# SAFETY DATA SHEET



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### Revision Number 5

# **1. IDENTIFICATION OF THE MATERIAL AND SUPPLIER**

Product identifier		
Product Name	PROPIONIC ACID	
Product Code(s)	00000018815	
Other means of identification		
UN number	3463	
Recommended use of the chemical	and restrictions on use	
Recommended use	Chemical intermediate.	
Uses advised against	No information available.	
Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet		
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**Contact Point** 

New Zealand

Product Safety Department

### Emergency telephone number

**Emergency Telephone** 

### 0 800 734 607 (ALL HOURS)

Please ensure you refer to the limitations of this Safety Data Sheet as set out in the "Other Information" section at the end of this Data Sheet.

### 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

Classified as a Dangerous Good according to NZS 5433 Transport of Dangerous Goods on Land; DANGEROUS GOODS.

Classified as hazardous according to criteria in the Hazardous Substances (Hazard Classification) Notice 2020.

### **GHS Classification**

### SIGNAL WORD Danger

Additives, Process Chemicals and Raw Materials (Flammable, Acutely Toxic, Corrosive) Group Standard 2020 Approval Number: HSR002501

Flammable liquids	Category 3
Acute toxicity - Oral	Category 4
Acute toxicity - Dermal	Category 3

Skin corrosion/irritation	Category 1 Sub-category B
Serious eye damage/eye irritation	Category 1

### Label elements



### Hazard statements

H226 - Flammable liquid and vapor H302 - Harmful if swallowed H311 - Toxic in contact with skin H314 - Causes severe skin burns and eye damage

### **Precautionary Statements - Prevention**

Keep away from heat, hot surfaces, sparks, open flames and other ignition sources. No smoking Keep container tightly closed Ground/bond container and receiving equipment Use explosion-proof electrical, ventilating, lighting equipment Use only non-sparking tools Take precautionary measures against static discharge Do not breathe fume, gas, mist, vapours, spray Wash face, hands and any exposed skin thoroughly after handling Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area Wear protective gloves / protective clothing / eye protection / face protection **Precautionary Statements - Response** Specific treatment (see First aid on this SDS) IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water IF ON SKIN (or hair): Remove/Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/shower Take off contaminated clothing and wash before reuse Wash contaminated clothing before reuse IF INHALED: Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing Call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician if you feel unwell IF SWALLOWED: Rinse mouth. DO NOT induce vomiting IF SWALLOWED: Call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician if you feel unwell In case of fire: Use extinguishing media as outlined in Section 5 of this Safety Data Sheet to extinguish. **Precautionary Statements - Storage** Store locked up

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

Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep cool

**Precautionary Statements - Disposal** 

Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local, regional, national, and international regulations as applicable

Other hazards which do not result in classification

# 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

### Substance

Chemical name	CAS No.	Weight-%
Propionic acid	79-09-4	100

# 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

### Description of first aid measures

Note to physicians

General advice	For advice, contact a Poisons Information Centre (e.g. phone Australia 13 11 26; New Zealand 0800 764 766) or a doctor. Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance.	
Emergency telephone number	Poisons Information Center, New Zealand: 0800 764 766 Poisons Information Center, Australia: 13 11 26	
Inhalation	Remove to fresh air. If breathing is difficult, (trained personnel should) give oxygen. Call a physician if symptoms occur.	
Eye contact	Rinse thoroughly with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes, lifting lower and upper eyelids. Consult a physician.	
Skin contact	Wash skin with soap and water. IF ON SKIN (or hair): Remove/Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/shower. Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician.	
Ingestion	Rinse mouth thoroughly with water. Do NOT induce vomiting. Drink 1 or 2 glasses of water. Get immediate medical advice/attention.	
Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed		

Symptoms	Irritation/Corrosion. May cause redness and tearing of the eyes. Erythema (skin redness). Burning. Coughing and/ or wheezing. Difficulty in breathing.
Indication of any immediate medica	I attention and special treatment needed

Treat symptomatically. Can cause corneal burns.

5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES		
Suitable Extinguishing Media		
Suitable Extinguishing Media	Alcohol resistant foam is the preferred firefighting medium but, if it is not available, fine water spray or water fog can be used.	
Unsuitable extinguishing media	No information available.	
Specific hazards arising from the chemical		
Specific hazards arising from the	Corrosive hazard. Wear protective gloves/clothing and eye/face protection. Contact with	

chemical metals may evolve flammable hydrogen gas. Flammable. Keep product and empty container away from heat and sources of ignition. Most vapors are heavier than air. Vapors may spread along ground and collect in low or confined areas (sewers, basements, tanks). Flash back possible over considerable distance. Vapors may form explosive mixture with air.

Hazardous combustion products Carbon oxides.

### Special protective actions for fire-fighters

**Special protective equipment for** Firefighters should wear self-contained breathing apparatus and full firefighting turnout

fire-fighters

gear. Use personal protection equipment.

Hazchem code

### 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

### Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

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Personal precautions	Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Do not breathe vapor or mist. Ensure adequate ventilation. Evacuate personnel to safe areas. Stop leak if you can do it without risk. Do not touch or walk through spilled material. Take precautionary measures against static discharges. Use personal protective equipment as required. Wash thoroughly after handling.	
For emergency responders	Use personal protection recommended in Section 8.	
Environmental precautions		
Environmental precautions	See Section 12 for additional Ecological Information.	
Methods and material for containment and cleaning up		
Methods for containment	Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so.	
Methods for cleaning up	Use a non-combustible material like vermiculite, sand or earth to soak up the product and place into a container for later disposal.	
Precautions to prevent secondary hazards		
Prevention of secondary hazards	Clean contaminated objects and areas thoroughly observing environmental regulations.	

# 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

# Precautions for safe handling Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Do not breathe vapor or mist. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. Keep away from heat, hot surfaces, sparks, open flames and other ignition sources. No smoking. Take precautionary measures against static discharges. Keep out of reach of children. Use personal protection equipment. Wash thoroughly after handling. Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities Keep containers tightly closed in a cool, well-ventilated place. Store away from foodstuffs and sources of heat or ignition. Keep container closed when not in use.

# Incompatible materials Alkalis. Amines. Oxidizing agents. Most. Metals.

# 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

### Control parameters

### **Exposure Limits**

Propionic acid: WES-TWA 10 ppm, 30 mg/m<sup>3</sup>

As published by the New Zealand Workplace Health & Safety Authority.

WES - TWA (Workplace Exposure Standard - Time Weighted Average) - The eight-hour, time-weighted average exposure standard is designed to protect the worker from the effects of long-term exposure.

These Workplace Exposure Standards are guides to be used in the control of occupational health hazards. All atmospheric contamination should be kept to as low a level as is workable. These workplace exposure standards should not be used as fine dividing lines between safe and dangerous concentrations of chemicals. They are not a measure of relative toxicity.

### Appropriate engineering controls

Engineering controlsEnsure that eyewash stations and safety showers are close to the workstation location.Apply technical measures to comply with the occupational exposure limits.

If in the handling and application of this material, safe exposure levels could be exceeded, the use of engineering controls such as local exhaust ventilation must be considered and the results documented. If achieving safe exposure levels does not require engineering controls, then a detailed and documented risk assessment using the relevant Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) (refer to PPE section below) as a basis must be carried out to determine the minimum PPE requirements.

### Individual protection measures, such as personal protective equipment

The selection of PPE is dependent on a detailed risk assessment. The risk assessment should consider the work situation, the physical form of the chemical, the handling methods, and environmental factors.

OVERALLS, CHEMICAL GOGGLES, FACE SHIELD, GLOVES (Long), APRON, RUBBER BOOTS.

Eye/face protection	Tight sealing safety goggles. If splashes are likely to occur:. Face protection shield.
Hand protection	Elbow-length impervious gloves.
Skin and body protection	Boots. Apron. Overalls.
Respiratory protection	If determined by a risk assessment an inhalation risk exists, wear an organic vapour respirator meeting the requirements of AS/NZS 1715 and AS/NZS 1716.
Environmental exposure controls	No information available.

# 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

### Information on basic physical and chemical properties

Physical state	Liquid
Appearance	Clear
Color	Colourless
Odor	Pungent

Odor threshold	0.026-0.17 ppm	
<u>Property</u> pH	<u>Values</u> 2.5 (100g/L, 20°C)	Remarks • Method None known
Melting point / freezing point	< -20°C	None known
Boiling point / boiling range	141°C	None known
Flash point	51°C	None known
Evaporation rate	No data available	None known
Flammability (solid, gas)	No data available	None known
Flammability Limit in Air		None known
Upper flammability or explosive	12%	None known
limits	12 /0	
	2%	
Lower flammability or explosive limits	278	
	0.4 kPa @20°C	None known
Vapor pressure	2.56 (air=1)	None known
Vapor density	$0.994 @20^{\circ}C$	None known
Relative density Water solubility	Miscible in water	None known
,	No data available	None known
Solubility(ies) Partition coefficient		None known
	$\log Pow = ~0.3$	None known
Autoignition temperature	425°C	None known
Decomposition temperature	No data available	
Kinematic viscosity	No data available	None known
Dynamic viscosity	1.2 mPa.s @20°C	None known

Other information

# 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Reactivity_	
Reactivity	Propionic acid may act as a source for a formyl group or a hydride ion. Due to its acidity, its solutions in alcohols form esters spontaneously. Propionate salts are formed by reaction with hydroxides of alkali metals.
Chemical stability	
Stability	Stable under normal conditions.
Explosion data	
Sensitivity to mechanical impact	None.
Sensitivity to static discharge	Yes.
Possibility of hazardous reactions	
Possibility of hazardous reactions	Vapours can form an explosive mixture with air. Contact with metals may evolve flammable hydrogen gas.
Conditions to avoid	
Conditions to avoid	Heat, flames and sparks. Contact with foodstuffs.
Incompatible materials	
Incompatible materials	Alkalis. Amines. Oxidizing agents. Most. Metals.
Hazardous decomposition products	<u>5</u>

Hazardous decomposition products Carbon oxides.

# **11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

### Acute toxicity

### Information on likely routes of exposure

Product Information	No adverse health effects expected if the chemical is handled in accordance with this Safety Data Sheet and the chemical label. Symptoms or effects that may arise if the chemical is mishandled and overexposure occurs are:
Inhalation	Irritating to respiratory system.
Eye contact	Causes serious eye damage.
Skin contact	Contact causes severe skin irritation and possible burns.
Ingestion	Can burn mouth, throat, and stomach.
Symptoms	Irritation/Corrosion. May cause redness and tearing of the eyes. Erythema (skin redness). Burning. Coughing and/ or wheezing. Difficulty in breathing.

### Acute toxicity

Numerical measures of toxicity No information available.

See section 16 for terms and abbreviations

Delayed and immediate effects as well as chronic effects from short and long-term exposure		
Skin corrosion/irritation	Causes burns.	
Serious eye damage/eye irritation	Causes serious eye damage.	
Respiratory or skin sensitization	Not a skin sensitizer. (guinea pig).	
Germ cell mutagenicity	Not classified.	
Carcinogenicity	Not listed as carcinogenic according to IARC. (IARC - International Agency for Research on Cancer).	
Reproductive toxicity	No information available.	
STOT - single exposure	No information available.	
STOT - repeated exposure	No information available.	
Aspiration hazard	No information available.	

# **12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

### **Ecotoxicity**

Ecotoxicity

Keep out of waterways.

### **Terrestrial ecotoxicity**

There is no data for this product.

Chemical name	Algae/aquatic plants	Fish	Crustacea
Propionic acid	EC50: =45.8mg/L (72h,	LC50: >1mg/L (96h, Pimephales	-
	Desmodesmus subspicatus) EC50:	promelas) LC50: 73 - 99.7mg/L	
	=43mg/L (96h, Desmodesmus	(96h, Lepomis macrochirus) LC50:	
	subspicatus)	=51mg/L (96h, Oncorhynchus	
		mykiss)	

### Persistence and degradability

Persistence and degradability	Readily biodegradable.
Bioaccumulative potential	
Bioaccumulation	No information available.
<u>Mobility</u>	
Mobility in soil	No information available.

### **Component Information**

Chemical name	Partition coefficient
Propionic acid	0.25 - 0.33

### Other adverse effects

Other adverse effects

No information available.

# **13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS**

## Waste treatment methods

Waste from residues/unused products	Dispose of product in packaging/container in a way that is consistent with the Hazardous Substances (Disposal) Notice 2017 and the Act, and Hazardous Substances (Amendments and Revocations) Notice 2020. Treat the chemical using a method that changes the characteristics or composition of the chemical so that the chemical is no longer a hazardous chemical; or export the chemical from New Zealand as waste. Class 2, 3 and 4 chemicals - may not be disposed of into or onto a landfill or sewage facility. They may only be burnt in certain situations. Class 2.1.1, 3.1 and 4.1.1 chemicals may only be discharged into the environment as waste if the substance will not at any time come into contact with class 1 or class 5 substances; and there will be no ignition source in the vicinity of the disposal site at any time and if the substance were to ignite, no person, or place where a person may legally be, would be exposed to an unsafe level of heat radiation. Class 6 and 8 chemicals – may be discharged into the environment if a tolerable exposure limit has been set for the substance (or a component of that chemical); and the discharge does not, after reasonable mixing, result in the concentration of the substance in an environmental medium exceeding the tolerable exposure limit. If there is not tolerable exposure limit for the substance, then it may only be discharged into the environment if the substance is very rapidly converted to substances that are not hazardous substances.
Contaminated packaging	Packages may only be reused or recycled if the package has been treated to remove any residual contents of the hazardous chemical (class 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5); or the contents of the residue in the package are below the threshold for the chemical to be classified as hazardous (class 6, 8, or 9 chemical). Empty containers pose a potential fire and explosion hazard. Do not cut, puncture or weld containers. Empty containers should be taken to an approved waste handling site for recycling or disposal.

# **14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION**

ROAD AND RAIL TRANSPORT	Classified as a Dangerous Good according to NZS 5433 Transport of Dangerous Goods on Land; DANGEROUS GOODS.
UN number	3463
Proper shipping name	PROPIONIC ACID
Hazard class	8
Subsidiary hazard class	3
Packing group	II
Hazchem code	•2W
<u>IATA</u>	Classified as Dangerous Goods by the criteria of the International Air Transport Association (IATA) Dangerous Goods Regulations for transport by air; DANGEROUS GOODS.
UN number	3463
UN proper shipping name	PROPIONIC ACID
Transport hazard class(es)	8
Subsidiary hazard class	3
Packing group	II
IMDG_	Classified as Dangerous Goods by the criteria of the International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code (IMDG Code) for transport by sea; DANGEROUS GOODS.
UN number	3463
UN proper shipping name	PROPIONIC ACID
Transport hazard class(es)	8
Subsidiary hazard class	3
Packing group	II
IMDG EMS Fire	F-E
IMDG EMS Spill	S-C
Marine pollutant	No

# **15. REGULATORY INFORMATION**

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

National regulations	See section 8 for national exposure control parameters	
International Inventories NZIoC TSCA DSL/NDSL EINECS/ELINCS ENCS IECSC KECL PICCS AIIC	This material is listed on the New Zealand Inventory of Chemicals. Contact supplier for inventory compliance status. Contact supplier for inventory compliance status. This material is listed on the Australian Inventory of Industrial Chemicals.	

Legend:

New Zealand

NZIOC - New Zealand Inventory of Chemicals

TSCA - United States Toxic Substances Control Act Section 8(b) Inventory

DSL/NDSL - Canadian Domestic Substances List/Non-Domestic Substances List

EINECS/ELINCS - European Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances/European List of Notified Chemical Substances

**ENCS** - Japan Existing and New Chemical Substances

**IECSC** - China Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances

KECL - Korean Existing and Evaluated Chemical Substances

PICCS - Philippines Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances

AIIC - Australian Inventory of Industrial Chemicals

### International Regulations

The Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer Not applicable

The Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants Not applicable

The Rotterdam Convention Not applicable

# 16. OTHER INFORMATION

Prepared By	This Safety Data Sheet has been prepared by Ixom Operations Pty Ltd (Toxicology and SDS Services).		
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Key or legend to abbreviations and Legend Section 8: EXPOSURE CONTWATWA (time-weigh CeilingCMaximum limit va Carcinogen	ed average) STEL STEL (Short Term Expos	sure Limit)	
Agency for Toxic Substances and Dis U.S. Environmental Protection Agence European Food Safety Authority (EFS EPA (Environmental Protection Agence Acute Exposure Guideline Level(s) (A U.S. Environmental Protection Agence Food Research Journal Hazardous Substance Database International Uniform Chemical Inform Japan GHS Classification Australian Industrial Chemicals Introdo NIOSH (National Institute for Occupa National Library of Medicine's Cheml National Library of Medicine's PubMec National Toxicology Program (NTP) New Zealand's Chemical Classificatio Organization for Economic Co-operat	y ChemView Database (A) (by) EGL(s)) y Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act y High Production Volume Chemicals hation Database (IUCLID) uction Scheme (AICIS) ional Safety and Health) D Plus (NLM CIP) d database (NLM PUBMED) n and Information Database (CCID) on and Development Environment, Health, and Safety Publications on and Development High Production Volume Chemicals Program on and Development Screening Information Data Set		

World Health Organization

### **Disclaimer**

This SDS summarises to our best knowledge at the date of issue, the chemical health and safety hazards of the material and general guidance on how to safely handle the material in the workplace. Since Ixom Operations Pty Ltd cannot anticipate or control the conditions under which the product may be used, each user must, prior to usage, assess and control the risks arising from its use of the material.

If clarification or further information is needed, the user should contact their Ixom representative or Ixom Operations Pty Ltd at the contact details on page 1.

Ixom Operations Pty Ltd's responsibility for the material as sold is subject to the terms and conditions of sale, a copy of which is available upon request.

End of Safety Data Sheet