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

1.1. Product identifier

Product Description:	<u>Paraformaldehyde</u>
Product Grade:	SQ
Cat No. :	Q23995
Synonyms	Formaldehyde polymer; Polyoxymethylene; Polyformaldehyde
CAS-No	30525-89-4
Molecular Formula	(CH ₂ O) n

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

Recommended Use	Laboratory chemicals
Uses advised against	No Information available

1.3. Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

Company	Thermo Fisher Scientific India Pvt. Ltd 403-404, B-wing, Delphi, Hiranandani Business Park, Powai, Mumbai 400076, INDIA.
E-mail address	laboratorysolutions@thermofisher.com

1.4. Emergency telephone number

India Toll Free: 18 00 22 22 30
Chemtrec US: (800)424-9300
Chemtrec EU: 001(202)483-7616

SECTION 2: HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

2.1. Classification of the substance or mixture

CLP Classification - Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008

Physical hazards

Flammable solids	Category 2
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Health hazards

Acute oral toxicity	Category 4
Acute Inhalation Toxicity - Dusts and Mists	Category 4
Skin Corrosion/irritation	Category 2
Serious Eye Damage/Eye Irritation	Category 1
Skin Sensitization	Category 1
Carcinogenicity	Category 2
Specific target organ toxicity - (single exposure)	Category 3

Environmental hazards

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

Classification according to EU Directives 67/548/EEC or 1999/45/EC

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Symbol(s)	F - Highly flammable Xn - Harmful
R-phrases(s)	R11 - Highly flammable R40 - Limited evidence of a carcinogenic effect R41 - Risk of serious damage to eyes R43 - May cause sensitization by skin contact R20/22 - Harmful by inhalation and if swallowed R37/38 - Irritating to respiratory system and skin

For the full text of the R-phrases and H-Statements mentioned in this Section, see Section 16

2.2. Label elements



Signal Word

Danger

Hazard Statements

H228 - Flammable solid
H302 - Harmful if swallowed
H315 - Causes skin irritation
H335 - May cause respiratory irritation
H351 - Suspected of causing cancer
H317 - May cause an allergic skin reaction
H332 - Harmful if inhaled
H318 - Causes serious eye damage

Precautionary Statements

P210 - Keep away from heat/sparks/open flames/hot surfaces. - No smoking
P304 + P340 - IF INHALED: Remove to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing
P302 + P352 - IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water
P305 + P351 + P338 - IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing
P310 - Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/ physician
P280 - Wear protective gloves/ protective clothing/ eye protection/ face protection

2.3. Other hazards

No information available.

SECTION 3: COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

3.1. Substances

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Component	CAS-No	EC-No.	Weight %	CLP Classification - Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008	DSD Classification - 67/548/EEC
Paraformaldehyde	30525-89-4		>90	STOT SE 3 (H335) Skin Irrit. 2 (H315) Eye Dam. 1 (H318) Skin Sens. 1 (H317) Carc. 2 (H351) Acute Tox. 4 (H302) Acute Tox. 4 (H332) Flam. Sol. 2 (H228)	F; R11 Xn; R20/22 Xi; R37/38-41 Carc. Cat. 3; R40 R43

For the full text of the R-phrases and H-Statements mentioned in this Section, see Section 16

SECTION 4: FIRST AID MEASURES

4.1. Description of first aid measures

General Advice	If symptoms persist, call a physician.
Eye Contact	Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids, for at least 15 minutes. Obtain medical attention.
Skin Contact	Wash off immediately with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Obtain medical attention.
Ingestion	Clean mouth with water and drink afterwards plenty of water. Get medical attention if symptoms occur.
Inhalation	Move to fresh air. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. Obtain medical attention.
Protection of First-aiders	Use personal protective equipment.

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

Breathing difficulties. May cause allergic skin reaction.. Causes eye burns. . Inhalation of high vapor concentrations may cause symptoms like headache, dizziness, tiredness, nausea and vomiting. Symptoms of allergic reaction may include rash, itching, swelling, trouble breathing, tingling of the hands and feet, dizziness, lightheadedness, chest pain, muscle pain or flushing.

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

Notes to Physician	Treat symptomatically.
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SECTION 5: FIREFIGHTING MEASURES

5.1. Extinguishing media

Suitable Extinguishing Media

Use water spray, alcohol-resistant foam, dry chemical or carbon dioxide. Cool closed containers exposed to fire with water spray.

Extinguishing media which must not be used for safety reasons

No information available.

5.2. Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture

Flammable. Containers may explode when heated.

Hazardous Combustion Products

Carbon monoxide (CO), Carbon dioxide (CO₂).

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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. Ensure adequate ventilation. Avoid dust formation. Remove all sources of ignition. Take precautionary measures against static discharges.

6.2. Environmental precautions

Should not be released into the environment.

6.3. Methods and material for containment and cleaning up

Sweep up or vacuum up spillage and collect in suitable container for disposal. Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal. Remove all sources of ignition.

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. Avoid dust formation. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Avoid ingestion and inhalation. Ensure adequate ventilation. Keep away from open flames, hot surfaces and sources of ignition.

7.2. Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Keep containers tightly closed in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place. Keep away from heat and sources of ignition.

7.3. Specific end use(s)

Use in laboratories

SECTION 8: EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

8.1. Control parameters

Exposure limits

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

Biological limit values

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

Monitoring methods

BS EN 14042:2003 Title Identifier: Workplace atmospheres. Guide for the application and use of procedures for the assessment of exposure to chemical and biological agents.

MDHS14/3 General methods for sampling and gravimetric analysis of respirable and inhalable dust

MDHS70 General methods for sampling airborne gases and vapours

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Derived No Effect Level (DNEL) No information available.

<u>Route of exposure</u>	<u>Acute effects (local)</u>	<u>Acute effects (systemic)</u>	<u>Chronic effects (local)</u>	<u>Chronic effects (systemic)</u>
Oral Dermal Inhalation				

Predicted No Effect Concentration (PNEC) No information available.

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. Use explosion-proof electrical/ventilating/lighting/equipment. Ensure adequate ventilation, especially in confined areas. Wherever possible, engineering control measures such as the isolation or enclosure of the process, the introduction of process or equipment changes to minimise release or contact, and the use of properly designed ventilation systems, should be adopted to control hazardous materials at source.

Personal protective equipment

Eye Protection Goggles (European standard - EN 166)

Hand Protection Protective gloves

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

Skin and body protection Long sleeved clothing

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
To protect the wearer, respiratory protective equipment must be the correct fit and be used and maintained properly.

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: Particulates filter conforming to EN 143.

Small scale/Laboratory use Use a NIOSH/MSHA or European Standard EN 149:2001 approved respirator if exposure limits are exceeded or if irritation or other symptoms are experienced.
Recommended half mask:- Particle filtering: EN149:2001
When RPE is used a face piece Fit Test should be conducted.

Hygiene Measures Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.

Environmental exposure controls No information available.

SECTION 9: PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

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9.1. Information on basic physical and chemical properties

Appearance	White	
Physical State	Solid.	
Odor	pungent	
Odor Threshold	No data available	
pH	3.5-5.0	10% susp.
Melting Point/Range	120 - 170°C / 248 - 338°F	
Softening Point	No data available	
Boiling Point/Range	No information available.	
Flash Point	71°C / 159.8°F	Method - No information available
Evaporation Rate	Not applicable	Solid
Flammability (solid,gas)	No information available	
Explosion Limits	Lower 7 vol% Upper 73 vol%	
Vapor Pressure	1.2 mmHg @ 25 °C	
Vapor Density	Not applicable	Solid
Specific Gravity / Density	1.46	
Bulk Density	No data available	
Water Solubility	Difficult solubility	
Solubility in other solvents	No information available	
Partition Coefficient (n-octanol/water)		
Autoignition Temperature	300 - °C / 572 - °F	
Decomposition temperature	No data available	
Viscosity	Not applicable	Solid
Explosive Properties	No information available	explosive air/vapour mixtures possible
Oxidizing Properties	No information available	

9.2. Other information

Molecular Formula (CH₂O)_n

SECTION 10: STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

10.1. Reactivity

None known, based on information available.

10.2. Chemical stability

Stable under normal conditions.

10.3. Possibility of hazardous reactions

Hazardous Polymerization

Hazardous polymerization does not occur.

Hazardous Reactions

None under normal processing.

10.4. Conditions to avoid

Incompatible products, Excess heat, Avoid dust formation, Keep away from open flames, hot surfaces and sources of ignition.

10.5. Incompatible materials

Strong oxidizing agents.

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10.6. Hazardous decomposition products

Carbon monoxide (CO), Carbon dioxide (CO₂).

SECTION 11: TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

11.1. Information on toxicological effects

Product Information

(a) acute toxicity;

Oral	Category 4
Dermal	No data available
Inhalation	Category 4

Component	LD50 Oral	LD50 Dermal	LC50 Inhalation
Paraformaldehyde	800 mg/kg (Rat)		1070 mg/m ³ (Rat) 4 h

(b) skin corrosion/irritation; Category 2

(c) serious eye damage/irritation; Category 1

(d) respiratory or skin sensitization;

Respiratory	No data available
Skin	Category 1

No information available.

(e) germ cell mutagenicity; No data available

Mutagenic effects have occurred in experimental animals.

(f) carcinogenicity; Category 2

There are no known carcinogenic chemicals in this product

(g) reproductive toxicity; No data available

(h) STOT-single exposure; Category 3

(i) STOT-repeated exposure; No data available

Target Organs	Eyes, Skin, Respiratory system.
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(j) aspiration hazard; Not applicable
Solid

Other Adverse Effects

Symptoms / effects, both acute and delayed

Carcinogenic effects have been reported in experimental animals The toxicological properties have not been fully investigated. See actual entry in RTECS for complete information
Inhalation of high vapor concentrations may cause symptoms like headache, dizziness, tiredness, nausea and vomiting. Symptoms of allergic reaction may include rash, itching, swelling, trouble breathing, tingling of the hands and feet, dizziness, lightheadedness, chest pain, muscle pain or flushing.

SECTION 12: ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

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12.1. Toxicity

Ecotoxicity effects

Do not empty into drains.

Component	Freshwater Fish	Water Flea	Freshwater Algae	Microtox
Paraformaldehyde	>10 mg/L 96h	EC50 = 42 mg/L 24h		

12.2. Persistence and degradability

Expected to be biodegradable

12.3. Bioaccumulative potential

No information available.

12.4. Mobility in soil

No information available.

12.5. Results of PBT and vPvB assessment

No data available for assessment

12.6. Other adverse effects

Endocrine Disruptor Information

This product does not contain any known or suspected endocrine disruptors

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

Waste is classified as hazardous. Dispose of in accordance with the European Directives on waste and hazardous waste. Dispose of in accordance with local regulations.

Contaminated Packaging

Dispose of this container to hazardous or special waste collection point.. Empty containers retain product residue, (liquid and/or vapor), and can be dangerous. Keep product and empty container away from heat and sources of ignition.

European Waste Catalogue (EWC)

According to the European Waste Catalogue, 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. Do not dispose of waste into sewer. Can be incinerated, when in compliance with local regulations. Do not empty into drains.

SECTION 14: TRANSPORT INFORMATION

IMDG/IMO

14.1. UN number

2213

14.2. UN proper shipping name

PARAFORMALDEHYDE

14.3. Transport hazard class(es)

4.1

14.4. Packing group

III

ADR

14.1. UN number

2213

14.2. UN proper shipping name

PARAFORMALDEHYDE

14.3. Transport hazard class(es)

4.1

14.4. Packing group

III

IATA

14.1. UN number

2213

14.2. UN proper shipping name

PARAFORMALDEHYDE

14.3. Transport hazard class(es)

4.1

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14.4. Packing group	III
14.5. Environmental hazards	No hazards identified
14.6. Special precautions for user	No special precautions required
14.7. Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL73/78 and the IBC Code	Not applicable, packaged goods

SECTION 15: REGULATORY INFORMATION

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

International Inventories X = listed

Component	EINECS	ELINCS	NLP	TSCA	DSL	NDSL	PICCS	ENCS	IECSC	AICS	KECL
Paraformaldehyde	-	-		X	X	-	X	X	X	X	X

National Regulations

Component	Germany - Water Classification (VwVwS)	Germany - TA-Luft Class
Paraformaldehyde	WGK 2	

Take note of Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations (COSHH) 2002 and 2005 Amendment
Take note of Dir 94/33/EC on the protection of young people at work
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

15.2. Chemical safety assessment

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

SECTION 16: OTHER INFORMATION

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

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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

WEL - Workplace Exposure Limit

ACGIH - American Conference of Governmental Hygienists

DNEL - Derived No Effect Level

RPE - Respiratory Protective Equipment

LC50 - Lethal Concentration 50%

NOEC - No Observed Effect Concentration

PBT - Persistent, Bioaccumulative, Toxic

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

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

TWA - Time Weighted Average

IARC - International Agency for Research on Cancer

PNEC - Predicted No Effect Concentration

LD50 - Lethal Dose 50%

EC50 - Effective Concentration 50%

POW - Partition coefficient Octanol:Water

vPvB - very Persistent, very Bioaccumulative

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 Compounds

Key literature references and sources for data

Suppliers safety data sheet,

Chemadvisor - LOLI,

Merck index,

RTECS

Training Advice

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

Use of personal protective equipment, covering appropriate selection, compatibility, breakthrough thresholds, care, maintenance, fit and standards.

First aid for chemical exposure, including the use of eye wash and safety showers.

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Revision Summary SDS section 1 updated and update of Format.

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

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End of Safety Data Sheet