

Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS)

Caprylic Acid

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Section 1: Product Identification

- **Product Name:** Caprylic Acid
- **Chemical Formula:** C₈H₁₆O₂
- **CAS No:** 124-07-2
- **Synonyms:** Octanoic Acid; n-Heptylformic Acid
- **Recommended Use:** Used in food additives, pharmaceuticals, cosmetics, and as a chemical intermediate.

Section 2: Hazards Identification

- **Classification (GHS):** Skin Irritant (Category 2), Eye Irritant (Category 2A)
- **Signal Word:** Warning
- **Hazard Statements:**
 - Causes skin irritation
 - Causes serious eye irritation
- **Precautionary Statements:**
 - Avoid contact with skin and eyes
 - Wear protective gloves/eye protection
 - Wash hands thoroughly after handling

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Section 3: Composition / Information on Ingredients

- **Concentration:** $\geq 95\%$

Section 4: First Aid Measures

- **Inhalation:** Remove to fresh air. If symptoms occur, seek medical attention.
- **Skin Contact:** Wash with plenty of soap and water. Remove contaminated clothing. Seek medical advice if irritation persists.
- **Eye Contact:** Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses if present. Seek medical advice if irritation continues.
- **Ingestion:** Rinse mouth. Do not induce vomiting. Seek immediate medical attention.

Section 5: Fire-Fighting Measures

- **Suitable Extinguishing Media:** Water spray, foam, dry chemical, carbon dioxide (CO₂).
- **Specific Hazards:** Combustion may produce carbon oxides.
- **Protective Equipment:** Firefighters should wear self-contained breathing apparatus and protective clothing.

Section 6: Accidental Release Measures

- **Personal Precautions:** Use protective equipment. Avoid inhalation and skin/eye contact. Ensure ventilation.
- **Environmental Precautions:** Prevent entry into drains and waterways.
- **Cleanup Methods:** Absorb with inert material (sand, earth). Collect in suitable container for proper disposal.

Section 7: Handling and Storage

- **Handling:** Avoid inhalation of vapors. Avoid skin/eye contact. Use in well-ventilated areas.
- **Storage:** Store in tightly closed containers in a cool, dry, well-ventilated place away from heat sources.

Section 8: Exposure Controls / Personal Protection

- **Exposure Limits:** Not specifically established for Caprylic Acid.
- **Engineering Controls:** Ensure adequate ventilation.
- **Personal Protective Equipment:** Gloves, goggles, protective clothing; respirator if exposure limits are exceeded.

Section 9: Physical and Chemical Properties

- **Appearance:** Colorless to slightly yellow oily liquid
- **Odor:** Rancid, fatty odor
- **Boiling Point:** 239 °C
- **Flash Point:** 130 °C (closed cup)
- **Solubility:** Slightly soluble in water; miscible with ethanol and organic solvents
- **Molecular Weight:** 144.21 g/mol

Section 10: Stability and Reactivity

- **Stability:** Stable under normal conditions.
- **Incompatible Materials:** Strong oxidizing agents.
- **Hazardous Decomposition Products:** Carbon oxides under fire conditions.

Section 11: Toxicological Information

- **Routes of Exposure:** Inhalation, ingestion, skin and eye contact.
- **Acute Effects:** Causes skin and eye irritation; may cause gastrointestinal discomfort if ingested.
Oral LD50 (rat) ~10,800 mg/kg.
- **Chronic Effects:** Prolonged or repeated exposure may cause dermatitis.

Section 12: Ecological Information

- **Ecotoxicity:** Not expected to be environmentally hazardous in small quantities.
- **Persistence and Degradability:** Readily biodegradable.
- **Bioaccumulative Potential:** Low potential.

Section 13: Disposal Considerations

- Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local/regional/national regulations. Do not release into the environment.

Section 14: Transport Information

- **UN Number:** Not regulated
- **Proper Shipping Name:** Caprylic Acid
- **Hazard Class:** Not classified as dangerous goods
- **Packing Group:** Not applicable

Section 15: Regulatory Information

- Complies with Indian chemical safety regulations and listed under international chemical inventories (TSCA, EINECS, etc.).
- Classified as hazardous substance as per GHS.

Section 16: Other Information

Disclaimer: The above information is believed to be correct but does not claim to be exhaustive. Users are responsible for verifying suitability under actual conditions of use. Triveni Chemicals disclaims liability for damage resulting from handling or contact.

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