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

1.1 Product identifiers

Product name: tert-Butyl methyl ether

Product Number: 306975
Brand: Sigma-Aldrich
Index-No.: 603-181-00-X
REACH No.: 01-2119452786-27-XXXX
CAS-No.: 1634-04-4

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

Identified uses: Laboratory chemicals, Manufacture of substances

1.3 Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

Company: Sigma-Aldrich Chemie BV
Stationsplein 4
3331 LL ZWIJNDRECHT NETHERLANDS

Telephone: +31 78-620-5411
Fax: +31 78-620-5421
E-mail address: eurtechserv@sial.com

1.4 Emergency telephone number

Emergency Phone #: 112

SECTION 2: Hazards identification

2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture

Classification according to Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008
Flammable liquids (Category 2), H225
Skin irritation (Category 2), H315

For the full text of the H-Statements mentioned in this Section, see Section 16.

Classification according to EU Directives 67/548/EEC or 1999/45/EC
F Highly flammable R11
Xi Irritant R38

For the full text of the R-phrases mentioned in this Section, see Section 16.

2.2 Label elements

Labelling according Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008
Pictogram

Signal word: Danger

Hazard statement(s)
H225 Highly flammable liquid and vapour.
H315 Causes skin irritation.
Precautionary statement(s)
P210 Keep away from heat/sparks/open flames/hot surfaces. - No smoking.

Supplemental Hazard none

2.3 Other hazards - none

SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients

3.1 Substances
Synonyms :
MTBE
Methyl tert-butyl ether

Formula :
C₅H₁₂O
Molecular weight :
88.15 g/mol
CAS-No. :
1634-04-4
EC-No. :
216-653-1
Index-No. :
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Registration number :
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Hazardous ingredients according to Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008

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SECTION 4: First aid measures

4.1 Description of first aid measures

General advice
Consult a physician. Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance.

If inhaled
If breathed in, move person into fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. Consult a physician.

In case of skin contact
Wash off with soap and plenty of water. Consult a physician.

In case of eye contact
Flush eyes with water as a precaution.

If swallowed
Do NOT induce vomiting. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Rinse mouth with water. Consult a physician.

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

5.3 Advice for firefighters
Wear self-contained breathing apparatus for firefighting if necessary.

5.4 Further information
Use water spray to cool unopened containers.

SECTION 6: Accidental release measures

6.1 Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures
Use personal protective equipment. Avoid breathing vapours, mist or gas. Ensure adequate ventilation. Remove all sources of ignition. Evacuate personnel to safe areas. Beware of vapours accumulating to form explosive concentrations. Vapours can accumulate in low areas. For personal protection see section 8.

6.2 Environmental precautions
Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so. Do not let product enter drains.

6.3 Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up
Contain spillage, and then collect with an electrically protected vacuum cleaner or by wet-brushing and place in container for disposal according to local regulations (see section 13).

6.4 Reference to other sections
For disposal see section 13.

SECTION 7: Handling and storage

7.1 Precautions for safe handling
Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Avoid inhalation of vapour or mist. Keep away from sources of ignition - No smoking. Take measures to prevent the build up of electrostatic charge.
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. Containers which are opened must be carefully resealed and kept upright to prevent leakage.

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
Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice. Wash hands before breaks and at the end of workday.
**Personal protective equipment**

**Eye/face protection**

Face shield and safety glasses 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.

The selected protective gloves have to satisfy the specifications of EU Directive 89/686/EEC and the standard EN 374 derived from it.

**Splash contact**

Material: Nitrile rubber
Minimum layer thickness: 0,4 mm
Break through time: 230 min
Material tested: Camatril® (KCL 730 / Aldrich Z677442, Size M)

data source: KCL GmbH, D-36124 Eichenzell, phone +49 (0)6659 87300, e-mail sales@kcl.de,
test method: EN374

If used in solution, or mixed with other substances, and under conditions which differ from EN 374, contact the supplier of the CE approved gloves. This recommendation is advisory only and must be evaluated by an industrial hygienist and safety officer familiar with the specific situation of anticipated use by our customers. It should not be construed as offering an approval for any specific use scenario.

**Body Protection**

Impervious clothing, Flame retardant antistatic protective clothing., The type of protective equipment must be selected according to the concentration and amount of the dangerous substance at the specific workplace.

**Respiratory protection**

Where risk assessment shows air-purifying respirators are appropriate use a full-face respirator with multi-purpose combination (US) or type AXBEK (EN 14387) respirator cartridges as a backup to engineering controls. If the respirator is the sole means of protection, use a full-face supplied air respirator. Use respirators and components tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or CEN (EU).

**Control of environmental exposure**

Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so. Do not let product enter drains.

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**SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties**

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

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<td>f) Initial boiling point and boiling range</td>
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<td>g) Flash point</td>
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flammability or explosive limits
Lower explosion limit: 1,6 % (V)
k) Vapour pressure
1.018,7 hPa at 55,0 °C
279,2 hPa at 20,0 °C
l) Vapour density No data available
m) Relative density 0,74 g/cm3 at 25 °C
n) Water solubility No data available
o) Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water log Pow: 1,77 log Pow: 0,94
p) Auto-ignition temperature 374,0 °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
No data available

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
Heat, flames and sparks. Extremes of temperature and direct sunlight.

10.5 Incompatible materials
Oxidizing agents, Strong acids

10.6 Hazardous decomposition products
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 - Rat - 4.000 mg/kg
LC50 Inhalation - Rat - 4 h - 23576 ppm

Skin corrosion/irritation
Skin - Rabbit
Result: Skin irritation

Serious eye damage/eye irritation
Eyes - Rabbit
Result: No eye irritation

Respiratory or skin sensitisation
Will not occur
Germ cell mutagenicity
No data available

Carcinogenicity
IARC: 3 - Group 3: Not classifiable as to its carcinogenicity to humans (tert-Butyl methyl ether)

Reproductive toxicity
No data available

Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure
No data available

Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure
No data available

Aspiration hazard
No data available

Additional Information
RTECS: KN5250000
Nausea, Vomiting, Dizziness, Central nervous system depression, Aspiration or inhalation may cause chemical pneumonitis., MTBE (methyl-tert-butyl ether) is reported to metabolize to tert-butyl alcohol and formaldehyde by microsomal demethylation, MTBE (methyl-tert-butyl ether) should be considered a "potential human carcinogen" due to an increase in leydig interstitial cell tumors of testes in male rats and an increase in lymphomas, leukemias, and uterine sarcomas in female rats., In another unpublished study MTBE was shown to be carcinogenic due to "increased incidence of a rare type of kidney tumor" in male rats and an "increase in the incidence of hepatocellular adenomas" in female mice., To the best of our knowledge, the chemical, physical, and toxicological properties have not been thoroughly investigated.

Central nervous system -

SECTION 12: Ecological information

12.1 Toxicity
Toxicity to fish
LC50 - Pimephales promelas (fathead minnow) - 672,00 mg/l - 96 h
LC50 - other fish - > 1.000,00 mg/l - 96 h

Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates
EC50 - Daphnia magna (Water flea) - 472 mg/l - 48 h

Toxicity to algae
EC50 - Pseudokirchneriella subcapitata (green algae) - 491 mg/l - 96 h

12.2 Persistence and degradability
Biodegradability
Result: 0 % - Not readily biodegradable.
(OECD Test Guideline 301D)

12.3 Bioaccumulative potential
No data available

12.4 Mobility in soil
No data available

12.5 Results of PBT and vPvB assessment
PBT/vPvB assessment not available as chemical safety assessment not required/not conducted

12.6 Other adverse effects
No data available
SECTION 13: Disposal considerations

13.1 Waste treatment methods

Product
Burn in a chemical incinerator equipped with an afterburner and scrubber but exert extra care in igniting as this material is highly flammable. 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: 2398  
IMDG: 2398  
IATA: 2398

14.2 UN proper shipping name
ADR/RID: METHYL tert-BUTYL ETHER  
IMDG: METHYL tert-BUTYL ETHER  
IATA: Methyl tert-butyl ether

14.3 Transport hazard class(es)
ADR/RID: 3  
IMDG: 3  
IATA: 3

14.4 Packaging group
ADR/RID: II  
IMDG: II  
IATA: II

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

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

15.1 Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture
No data available

15.2 Chemical Safety Assessment
For this product a chemical safety assessment was not carried out

SECTION 16: Other information

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

Flam. Liq.  Flammable liquids
H225  Highly flammable liquid and vapour.
H315  Causes skin irritation.
Skin Irrit.  Skin irritation

Full text of R-phrases referred to under sections 2 and 3

F  Highly flammable
Xi  Irritant
R11  Highly flammable.
R38  Irritating to skin.
Further information
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