

## SAFETY DATA SHEET

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### 1. Identification

**Product Name** Methyl benzoate  
**Cat No. :** A12404  
**CAS No** 93-58-3  
**Synonyms** Benzoic acid, methyl ester; Oil of niobe.  
**Recommended Use** Laboratory chemicals.  
**Uses advised against** Food, drug, pesticide or biocidal product use.

#### Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

##### Company

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##### **Emergency Telephone Number**

During normal business hours (Monday-Friday, 8am-7pm EST), call (800) 343-0660.  
After normal business hours, call Carechem 24 at (866) 928-0789.

### 2. Hazard(s) identification

#### **Classification**

This chemical is considered hazardous by the 2012 OSHA Hazard Communication Standard (29 CFR 1910.1200)

Flammable liquids	Category 4
Acute oral toxicity	Category 4

#### Label Elements

##### **Signal Word**

Warning

##### **Hazard Statements**

Combustible liquid  
Harmful if swallowed

**Precautionary Statements****Prevention**

Wash face, hands and any exposed skin thoroughly after handling  
 Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product  
 Keep away from heat/sparks/open flames/hot surfaces. - No smoking  
 Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection

**Ingestion**

IF SWALLOWED: Call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician if you feel unwell  
 Rinse mouth

**Fire**

In case of fire: Use CO<sub>2</sub>, dry chemical, or foam for extinction

**Storage**

Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep cool

**Disposal**

Dispose of contents/container to an approved waste disposal plant

**Hazards not otherwise classified (HNOC)**

None identified

### 3. Composition/Information on Ingredients

Component	CAS No	Weight %
Methylbenzoate	93-58-3	>95

### 4. First-aid measures

<b>General Advice</b>	If symptoms persist, call a physician.
<b>Eye Contact</b>	Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids, for at least 15 minutes. Get medical attention.
<b>Skin Contact</b>	Wash off immediately with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. If skin irritation persists, call a physician.
<b>Inhalation</b>	Remove to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. Get medical attention if symptoms occur.
<b>Ingestion</b>	Clean mouth with water and drink afterwards plenty of water.
<b>Most important symptoms and effects</b>	. Symptoms of overexposure may be headache, dizziness, tiredness, nausea and vomiting
<b>Notes to Physician</b>	Treat symptomatically

### 5. Fire-fighting measures

<b>Suitable Extinguishing Media</b>	Water spray. Carbon dioxide (CO <sub>2</sub> ). Dry chemical. Chemical foam. Water mist may be used to cool closed containers.
<b>Unsuitable Extinguishing Media</b>	No information available

<b>Flash Point</b>	77 °C / 170.6 °F
<b>Method -</b>	No information available
<b>Autoignition Temperature</b>	518 °C / 964.4 °F
<b>Explosion Limits</b>	
<b>Upper</b>	20 vol %
<b>Lower</b>	8.6 vol %
<b>Sensitivity to Mechanical Impact</b>	No information available
<b>Sensitivity to Static Discharge</b>	No information available

**Specific Hazards Arising from the Chemical**

Combustible material. Containers may explode when heated. Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating gases and vapors. Keep product and empty container away from heat and sources of ignition.

**Hazardous Combustion Products**

Carbon monoxide (CO). Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>).

**Protective Equipment and Precautions for Firefighters**

As in any fire, wear self-contained breathing apparatus pressure-demand, MSHA/NIOSH (approved or equivalent) and full protective gear.

**NFPA**

Health	Flammability	Instability	Physical hazards
1	2	0	N/A

## 6. Accidental release measures

<b>Personal Precautions</b>	Use personal protective equipment as required. Ensure adequate ventilation. Remove all sources of ignition. Take precautionary measures against static discharges.
<b>Environmental Precautions</b>	Should not be released into the environment.
<b>Methods for Containment and Clean Up</b>	Soak up with inert absorbent material. Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal. Remove all sources of ignition.

## 7. Handling and storage

<b>Handling</b>	Wear personal protective equipment/face protection. Ensure adequate ventilation. Avoid ingestion and inhalation. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Keep away from open flames, hot surfaces and sources of ignition.
<b>Storage</b>	Keep containers tightly closed in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place. Keep away from heat, sparks and flame.

## 8. Exposure controls / personal protection

<b>Exposure Guidelines</b>	This product does not contain any hazardous materials with occupational exposure limits established by the region specific regulatory bodies.
<b>Engineering Measures</b>	Ensure adequate ventilation, especially in confined areas. Ensure that eyewash stations and safety showers are close to the workstation location.
<b>Personal Protective Equipment</b>	
<b>Eye/face Protection</b>	Wear appropriate protective eyeglasses or chemical safety goggles as described by OSHA's eye and face protection regulations in 29 CFR 1910.133 or European Standard EN166.

<b>Skin and body protection</b>	Wear appropriate protective gloves and clothing to prevent skin exposure.
<b>Respiratory Protection</b>	Follow the OSHA respirator regulations found in 29 CFR 1910.134 or European Standard EN 149. Use a NIOSH/MSHA or European Standard EN 149 approved respirator if exposure limits are exceeded or if irritation or other symptoms are experienced.
<b>Hygiene Measures</b>	Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.

## 9. Physical and chemical properties

<b>Physical State</b>	Liquid
<b>Appearance</b>	Light yellow
<b>Odor</b>	aromatic
<b>Odor Threshold</b>	No information available
<b>pH</b>	No information available
<b>Melting Point/Range</b>	-12 °C / 10.4 °F
<b>Boiling Point/Range</b>	198 - 199 °C / 388.4 - 390.2 °F @ 760 mmHg
<b>Flash Point</b>	77 °C / 170.6 °F
<b>Evaporation Rate</b>	No information available
<b>Flammability (solid,gas)</b>	Not applicable
<b>Flammability or explosive limits</b>	
<b>Upper</b>	20 vol %
<b>Lower</b>	8.6 vol %
<b>Vapor Pressure</b>	No information available
<b>Vapor Density</b>	No information available
<b>Specific Gravity</b>	1.080
<b>Solubility</b>	Insoluble in water
<b>Partition coefficient; n-octanol/water</b>	No data available
<b>Autoignition Temperature</b>	518 °C / 964.4 °F
<b>Decomposition Temperature</b>	No information available
<b>Viscosity</b>	1.94 mPa.s (23°C)
<b>Molecular Formula</b>	C8 H8 O2
<b>Molecular Weight</b>	136.15

## 10. Stability and reactivity

<b>Reactive Hazard</b>	None known, based on information available
<b>Stability</b>	Stable under normal conditions.
<b>Conditions to Avoid</b>	Incompatible products. Keep away from open flames, hot surfaces and sources of ignition.
<b>Incompatible Materials</b>	Strong oxidizing agents, Strong bases, Strong reducing agents
<b>Hazardous Decomposition Products</b>	Carbon monoxide (CO), Carbon dioxide (CO <sub>2</sub> )
<b>Hazardous Polymerization</b>	Hazardous polymerization does not occur.
<b>Hazardous Reactions</b>	None under normal processing.

## 11. Toxicological information

### Acute Toxicity

### Product Information

#### Component Information

Component	LD50 Oral	LD50 Dermal	LC50 Inhalation
Methylbenzoate	2000 mg/kg (Rat)	>2000 mg/kg (Rat)	LC50 > 5.57 mg/L ( Rat ) 8 h

<b>Toxicologically Synergistic Products</b>	No information available
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**Delayed and immediate effects as well as chronic effects from short and long-term exposure**

**Irritation** No information available

**Sensitization** No information available

**Carcinogenicity** The table below indicates whether each agency has listed any ingredient as a carcinogen.

Component	CAS No	IARC	NTP	ACGIH	OSHA	Mexico
Methylbenzoate	93-58-3	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed

**Mutagenic Effects** No information available

**Reproductive Effects** No information available.

**Developmental Effects** No information available.

**Teratogenicity** No information available.

**STOT - single exposure** None known

**STOT - repeated exposure** None known

**Aspiration hazard** No information available

**Symptoms / effects, both acute and delayed** Symptoms of overexposure may be headache, dizziness, tiredness, nausea and vomiting

**Endocrine Disruptor Information** No information available

**Other Adverse Effects** The toxicological properties have not been fully investigated.

## 12. Ecological information

### Ecotoxicity

Do not empty into drains. .

Component	Freshwater Algae	Freshwater Fish	Microtox	Water Flea
Methylbenzoate	Not listed	LC50: = 23 mg/L, 96h semi-static (Danio rerio)	Not listed	Not listed

**Persistence and Degradability** Persistence is unlikely

**Bioaccumulation/ Accumulation** No information available.

**Mobility** Is not likely mobile in the environment due its low water solubility.

Component	log Pow
Methylbenzoate	2.1

## 13. Disposal considerations

**Waste Disposal Methods** Chemical waste generators must determine whether a discarded chemical is classified as a hazardous waste. Chemical waste generators must also consult local, regional, and national hazardous waste regulations to ensure complete and accurate classification.

## 14. Transport information

**DOT** COMBUSTIBLE LIQUID, NOT REGULATED FOR TRANSPORT IN THIS QUANTITY  
According to 49 CFR §173.150(f)(1), this material should be reclassified as NA1993, Combustible Liquid, NOS if it is shipped in bulk.

**UN-No** NA1993  
**Proper Shipping Name** Combustible liquid, n.o.s.

<b>Packing Group</b>	III
<b>TDG</b>	Not regulated
<b>IATA</b>	Not regulated
<b>IMDG/IMO</b>	Not regulated

## 15. Regulatory information

### United States of America Inventory

Component	CAS No	TSCA	TSCA Inventory notification - Active/Inactive	TSCA - EPA Regulatory Flags
Methylbenzoate	93-58-3	X	ACTIVE	-

#### Legend:

**TSCA** - Toxic Substances Control Act, (40 CFR Part 710)

X - Listed

'-' - Not Listed

**TSCA 12(b)** - Notices of Export      Not applicable

### International Inventories

Canada (DSL/NDSL), Europe (EINECS/ELINCS/NLP), Philippines (PICCS), Japan (ENCS), Japan (ISHL), Australia (AICS), China (IECSC), Korea (KECL).

Component	CAS No	DSL	NDSL	EINECS	PICCS	ENCS	ISHL	AICS	IECSC	KECL
Methylbenzoate	93-58-3	X	-	202-259-7	X	X	X	X	X	KE-23483

### U.S. Federal Regulations

**SARA 313**      Not applicable

**SARA 311/312 Hazard Categories**      See section 2 for more information

**CWA (Clean Water Act)**      Not applicable

**Clean Air Act**      Not applicable

**OSHA** - Occupational Safety and Health Administration      Not applicable

**CERCLA**      Not applicable

**California Proposition 65**      This product does not contain any Proposition 65 chemicals.

### U.S. State Right-to-Know Regulations

Component	Massachusetts	New Jersey	Pennsylvania	Illinois	Rhode Island
Methylbenzoate	-	X	-	-	-

### U.S. Department of Transportation

Reportable Quantity (RQ):      N

DOT Marine Pollutant      N

DOT Severe Marine Pollutant      N

**U.S. Department of Homeland Security**      This product does not contain any DHS chemicals.

### Other International Regulations

**Mexico - Grade**      No information available

**16. Other information**

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**End of SDS**