



**POTASSIUM FORMATE  
CAS NO 590-29-4**

**MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET  
SDS/MSDS**

**SECTION 1: Identification of the substance/mixture and of the company/undertaking**

**1.1 Product identifiers**

Product name : Potassium Formate

CAS-No. : 590-29-4

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

Identified uses : Laboratory chemicals, Industrial & for professional use only.

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

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Email : [care@cdhfinechemical.com](mailto:care@cdhfinechemical.com)

**1.4 Emergency telephone number**

Emergency Phone # : +91 11 49404040 (9:00am - 6:00 pm) [Office hours]

**SECTION 2: Hazards identification**

**2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture**

Not a hazardous substance or mixture according to Regulation (EC) No. 1272/2008.

**2.2 Label elements**

Not a hazardous substance or mixture according to Regulation (EC) No. 1272/2008.

**2.3 Other hazards**

This substance/mixture contains no components considered to be either persistent, bioaccumulative and toxic (PBT), or very persistent and very bioaccumulative (vPvB) at levels of 0.1% or higher.

**SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients**

**3.1 Substances**

Synonyms : Formic acid potassium salt

Formula :  $\text{CHKO}_2$   
Molecular weight : 84.12 g/mol  
CAS-No. : 590-29-4  
EC-No. : 209-677-9

No components need to be disclosed according to the applicable regulations.

## **SECTION 4: First aid measures**

### **4.1 Description of first aid measures**

#### **If inhaled**

If breathed in, move person into fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration.

#### **In case of skin contact**

Wash off with soap and plenty of water.

#### **In case of eye contact**

Flush eyes with water as a precaution.

#### **If swallowed**

Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Rinse mouth with water.

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

The most important known symptoms and effects are described in the labelling (see section 2.2) and/or in section 11

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

No data available

## **SECTION 5: Firefighting measures**

### **5.1 Extinguishing media**

#### **Suitable extinguishing media**

Use water spray, alcohol-resistant foam, dry chemical or carbon dioxide.

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

Carbon oxides, Potassium oxides

### **5.3 Advice for firefighters**

Wear self-contained breathing apparatus for firefighting if necessary.

### **5.4 Further information**

No data available

## **SECTION 6: Accidental release measures**

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

Avoid dust formation. Avoid breathing vapours, mist or gas.

For personal protection see section 8.

### **6.2 Environmental precautions**

No special environmental precautions required.

### **6.3 Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up**

Sweep up and shovel. Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal.

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

For disposal see section 13.

## **SECTION 7: Handling and storage**

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

Provide appropriate exhaust ventilation at places where dust is formed.

For precautions see section 2.2.

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

Store in cool place. Keep container tightly closed in a dry and well-ventilated place.

strongly hygroscopic

Storage class (TRGS 510): Non Combustible Solids

### **7.3 Specific end use(s)**

Apart from the uses mentioned in section 1.2 no other specific uses are stipulated

## SECTION 8: Exposure controls/personal protection

### 8.1 Control parameters

### 8.2 Exposure controls

#### Appropriate engineering controls

General industrial hygiene practice.

#### Personal protective equipment

##### Eye/face protection

Use equipment for eye protection tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or EN 166(EU).

##### Skin protection

Handle with gloves. Gloves must be inspected prior to use. Use proper glove removal technique (without touching glove's outer surface) to avoid skin contact with this product. Dispose of contaminated gloves after use in accordance with applicable laws and good laboratory practices. Wash and dry hands.

##### Body Protection

Choose body protection in relation to its type, to the concentration and amount of dangerous substances, and to the specific work-place. The type of protective equipment must be selected according to the concentration and amount of the dangerous substance at the specific workplace.

##### Respiratory protection

Respiratory protection is not required. Where protection from nuisance level (EN 143) dust masks. Use respirators and components tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or CEN (EU).

##### Control of environmental exposure

No special environmental precautions required.

## SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties

### 9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties

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|---|---|
| a) Appearance                                   | Form: crystalline<br>Colour: white                                |
| b) Odour  | odourless   |
| c) Odour Threshold                              | No data available   |
| d) pH   | No data available   |
| e) Melting point/freezing point                 | Melting point/range: 165 - 168 °C                                 |
| f) Initial boiling point and boiling range      | > 167 °C - Decomposition  |
| g) Flash point                                  | No data available   |
| h) Evaporation rate                             | No data available   |
| i) Flammability (solid, gas)                    | not auto-flammable - Flammability (solids)                        |
| j) Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits | No data available   |
| k) Vapour pressure                              | No data available   |
| l) Vapour density                               | No data available   |
| m) Relative density                             | No data available   |
| n) Water solubility                             | 1,000 g/l at 20 °C - OECD Test Guideline 105 - completely soluble |

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|---|--------------------------|
| o) Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water | log Pow: -1.999 at 20 °C |
| p) Auto-ignition temperature              | > 400 °C                 |
| q) Decomposition temperature              | No data available        |
| r) Viscosity                              | No data available        |
| s) Explosive properties                   | No data available        |
| t) Oxidizing properties                   | No data available        |

## 9.2 Other safety information

Surface tension 72 mN/m at 20 °C

## SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity

### 10.1 Reactivity

No data available

### 10.2 Chemical stability

Stable under recommended storage conditions.

### 10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions

No data available

### 10.4 Conditions to avoid

No data available

### 10.5 Incompatible materials

Strong oxidizing agents

### 10.6 Hazardous decomposition products

Hazardous decomposition products formed under fire conditions. - Carbon oxides, Potassium oxides  
Other decomposition products - No data available  
In the event of fire: see section 5

## SECTION 11: Toxicological information

### 11.1 Information on toxicological effects

#### Acute toxicity

LD50 Oral - Mouse - 5,500 mg/kg(Potassium formate)

#### Skin corrosion/irritation

No data available(Potassium formate)

#### Serious eye damage/eye irritation

No data available(Potassium formate)

#### Respiratory or skin sensitisation

No data available(Potassium formate)

#### Germ cell mutagenicity

No data available(Potassium formate)

#### 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.

#### Reproductive toxicity

No data available(Potassium formate)

#### Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure

No data available(Potassium formate)

**Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure**

No data available

**Aspiration hazard**

No data available(Potassium formate)

**Additional Information**

RTECS: Not available

To the best of our knowledge, the chemical, physical, and toxicological properties have not been thoroughly investigated.(Potassium formate)

**SECTION 12: Ecological information****12.1 Toxicity**

Toxicity to fish                      semi-static test LC50 - Oncorhynchus mykiss (rainbow trout) - 3,500 mg/l - 96 h(Potassium formate)  
(OECD Test Guideline 203)

Toxicity to algae                      static test EC50 - Skeletonema costatum (marine diatom) - 3,700 mg/l - 72 h(Potassium formate)  
(ISO 10253)

**12.2 Persistence and degradability**

Biodegradability                      aerobic - Exposure time 28 d(Potassium formate)  
Result: 92 % - Readily biodegradable  
(OECD Test Guideline 301D)

**12.3 Bioaccumulative potential**

No data available

**12.4 Mobility in soil**

No data available(Potassium formate)

**12.5 Results of PBT and vPvB assessment**

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**12.6 Other adverse effects**

No data available

**SECTION 13: Disposal considerations****13.1 Waste treatment methods****Product**

Offer surplus and non-recyclable solutions to a licensed disposal company.

**Contaminated packaging**

Dispose of as unused product.

**SECTION 14: Transport information****14.1 UN number**

ADR/RID: -    IMDG: -    IATA: -

**14.2 UN proper shipping name**

ADR/RID: Not dangerous goods  
IMDG: Not dangerous goods  
IATA: Not dangerous goods

**14.3 Transport hazard class(es)**

ADR/RID: -    IMDG: -    IATA: -

**14.4 Packaging group**

ADR/RID: -    IMDG: -    IATA: -

**14.5 Environmental hazards**

ADR/RID: no

IMDG Marine pollutant: no

IATA: no

**14.6 Special precautions for user**

No data available

**SECTION 15: Regulatory information****15.1 Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture**

This safety datasheet complies with the requirements of Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006.

**15.2 Chemical safety assessment**

For this product a chemical safety assessment was not carried out

**SECTION 16: Other information****Further information**

The above information is believed to be correct but does not purport to be all inclusive and shall be used only as a guide. The information in this document is based on the present state of our knowledge and is applicable to the product with regard to appropriate safety precautions. It does not represent any guarantee of the properties of the product. Central Drug House (P) Ltd and its Affiliates shall not be held liable for any damage resulting from handling or from contact with the above product. See [www.cdhfinechemical.com](http://www.cdhfinechemical.com) for additional terms and conditions of sale.