corrosion/irritation;

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

#### (c) serious eye damage/irritation;

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

#### (d) respiratory or skin sensitization;

Respiratory

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

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<b>Skin</b>	Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met No information available
<b>(e) germ cell mutagenicity;</b>	Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met Not mutagenic in AMES Test
<b>(f) carcinogenicity;</b>	Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met There are no known carcinogenic chemicals in this product
<b>(g) reproductive toxicity;</b>	Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met
<b>(h) STOT-single exposure;</b>	Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met
<b>(i) STOT-repeated exposure;</b>	Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met
<b>Target Organs</b>	None known.
<b>(j) aspiration hazard;</b>	Not applicable Solid
<b>Other Adverse Effects</b>	The toxicological properties have not been fully investigated. The hazards associated with formaldehyde may be seen in this product. May be harmful if swallowed
<b>Symptoms / effects, both acute and delayed</b>	May cause adverse kidney effects. Ingestion may cause gastrointestinal irritation, nausea, vomiting and diarrhea.

## 11.2. Information on other hazards

**Endocrine Disrupting Properties** Assess endocrine disrupting properties for human health. This product does not contain any known or suspected endocrine disruptors.

## **SECTION 12: ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

### 12.1. Toxicity

#### **Ecotoxicity effects**

Do not flush into surface water or sanitary sewer system. Do not allow material to contaminate ground water system.

### 12.2. Persistence and degradability

#### **Persistence**

#### **Degradability**

Expected to be biodegradable

Soluble in water, Persistence is unlikely, based on information available.

Not relevant for inorganic substances.

### 12.3. Bioaccumulative potential

Bioaccumulation is unlikely

### 12.4. Mobility in soil

The product is water soluble, and may spread in water systems Will likely be mobile in the environment due to its water solubility. Highly mobile in soils

### 12.5. Results of PBT and vPvB assessment

No data available for assessment.

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## 12.6. Endocrine disrupting properties

**Endocrine Disruptor Information** This product does not contain any known or suspected endocrine disruptors

## 12.7. Other adverse effects

**Persistent Organic Pollutant** This product does not contain any known or suspected substance  
**Ozone Depletion Potential** This product does not contain any known or suspected substance

## SECTION 13: DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

### 13.1. Waste treatment methods

**Waste from Residues/Unused Products** Chemical waste generators must determine whether a discarded chemical is classified as a hazardous waste. Consult local, regional, and national hazardous waste regulations to ensure complete and accurate classification.

**Contaminated Packaging** Empty remaining contents. Dispose of in accordance with local regulations. Do not re-use empty containers.

**European Waste Catalogue (EWC)** According to the European Waste Catalog, Waste Codes are not product specific, but application specific.

**Other Information** Waste codes should be assigned by the user based on the application for which the product was used.

## SECTION 14: TRANSPORT INFORMATION

**IMDG/IMO** Not regulated

14.1. UN number  
14.2. UN proper shipping name  
14.3. Transport hazard class(es)  
14.4. Packing group

**ADR** Not regulated

14.1. UN number  
14.2. UN proper shipping name  
14.3. Transport hazard class(es)  
14.4. Packing group

**IATA** Not regulated

14.1. UN number  
14.2. UN proper shipping name  
14.3. Transport hazard class(es)  
14.4. Packing group

**14.5. Environmental hazards** No hazards identified

**14.6. Special precautions for user** No special precautions required.

**14.7. Maritime transport in bulk according to IMO instruments** Not applicable, packaged goods

## SECTION 15: REGULATORY INFORMATION



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## 15.1. Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture

### International Inventories

Europe (EINECS/ELINCS/NLP), China (IECSC), Taiwan (TCSI), Korea (KECL), Japan (ENCS), Japan (ISHL), Canada (DSL/NDSL), Australia (AICS), New Zealand (NZIoC), Philippines (PICCS). US EPA (TSCA) - Toxic Substances Control Act, (40 CFR Part 710)

Component	CAS No	EINECS	ELINCS	NLP	IECSC	TCSI	KECL	ENCS	ISHL
Sodium formate	141-53-7	205-488-0	-	-	X	X	KE-17247	X	X

Component	CAS No	TSCA	TSCA Inventory notification - Active-Inactive	DSL	NDSL	AICS	NZIoC	PICCS
Sodium formate	141-53-7	X	ACTIVE	X	-	X	X	X

**Legend:** X - Listed '-' - Not Listed

**KECL** - NIER number or KE number (<http://ncis.nier.go.kr/en/main.do>)

### Authorisation/Restrictions according to EU REACH

Not applicable

Component	CAS No	REACH (1907/2006) - Annex XIV - Substances Subject to Authorization	REACH (1907/2006) - Annex XVII - Restrictions on Certain Dangerous Substances	REACH Regulation (EC 1907/2006) article 59 - Candidate List of Substances of Very High Concern (SVHC)
Sodium formate	141-53-7	-	-	-

### Seveso III Directive (2012/18/EC)

Component	CAS No	Seveso III Directive (2012/18/EC) - Qualifying Quantities for Major Accident Notification	Seveso III Directive (2012/18/EC) - Qualifying Quantities for Safety Report Requirements
Sodium formate	141-53-7	Not applicable	Not applicable

### Regulation (EC) No 649/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 4 July 2012 concerning the export and import of dangerous chemicals

Not applicable

### Contains component(s) that meet a 'definition' of per & poly fluoroalkyl substance (PFAS)?

Not applicable

Take note of Directive 98/24/EC on the protection of the health and safety of workers from the risks related to chemical agents at work .

### National Regulations

**UK** - Take note of Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations (COSHH) 2002 and 2005 Amendment

### WGK Classification

See table for values

Component	Germany - Water Classification (AwSV)	Germany - TA-Luft Class
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Component	Switzerland - Ordinance on the Reduction of Risk from	Switzerland - Ordinance on Incentive Taxes on Volatile	Switzerland - Ordinance of the Rotterdam Convention on the

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	handling of hazardous substances preparation (SR 814.81)	Organic Compounds (OVOC)	Prior Informed Consent Procedure
Sodium formate 141-53-7 (>95)	Prohibited and Restricted Substances		

## 15.2. Chemical safety assessment

A Chemical Safety Assessment/Report (CSA/CSR) has not been conducted

## SECTION 16: OTHER INFORMATION

### Full text of H-Statements referred to under sections 2 and 3

#### Legend

**CAS** - Chemical Abstracts Service

**EINECS/ELINCS** - European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances/EU List of Notified Chemical Substances

**PICCS** - Philippines Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances

**IECSC** - Chinese Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances

**KECL** - Korean Existing and Evaluated Chemical Substances

**TSCA** - United States Toxic Substances Control Act Section 8(b) Inventory

**DSL/NDL** - Canadian Domestic Substances List/Non-Domestic Substances List

**ENCS** - Japanese Existing and New Chemical Substances

**AICS** - Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances

**NZIoC** - New Zealand Inventory of Chemicals

**WEL** - Workplace Exposure Limit

**ACGIH** - American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists

**DNEL** - Derived No Effect Level

**RPE** - Respiratory Protective Equipment

**LC50** - Lethal Concentration 50%

**NOEC** - No Observed Effect Concentration

**PBT** - Persistent, Bioaccumulative, Toxic

**TWA** - Time Weighted Average

**IARC** - International Agency for Research on Cancer Predicted No Effect Concentration (PNEC)

**LD50** - Lethal Dose 50%

**EC50** - Effective Concentration 50%

**POW** - Partition coefficient Octanol:Water

**vPvB** - very Persistent, very Bioaccumulative

**ADR** - European Agreement Concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road

**IMO/IMDG** - International Maritime Organization/International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code

**OECD** - Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development

**BCF** - Bioconcentration factor

**Key literature references and sources for data**

<https://echa.europa.eu/information-on-chemicals>

Suppliers safety data sheet, Chemadvisor - LOLI, Merck index, RTECS

**ICAO/IATA** - International Civil Aviation Organization/International Air Transport Association

**MARPOL** - International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships

**ATE** - Acute Toxicity Estimate

**VOC** - (Volatile Organic Compound)

#### Training Advice

Chemical hazard awareness training, incorporating labelling, Safety Data Sheets (SDS), Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and hygiene.

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**Revision Summary**

New emergency telephone response service provider.

**This safety data sheet complies with Regulation UK SI 2019/758 and UK SI 2020/1577 as amended.**

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