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

1.1. Product identifier — Paraformaldehyde

Substance / mixture	substance
Chemical name	Paraformaldehyde
CAS number	30525-89-4
EC (EINECS) number	608-494-5

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

Substance's intended use

Chemical production, analytical chemistry, laboratory synthesis, industrial applications.

Substance uses advised against

The product should not be used in ways other than those referred in Section 1.

1.3. Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

Supplier

Name or trade name	Ing. Petr Švec - PENTA s.r.o.
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Identification number (CRN)	02096013
VAT number	CZ02096013
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Web address	www.pentachemicals.eu

Competent person responsible for the safety data sheet

Name	Ing. Petr Švec - PENTA s.r.o.
Email	info@pentachemicals.eu

1.4. Emergency telephone number

European emergency number: 112 112

SECTION 2: Hazards identification

2.1. Classification of the substance or mixture

Classification of the substance in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008

The substance is classified as dangerous.

Flam. Sol. 2, H228
Acute Tox. 4, H302+H332
Skin Irrit. 2, H315
Skin Sens. 1, H317
Eye Dam. 1, H318
STOT SE 3, H335
Muta. 2, H341
Carc. 1B, H350

Most serious adverse physico-chemical effects

Flammable solid.

Most serious adverse effects on human health and the environment

Causes skin irritation. May cause an allergic skin reaction. Causes serious eye damage. May cause respiratory irritation. Suspected of causing genetic defects. May cause cancer. Harmful if swallowed or if inhaled.

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2.2. Label elements

Hazard pictogram

Signal word

Danger

Dangerous substance

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Hazard statements

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Precautionary statements

P210	Keep away from heat, hot surfaces, sparks, open flames and other ignition sources. No smoking.
P261	Avoid breathing dust.
P280	Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection.
P305+P351+P338	IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.

Supplemental information

Restricted to professional users.

2.3. Other hazards

The substance does not have endocrine disrupting properties in accordance with the criteria set out in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2017/2100 or Commission Regulation (EU) 2018/605. Substance does not meet the criteria for PBT or vPvB in accordance with Annex XIII of Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006 (REACH) as amended. Does not contain any PMT or vPvM components. Dust may form explosive mixture with air.

SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients

3.1. Substances

Chemical characterization

The substance specified below.

Identification numbers	Substance name	Content in % weight	Classification according to Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008	Note
	substance main component			
CAS: 30525-89-4 EC: 608-494-5	Paraformaldehyde	>95	Flam. Sol. 2, H228 Acute Tox. 4, H302+H332 Skin Irrit. 2, H315 Skin Sens. 1, H317 Eye Dam. 1, H318 STOT SE 3, H335 Muta. 2, H341 Carc. 1B, H350	

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Full text of all classifications and hazard statements is given in the section 16.

SECTION 4: First aid measures

4.1. Description of first aid measures

Take care of your own safety. If any health problems are manifested or if in doubt, inform a doctor and show him information from this safety data sheet. If unconscious, put the person in the stabilized (recovery) position on his side with his head slightly bent backwards and make sure that airways are free; never induce vomiting. If the person vomits by himself, make sure that the vomit is not inhaled. In life threatening conditions first of all provide resuscitation of the affected person and ensure medical assistance. Respiratory arrest - provide artificial respiration immediately. Cardiac arrest - provide indirect cardiac massage immediately.

If inhaled

Terminate the exposure immediately; move the affected person to fresh air. Protect the person against growing cold. Provide medical treatment if irritation, dyspnoea or other symptoms persist.

If on skin

Remove contaminated clothes. Wash the affected area with plenty of water, lukewarm if possible. Soap, soap solution or shampoo should be used if there is no skin injury. Provide medical treatment if skin irritation persists.

If in eyes

Do not rub your eyes – it could lead to mechanical damage of the cornea. Rinse eyes immediately with a flow of running water, open the eyelids (also using force if needed); remove contact lenses immediately if worn by the affected person. No neutralization should be performed in any case! Rinsing should be continued for 10-30 minutes from the inner to the outer eye corner to make sure that the other eye is not involved. Depending on the situation, call medical rescue service or ensure medical treatment as promptly as possible. Everyone must be referred for treatment even if affected only a little.

If swallowed

Rinse out the mouth with clean water. Provide medical treatment. For persons with no symptoms, call the Toxicological Information Centre to decide about the need of medical treatment; provide information about the substances or composition of the product from the original packaging or the Safety Data Sheet of the product.

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

If inhaled

Inhaling dust can cause corrosion of the breathing system. May cause respiratory irritation.

If on skin

May cause an allergic skin reaction.

If in eyes

Causes serious eye damage.

If swallowed

Corrosion of the digestion system can occur.

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

Symptomatic treatment.

SECTION 5: Firefighting measures

5.1. Extinguishing media

Suitable extinguishing media

Alcohol-resistant foam, carbon dioxide, powder, water spray jet, water mist.

Unsuitable extinguishing media

Water - full jet.

5.2. Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture

In the event of fire, carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide and other toxic gases may arise. Inhalation of hazardous degradation (pyrolysis) products may cause serious health damage.

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5.3. Advice for firefighters

Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) with a chemical protection suit only where personal (close) contact is likely. Use a self-contained breathing apparatus and full-body protective clothing. Closed containers with the product near the fire should be cooled with water. Do not allow run-off of contaminated fire extinguishing material to enter drains or surface and ground water.

SECTION 6: Accidental release measures

6.1. Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

Provide sufficient ventilation. The substance is flammable. Remove all ignition sources. Use personal protective equipment for work. Follow the instructions in the Sections 7 and 8. Do not inhale dust. Prevent contact with skin and eyes.

6.2. Environmental precautions

Prevent contamination of the soil and entering surface or ground water.

6.3. Methods and material for containment and cleaning up

Place the product mechanically in an appropriate manner. Dispose of the collected material according to the instructions in the section 13.

6.4. Reference to other sections

See the Section 7, 8 and 13.

SECTION 7: Handling and storage

7.1. Precautions for safe handling

Prevent formation of gases and vapours in flammable or explosive concentrations. The product should be used only in the areas where it is not in contact with open fire and other ignition sources. Use non-sparking tools. Use of antistatic clothes and footwear is recommended. Do not inhale dust. Prevent contact with skin and eyes. No smoking. Contaminated work clothing should not be allowed out of the workplace. Obtain special instructions before use. Wash hands and exposed parts of the body thoroughly after handling. Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood. Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area. Use personal protective equipment as per Section 8. Observe valid legal regulations on safety and health protection. Ground and bond container and receiving equipment. Use explosion-proof electrical/ventilating/lighting equipment.

7.2. Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Store in tightly closed containers in cold, dry and well ventilated areas designated for this purpose. Do not expose to sunlight. Store locked up. Keep container tightly closed.

7.3. Specific end use(s)

not available

SECTION 8: Exposure controls/personal protection

8.1. Control parameters

none

8.2. Exposure controls

Take off contaminated clothing and wash before reuse. Follow the usual measures intended for health protection at work and especially for good ventilation. This can be achieved only by local suction or efficient general ventilation. If exposure limits cannot be observed in this mode, suitable protection of airways must be used. Do not eat, drink and smoke during work. Wash your hands thoroughly with water and soap after work and before breaks for a meal and rest.

Eye/face protection

Protective goggles or face shield (based on the nature of the work performed).

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Skin protection

Hand protection: Protective gloves resistant to the product. When choosing appropriate thickness, material and permeability of the gloves, observe recommendations of their particular manufacturer. When selecting gloves, consider the properties of the product and the duration of exposure. Replace gloves at the first signs of wear or damage. Observe other recommendations of the manufacturer. Other protection: Protective antistatic clothing made of natural fibres (cotton) or synthetic fibres resistant to elevated temperatures. Antistatic footwear. Contaminated skin should be washed thoroughly.

Glove material	Thickness	Breakthrough time	Class
Nitrile (NBR)	≥ 0.4 mm	>480 min	6

Respiratory protection

Use a mask with anti-dust filter when the exposition limits of the substances are exceeded or at the place with insufficient ventilation.

Thermal hazard

Not available.

Environmental exposure controls

Observe usual measures for protection of the environment, see Section 6.2.

SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties

9.1. Information on basic physical and chemical properties

Physical state	solid
Colour	white
Odour	characteristic
Melting point/freezing point	120-170 °C
Boiling point or initial boiling point and boiling range	135-136 °C
Flammability	data not available
Lower and upper explosion limit	
bottom	7 %
upper	73 %
Flash point	data not available
Auto-ignition temperature	data not available
Decomposition temperature	data not available
pH	4-4.5 (undiluted)
Kinematic viscosity	data not available
Solubility in water	250 g/l
Partition coefficient n-octanol/water (log value)	data not available
Vapour pressure	1.93 kPa at 20 °C
Density and/or relative density	
Density	1.4 g/cm³ at 20 °C
Relative vapour density	data not available
Particle characteristics	data not available

9.2. Other information

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Ignition temperature 300 °C

SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity

10.1. Reactivity

The substance is flammable.

10.2. Chemical stability

The product is stable under normal conditions.

10.3. Possibility of hazardous reactions

Unknown.

10.4. Conditions to avoid

The product is stable and no degradation occurs under normal use. Protect against flames, sparks, overheating and against frost.

10.5. Incompatible materials

Protect against strong acids, bases and oxidizing agents.

10.6. Hazardous decomposition products

Not developed under normal uses. Dangerous outcomes such as carbon monoxide and carbon dioxide are formed at high temperature and in fire.

SECTION 11: Toxicological information

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

No toxicological data is available for the substance.

Acute toxicity

Harmful if swallowed or if inhaled.

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Route of exposure	Parameter	Value	Exposure time	Species	Sex
Oral	LD_{50}	800 mg/kg		Rat (Rattus norvegicus)	
Inhalation (dust/mist)	LC_{50}	1.07 mg/kg	4 hours	Rat (Rattus norvegicus)	

Skin corrosion/irritation

Causes skin irritation.

Serious eye damage/irritation

Causes serious eye damage.

Respiratory or skin sensitisation

May cause an allergic skin reaction.

Germ cell mutagenicity

Suspected of causing genetic defects.

Carcinogenicity

May cause cancer.

Reproductive toxicity

No data available for the substance. Based on available data the classification criteria are not met.

Toxicity for specific target organ - single exposure
May cause respiratory irritation.

Toxicity for specific target organ - repeated exposure
No data available for the substance. Based on available data the classification criteria are not met.

Aspiration hazard
No data available for the substance. Based on available data the classification criteria are not met.

11.2. Information on other hazards
Endocrine disrupting properties
Based on available data the classification criteria are not met. Does not contain any components that may cause endocrine disruption for humans.
Other information
not available

SECTION 12: Ecological information

12.1. Toxicity
No data available for the substance. Based on available data the classification criteria are not met.

12.2. Persistence and degradability
No data available for the substance.

12.3. Bioaccumulative potential
No data available for the substance.

12.4. Mobility in soil
Based on available data the classification criteria are not met. Does not contain any PMT or vPvM components.

12.5. Results of PBT and vPvB assessment
Based on available data the classification criteria are not met. Does not contain any PBT or vPvB components. Product does not contain any substance meeting the criteria for PBT or vPvB in accordance with the Annex XIII of Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 (REACH) as amended.

12.6. Endocrine disrupting properties
Based on available data the classification criteria are not met. Does not contain any components that may cause endocrine disruption in the environment.

12.7. Other adverse effects
Not available.

SECTION 13: Disposal considerations

13.1. Waste treatment methods
Hazard of environmental contamination; dispose of the waste in accordance with the local and/or national regulations. Any unused product and contaminated packaging should be put in labelled containers for waste collection and submitted for disposal to a person authorised for waste removal (a specialized company) that is entitled for such activity. Do not empty unused product in drainage systems. The product must not be disposed of with municipal waste. Perfectly cleaned containers can be submitted for recycling.
Waste management legislation
Directive 2008/98/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 19 November 2008 on waste, as amended. Decision 2000/532/EC establishing a list of wastes, as amended.

SECTION 14: Transport information

14.1. UN number or ID number
UN 2213

14.2. UN proper shipping name
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14.3. Transport hazard class(es)

4.1 Flammable solids, self-reactive substances, polymerizing substances and solid desensitized explosives

14.4. Packing group

III

14.5. Environmental hazards

not relevant

14.6. Special precautions for user

not available

14.7. Maritime transport in bulk according to IMO instruments

not relevant

Additional information

Hazard identification No.	40
UN number	2213
Classification code	F1
Safety signs	4.1

Tunnel restriction code	(E)

Air transport - ICAO/IATA

Packaging instructions passenger	446
Cargo packaging instructions	449

Marine transport - IMDG

EmS (emergency plan)	F-A, S-G

SECTION 15: Regulatory information

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

Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18th December 2006 concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH), establishing the European Chemicals Agency, amending Directive 1999/45/EC and repealing Council Regulation (EEC) No. 793/93 and Commission Regulation (EC) No. 1488/94 as well as Council Directive 76/769/EEC and Commission Directives 91/155/EEC, 93/67/EEC, 93/105/EC and 2000/21/EC, as amended. REGULATION (EC) No. 1272/2008 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL as amended. Commission Regulation (EU) 2020/878 of 18 June 2020 amending Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH).

15.2. Chemical safety assessment

A chemical safety assessment has not been carried out.

SECTION 16: Other information

A list of standard risk phrases used in the safety data sheet

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H350	May cause cancer.

Guidelines for safe handling used in the safety data sheet

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P305+P351+P338	IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.

Other important information about human health protection

The product must not be - unless specifically approved by the manufacturer/importer - used for purposes other than as per the Section 1. The user is responsible for adherence to all related health protection regulations.

Key to abbreviations and acronyms used in the safety data sheet

Acute Tox.	Acute toxicity
ADR	Agreement concerning the international carriage of dangerous goods by road
BCF	Bioconcentration Factor
Carc.	Carcinogenicity
CAS	Chemical Abstracts Service
CLP	Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008 on classification, labelling and packaging of substance and mixtures
EC	Identification code for each substance listed in EINECS
EINECS	European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances
EmS	Emergency Response Procedures for Ships Carrying Dangerous Goods
EU	European Union
EuPCS	European Product Categorisation System
Eye Dam.	Serious eye damage
Flam. Sol.	Flammable solid
IATA	International Air Transport Association
IBC	International Code For The Construction And Equipment of Ships Carrying Dangerous Chemicals
ICAO	International Civil Aviation Organization
IMDG	International Maritime Dangerous Goods
IMO	International Maritime Organization
INCI	International Nomenclature of Cosmetic Ingredients
ISO	International Organization for Standardization
IUPAC	International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry
LC_{50}	Lethal concentration of a substance in which it can be expected death of 50% of the population
LD_{50}	Lethal dose of a substance in which it can be expected death of 50% of the population
log Kow	Octanol-water partition coefficient
Muta.	Germ cell mutagenicity
OEL	Occupational Exposure Limits
PBT	Persistent, bioaccumulative and toxic
PMT	Persistent, mobile and toxic
ppm	Parts per million
REACH	Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals
RID	Regulation concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Rail
Skin Irrit.	Skin irritation
Skin Sens.	Skin sensitization
STOT SE	Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure
UN number	Four-figure identification number of the substance or article taken from the UN Model Regulations

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UVCB	Substances of unknown or variable composition, complex reaction products or biological materials
VOC	Volatile organic compounds
vPvB	Very persistent and very bioaccumulative
vPvM	Very persistent and very mobile

Training guidelines

Inform the personnel about the recommended ways of use, mandatory protective equipment, first aid and prohibited ways of handling the product.

Recommended restrictions of use

not available

Information about data sources used to compile the Safety Data Sheet

REGULATION (EC) No. 1907/2006 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL (REACH) as amended. REGULATION (EC) No. 1272/2008 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL as amended. Data from the manufacturer of the substance / mixture, if available - information from registration dossiers.

The changes (which information has been added, deleted or modified)

The version 4.0 replaces the SDS version from Tuesday, 10 December 2024. Changes were made in sections 2, 13, 15 and 16.

More information

Classification procedure - calculation method.

Statement

The safety data sheet provides information aimed at ensuring safety and health protection at work and environmental protection. The provided information corresponds to the current status of knowledge and experience and complies with valid legal regulations. The information should not be understood as guaranteeing the suitability and usability of the product for a particular application.