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## SODIUM FORMATE

### 1. Product Identification

**Synonyms:** Formic acid, sodium salt  
**CAS No.:** 141-53-7  
**Molecular Weight:** 68.01  
**Chemical Formula:** HCOONa  
**Product Codes:**  
J.T. Baker: 3700  
Macron: 1929

### 2. Composition/Information on Ingredients

Ingredient	CAS No	Percent	Hazardous
Sodium Formate	141-53-7	99 - 100%	Yes

### 3. Hazards Identification

#### Emergency Overview

**WARNING! HARMFUL IF SWALLOWED OR INHALED. CAUSES IRRITATION TO SKIN, EYES AND RESPIRATORY TRACT.**

SAF-T-DATA<sup>(tm)</sup> Ratings (Provided here for your convenience)

Health Rating: 1 - Slight  
Flammability Rating: 0 - None  
Reactivity Rating: 1 - Slight  
Contact Rating: 2 - Moderate  
Lab Protective Equip: GOGGLES; LAB COAT; PROPER GLOVES  
Storage Color Code: Green (General Storage)

## Potential Health Effects

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### **Inhalation:**

Inhalation of dust can irritate the respiratory tract with symptoms of sore throat, coughing, and shortness of breath.

### **Ingestion:**

Causes irritation to the gastrointestinal tract. Symptoms may include nausea, vomiting and diarrhea.

### **Skin Contact:**

Causes irritation to skin. Symptoms include redness, itching, and pain.

### **Eye Contact:**

Causes irritation, redness, and pain.

### **Chronic Exposure:**

No information found.

### **Aggravation of Pre-existing Conditions:**

No information found.

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## 4. First Aid Measures

### **Inhalation:**

Remove to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. Get medical attention.

### **Ingestion:**

Induce vomiting immediately as directed by medical personnel. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Get medical attention.

### **Skin Contact:**

Immediately flush skin with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Remove contaminated clothing and shoes. Get medical attention. Wash clothing before reuse. Thoroughly clean shoes before reuse.

### **Eye Contact:**

Immediately flush eyes with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes, lifting lower and upper eyelids occasionally. Get medical attention immediately.

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## 5. Fire Fighting Measures

### **Fire:**

Not considered to be a fire hazard.

### **Explosion:**

Not considered to be an explosion hazard.

### **Fire Extinguishing Media:**

Use any means suitable for extinguishing surrounding fire.

### **Special Information:**

In the event of a fire, wear full protective clothing and NIOSH-approved self-contained breathing apparatus with full facepiece operated in the pressure demand or other positive pressure mode.

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## 6. Accidental Release Measures

Ventilate area of leak or spill. Wear appropriate personal protective equipment as specified in Section 8. Spills: Sweep up and containerize for reclamation or disposal. Vacuuming or wet sweeping may be used to avoid dust dispersal.

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## 7. Handling and Storage

Keep in a tightly closed container, stored in a cool, dry, ventilated area. Protect against physical damage. Containers of this material may be hazardous when empty since they retain product residues (dust, solids); observe all warnings and precautions listed for the product.

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## 8. Exposure Controls/Personal Protection

### **Airborne Exposure Limits:**

None established.

### **Ventilation System:**

A system of local and/or general exhaust is recommended to keep employee exposures as low as possible. Local exhaust ventilation is generally preferred because it can control the emissions of the contaminant at its source, preventing dispersion of it into the general work area. Please refer to the ACGIH document, *Industrial Ventilation, A Manual of Recommended Practices*, most recent edition, for details.

### **Personal Respirators (NIOSH Approved):**

For conditions of use where exposure to dust or mist is apparent and engineering controls are not feasible, a particulate respirator (NIOSH type N95 or better filters) may be worn. If oil particles (e.g. lubricants, cutting fluids, glycerine, etc.) are present, use a NIOSH type R or P filter. For emergencies or instances where the exposure levels are not known, use a full-face positive-pressure, air-supplied respirator.

WARNING: Air-purifying respirators do not protect workers in oxygen-deficient atmospheres.

### **Skin Protection:**

Wear protective gloves and clean body-covering clothing.

### **Eye Protection:**

Maintain eye wash fountain and quick-drench facilities in work area. Use chemical safety goggles and/or full face shield where dusting or splashing of solutions is possible.

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## 9. Physical and Chemical Properties

### **Appearance:**

White, deliquescent, granules or crystalline powder.

### **Odor:**

Odorless to slight formic acid odor.

### **Solubility:**

97 g/100 g water @ 20C (68F)

### **Density:**

1.92 @ 20C

### **pH:**

7.0-8.5 , conc: 1M at 20 C (solution)

### **% Volatiles by volume @ 21C (70F):**

0.5

### **Boiling Point:**

Decomposes.

### **Melting Point:**

253C (487F)

### **Vapor Density (Air=1):**

No information found.

### **Vapor Pressure (mm Hg):**

No information found.

### **Evaporation Rate (BuAc=1):**

No information found.

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## 10. Stability and Reactivity

**Stability:**

Hygroscopic. Readily absorbs moisture from the air. Solutions are strong bases.

**Hazardous Decomposition Products:**

At higher temperatures, substance decomposes into sodium oxalate and hydrogen, then into sodium carbonate. Carbon dioxide and carbon monoxide may form when heated to decomposition.

**Hazardous Polymerization:**

This substance does not polymerize.

**Incompatibilities:**

Reacts with strong acids to form formic acid fumes.

**Conditions to Avoid:**

No information found.

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## 11. Toxicological Information

Oral LD50 Mouse: 11200 mg/kg.

-----\Cancer Lists\-----

Ingredient	---NTP Carcinogen---		IARC Category
	Known	Anticipated	
Sodium Formate (141-53-7)	No	No	None

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## 12. Ecological Information

**Environmental Fate:**

No information found.

**Environmental Toxicity:**

No information found.

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## 13. Disposal Considerations

Whatever cannot be saved for recovery or recycling should be managed in an appropriate and approved waste disposal facility. Processing, use or contamination of this product may change the waste management options. State and local disposal regulations may differ from federal disposal regulations. Dispose of container and unused contents in accordance with federal, state and local requirements.

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## 14. Transport Information

Not regulated.

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## 15. Regulatory Information

-----\Chemical Inventory Status - Part 1\-----

Ingredient	TSCA	EC	Japan	Australia
Sodium Formate (141-53-7)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

-----\Chemical Inventory Status - Part 2\-----

Ingredient	--Canada--			
	Korea	DSL	NDSL	Phil.

-----\Federal, State & International Regulations - Part 1\-----				
Ingredient	-SARA 302- RQ	TPQ	-----SARA 313----- List	Chemical Catg.
Sodium Formate (141-53-7)	No	No	No	No
-----\Federal, State & International Regulations - Part 2\-----				
Ingredient	CERCLA	-RCRA- 261.33	-TSCA- 8(d)	
Sodium Formate (141-53-7)	No	No	No	

Chemical Weapons Convention: No      TSCA 12(b): No      CDTA: No  
SARA 311/312: Acute: Yes      Chronic: No      Fire: No      Pressure: No  
Reactivity: No      (Pure / Solid)

**Australian Hazchem Code:** None allocated.

**Poison Schedule:** None allocated.

**WHMIS:**

This MSDS has been prepared according to the hazard criteria of the Controlled Products Regulations (CPR) and the MSDS contains all of the information required by the CPR.

## 16. Other Information

**NFPA Ratings:** Health: 2 Flammability: 0 Reactivity: 0

**Label Hazard Warning:**

WARNING! HARMFUL IF SWALLOWED OR INHALED. CAUSES IRRITATION TO SKIN, EYES AND RESPIRATORY TRACT.

**Label Precautions:**

- Avoid contact with eyes, skin and clothing.
- Wash thoroughly after handling.
- Avoid breathing dust.
- Keep container closed.
- Use only with adequate ventilation.

**Label First Aid:**

In case of contact, immediately flush eyes or skin with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Remove contaminated clothing and shoes. Wash clothing before reuse. If inhaled, remove to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. If swallowed, induce vomiting immediately as directed by medical personnel. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. In all cases, get medical attention.

**Product Use:**

Laboratory Reagent.

**Revision Information:**

No Changes.

**Disclaimer:**

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