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

**1.1. Product identification**

**Product Description:** 4-Methylimidazole  
**Cat No. :** 190330000; 190330500; 190332500  
**CAS-No** 822-36-6  
**EC-No.** 212-497-3  
**Molecular Formula** C4 H6 N2

**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** **UK entity/business name**  
 Fisher Scientific UK  
 Bishop Meadow Road, Loughborough,  
 Leicestershire LE11 5RG, United Kingdom

**EU entity/business name**  
 Acros Organics BVBA  
 Janssen Pharmaceuticaaan 3a  
 2440 Geel, Belgium

**E-mail address** begel.sdsdesk@thermofisher.com

**1.4. Emergency telephone number**

For information **US** call: 001-800-ACROS-01 / **Europe** call: +32 14 57 52 11  
 Emergency Number **US**:001-201-796-7100 / **Europe**: +32 14 57 52 99  
**CHEMTREC** Tel. No.**US**:001-800-424-9300 / **Europe**:001-703-527-3887

**SECTION 2: HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION**

**2.1. Classification of the substance or mixture**

**CLP Classification - Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008**

**Physical hazards**

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

**Health hazards**

Acute oral toxicity	Category 4 (H302)
Acute dermal toxicity	Category 3 (H311)
Skin Corrosion/irritation	Category 2 (H315)
Serious Eye Damage/Eye Irritation	Category 2 (H319)

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Specific target organ toxicity - (single exposure)

Category 3 (H335)

## Environmental hazards

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

## 2.2. Label elements



Signal Word

Danger

## Hazard Statements

- H302 - Harmful if swallowed
- H311 - Toxic in contact with skin
- H335 - May cause respiratory irritation
- H315 - Causes skin irritation
- H319 - Causes serious eye irritation

## Precautionary Statements

- 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
- P310 - Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/ physician
- P304 + P340 - IF INHALED: Remove to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing

## 2.3. Other hazards

No information available

## SECTION 3: COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

### 3.1. Substances

Component	CAS-No	EC-No.	Weight %	CLP Classification - Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008
4-Methylimidazole	822-36-6	EEC No. 212-497-3	>95	Skin Irrit. 2 (H315) Eye Irrit. 2 (H319) Acute Tox. 4 (H302) Acute Tox. 3 (H311) STOT SE 3 (H335)

Full text of Hazard Statements: see section 16

## SECTION 4: FIRST AID MEASURES

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## 4.1. Description of first aid measures

<b>General Advice</b>	Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance. Immediate medical attention is required.
<b>Eye Contact</b>	Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids, for at least 15 minutes. In the case of contact with eyes, rinse immediately with plenty of water and seek medical advice.
<b>Skin Contact</b>	Wash off immediately with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Immediate medical attention is required.
<b>Ingestion</b>	Do not induce vomiting. Call a physician or Poison Control Center immediately.
<b>Inhalation</b>	Move to fresh air. Do not use mouth-to-mouth method if victim ingested or inhaled the substance; give artificial respiration with the aid of a pocket mask equipped with a one-way valve or other proper respiratory medical device. Immediate medical attention is required. If not breathing, give artificial respiration.
<b>Self-Protection of the First Aider</b>	Ensure that medical personnel are aware of the material(s) involved, take precautions to protect themselves and prevent spread of contamination.

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

Causes burns by all exposure routes. Product is a corrosive material. Use of gastric lavage or emesis is contraindicated. Possible perforation of stomach or esophagus should be investigated: Ingestion causes severe swelling, severe damage to the delicate tissue and danger of perforation

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

**Notes to Physician** Treat symptomatically.

## SECTION 5: FIREFIGHTING MEASURES

### 5.1. Extinguishing media

#### **Suitable Extinguishing Media**

Use water spray, alcohol-resistant foam, dry chemical or carbon dioxide.

#### **Extinguishing media which must not be used for safety reasons**

No information available.

### 5.2. Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture

Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating gases and vapors. In the event of fire and/or explosion do not breathe fumes.

#### **Hazardous Combustion Products**

Nitrogen oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>), Carbon monoxide (CO), Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>), Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating gases and vapors.

### 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. Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating gases and vapors.

## SECTION 6: ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

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## 6.1. Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

Use personal protective equipment. Ensure adequate ventilation. Avoid dust formation. Keep people away from and upwind of spill/leak. Evacuate personnel to safe areas.

## 6.2. Environmental precautions

Do not flush into surface water or sanitary sewer system.

## 6.3. Methods and material for containment and cleaning up

Sweep up or vacuum up spillage and collect in suitable container for disposal. Avoid dust formation.

## 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

Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Wear personal protective equipment. Avoid dust formation. Use only under a chemical fume hood. Do not breathe vapors/dust. Do not ingest.

#### **Hygiene Measures**

Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.

### 7.2. Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Keep containers tightly closed in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place.

### 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

**Derived No Effect Level (DNEL)** No information available

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Route of exposure	Acute effects (local)	Acute effects (systemic)	Chronic effects (local)	Chronic effects (systemic)
Oral Dermal Inhalation				

**Predicted No Effect Concentration (PNEC)** No information available.

## 8.2. Exposure controls

### Engineering Measures

Use explosion-proof electrical/ventilating/lighting/equipment. Ensure that eyewash stations and safety showers are close to the workstation location.

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

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

**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

**Environmental exposure controls** Prevent product from entering drains. Do not allow material to contaminate ground water system.

## SECTION 9: PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

### 9.1. Information on basic physical and chemical properties

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<b>Appearance</b>	Light yellow	
<b>Physical State</b>	Solid	
<b>Odor</b>	No information available	
<b>Odor Threshold</b>	No data available	
<b>pH</b>	10.6	10% aq. solution
<b>Melting Point/Range</b>	52 - 56 °C / 125.6 - 132.8 °F	
<b>Softening Point</b>	No data available	
<b>Boiling Point/Range</b>	263 °C / 505.4 °F	@ 760 mmHg
<b>Flash Point</b>	157 °C / 314.6 °F	<b>Method -</b> No information available
<b>Evaporation Rate</b>	Not applicable	Solid
<b>Flammability (solid,gas)</b>	No information available	
<b>Explosion Limits</b>	<b>Lower</b> 1.8 <b>Upper</b> 10.7	
<b>Vapor Pressure</b>	0.002 mbar @ 20 °C	
<b>Vapor Density</b>	Not applicable	Solid
<b>Specific Gravity / Density</b>	1.0416	
<b>Bulk Density</b>	No data available	
<b>Water Solubility</b>	soluble	
<b>Solubility in other solvents</b>	No information available	
<b>Partition Coefficient (n-octanol/water)</b>		
<b>Component</b>	<b>log Pow</b>	
4-Methylimidazole	0.35	
<b>Autoignition Temperature</b>	555 °C / 1031 °F	
<b>Decomposition Temperature</b>	No data available	
<b>Viscosity</b>	Not applicable	Solid
<b>Explosive Properties</b>	No information available	
<b>Oxidizing Properties</b>	No information available	

## 9.2. Other information

<b>Molecular Formula</b>	C4 H6 N2
<b>Molecular Weight</b>	82.1

## 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

<b>Hazardous Polymerization</b>	Hazardous polymerization does not occur.
<b>Hazardous Reactions</b>	None under normal processing.

### 10.4. Conditions to avoid

Incompatible products. Excess heat.

### 10.5. Incompatible materials

Acids. Strong oxidizing agents. Acid anhydrides. Acid chlorides.

### 10.6. Hazardous decomposition products

Nitrogen oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>). Carbon monoxide (CO). Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>). Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating gases and vapors.

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## SECTION 11: TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### 11.1. Information on toxicological effects

#### Product Information

##### (a) acute toxicity;

Oral Category 4  
Dermal Category 3  
Inhalation Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

Component	LD50 Oral	LD50 Dermal	LC50 Inhalation
4-Methylimidazole	LD50 = 751 mg/kg ( Rat )	LD50 = 440 mg/kg ( Rabbit )	

(b) skin corrosion/irritation; Category 2

(c) serious eye damage/irritation; Category 2

##### (d) respiratory or skin sensitization;

Respiratory No data available  
Skin No data available

(e) germ cell mutagenicity; No data available

(f) carcinogenicity; No data available

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

Component	EU	UK	Germany	IARC
4-Methylimidazole				Group 2B

(g) reproductive toxicity; No data available

(h) STOT-single exposure; Category 3

Results / Target organs Respiratory system.

(i) STOT-repeated exposure; No data available

Target Organs None known.

(j) aspiration hazard; Not applicable  
Solid

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

Symptoms / effects, both acute and delayed Product is a corrosive material. Use of gastric lavage or emesis is contraindicated. Possible perforation of stomach or esophagus should be investigated: Ingestion causes severe swelling, severe damage to the delicate tissue and danger of perforation

## SECTION 12: ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### 12.1. Toxicity

Ecotoxicity effects Contains a substance which is: The product contains following substances which are

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hazardous for the environment. Toxic to aquatic organisms.

Component	Freshwater Fish	Water Flea	Freshwater Algae	Microtox
4-Methylimidazole	LC50: = 34 mg/L, 96h static (Leuciscus idus)	EC50: = 180 mg/L, 48h (Daphnia magna)	EC50: = 2 mg/L, 72h (Desmodesmus subspicatus)	EC50 = 440 mg/L 17 h

## 12.2. Persistence and degradability

**Persistence** Persistence is unlikely.  
**Degradation in sewage treatment plant** Contains substances known to be hazardous to the environment or not degradable in waste water treatment plants.

## 12.3. Bioaccumulative potential

Bioaccumulation is unlikely

Component	log Pow	Bioconcentration factor (BCF)
4-Methylimidazole	0.35	No data available

## 12.4. Mobility in soil

The product is water soluble, and may spread in water systems. Will likely be mobile in the environment due to its water solubility. Highly mobile in soils

## 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.  
**European Waste Catalogue (EWC)** According to the European Waste Catalogue, Waste Codes are not product specific, but application specific.  
**Other Information** Do not dispose of waste into sewer. Waste codes should be assigned by the user based on the application for which the product was used. Do not empty into drains.

## SECTION 14: TRANSPORT INFORMATION

### IMDG/IMO

**14.1. UN number** UN2811  
**14.2. UN proper shipping name** Toxic solid, organic, n.o.s  
**14.3. Transport hazard class(es)** 6.1  
**14.4. Packing group** III

### ADR

**14.1. UN number** UN2811  
**14.2. UN proper shipping name** Toxic solid, organic, n.o.s

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**14.3. Transport hazard class(es)** 6.1  
**14.4. Packing group** III

## IATA

**14.1. UN number** UN2811  
**14.2. UN proper shipping name** Toxic solid, organic, n.o.s  
**14.3. Transport hazard class(es)** 6.1  
**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
4-Methylimidazole	212-497-3	-		X	-	X	X	X	X	X	KE-2430 0

### National Regulations

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

Take note of Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations (COSHH) 2002 and 2005 Amendment.

### 15.2. Chemical safety assessment

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

## SECTION 16: OTHER INFORMATION

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

H302 - Harmful if swallowed  
H311 - Toxic in contact with skin  
H315 - Causes skin irritation  
H319 - Causes serious eye irritation  
H335 - May cause respiratory irritation

### Legend

**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

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

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

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

**AICS** - Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances

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KECL - Korean Existing and Evaluated Chemical Substances

NZIoC - New Zealand Inventory of Chemicals

WEL - Workplace Exposure Limit

ACGIH - American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists

DNEL - Derived No Effect Level

RPE - Respiratory Protective Equipment

LC50 - Lethal Concentration 50%

NOEC - No Observed Effect Concentration

PBT - Persistent, Bioaccumulative, Toxic

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

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

#### Key literature references and sources for data

Suppliers safety data sheet, Chemadvisor - LOLI, Merck index, RTECS

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

#### 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 Not applicable.

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

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