



## MONOMETHYLAMINE, ANHYDROUS

# MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

### **1. Product and Company Identification**

**Product:** Monomethylamine, anhydrous

**MSDS number:** 175

**Material number:** 80175

### **2. Composition / Information on Ingredients**

**Component CAS Number Percent % OSHA hazard**

**category:**

METHYLAMINE 74-89-5 98 Hazardous

### **3. Hazards Identification**

**Product Description**

**Appearance:** Colorless gas.

**Odor:** Strong ammonia-like odor.

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**Product information:** 800 835 5235

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### **Emergency Overview:**

DANGER!

- Flammable gas. May cause flash fire.
- May cause respiratory tract, skin and eye irritation.
- Vapor is heavier than air and can travel considerable distance to a source of ignition and flashback.

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### **Potential health effects**

**Routes of exposure:** Skin, eyes, inhalation.

**Immediate effects:**

**Skin:** Causes skin burns. Symptoms of exposure may include: Redness or discoloration,

swelling, itching, burning or blistering of skin.

**Eyes:** Exposure to liquid Causes severe eye burns, damage irreversible. Exposure to vapors Causes eye irritation. Symptoms of exposure may include: Eye irritation, burning sensation, pain, watering, and/or change of vision. Transient visual disturbances characterized by mildly blurred vision and a blue-gray discoloration of sight. This effect is commonly referred to as blue haze, or halo vision, with halo vision getting its name from the appearance of a halo when looking at light sources. These effects are due to mild corneal irritation and edema and normally disappear several hours after exposure.

**Inhalation:** Causes respiratory tract irritation. Harmful if inhaled. Symptoms of exposure may include: Nasal discharge, hoarseness, coughing, chest pain and breathing difficulty. Accumulation of fluid in the lungs (pulmonary edema); symptoms can be delayed for several hours. Nausea, headache and/or dizziness.

**Ingestion:** Causes digestive tract burns. Harmful if swallowed. Symptoms of exposure may include: Nausea, vomiting, loss of appetite, gastrointestinal irritation and/or diarrhea. Severe damage to the mouth, throat esophagus and/or stomach.

**Mutagenic:** Shows mixed results for mutagenic potential in vitro.

**Target organ effects:** •Overexposure (prolonged or repeated exposure) may cause:

Injury to the eyes

Irritation of the respiratory tract

Digestive tract damage

Skin damage.

**Medical conditions which may be aggravated by exposure:**

Significant exposure to this chemical may adversely affect people with acute or chronic disease of the:

Respiratory Tract

Skin

Eyes

Digestive tract

May cause asthmatic response in persons with asthma, who are particularly sensitive to respiratory irritants.

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**For further information, see:** Section 4 - First Aid Measures

Section 5 - Fire Fighting Measures

Section 6 - Accidental Release Measures

Section 8 - Exposure Controls/Personal Protection

Section 9 - Physical and Chemical Properties

Section 10 - Stability and Reactivity

#### **4. First Aid Measures**

**Skin:** Initial emergency treatment should consist of washing with large amounts of 5% acetic acid (aqueous vinegar) alternating with soap and water, while removing contaminated clothing and shoes. Continue regime for at least 15 minutes, although the acetic acid may be discontinued once the stickiness is gone. In all cases, large amounts of plain water rinsing for 5 minutes is the final step. If 5% acetic acid is not immediately available, wash with plenty of water until 5% acetic acid can be obtained. Get medical attention immediately. Wash clothing before reuse. Destroy contaminated shoes.

**Eyes:** Immediately flush eyes with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. If easy to do, remove contact lenses, if worn. Get medical attention immediately.

**Inhalation:** Remove to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. If breathing is difficult,

give oxygen. Call a physician.

**Note to physician:** Observe for latent pulmonary edema. Chemical pneumonitis could follow respiratory exposure.

### **5. Fire Fighting Measures**

**NFPA:** Health: 3 Flammability: 4 Reactivity: 0

#### **Flammable properties**

**Flash point (test method):** Inappropriate for this material

**Flammable limits in air, % by volume:**

**Upper:** 20.8 %

**Lower:** 5 %

**Autoignition temperature:** 430.3 C (806 F)

**Products of combustion:** Carbon Monoxide.

**Extinguishing Media:** Use alcohol type aqueous film forming foam for large fires. Use CO<sub>2</sub> or dry chemical for small fires.

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**Fire Fighting Instructions:** Water may be ineffective but should be used to cool fire-exposed structures and

vessels. Use water spray for large fires. Water spray can be used to reduce the intensity of flames and to dilute spills to a non-flammable mixture. Keep personnel removed from and upwind of fire. If potential for exposure to vapors or products of combustion exists, wear full fire fighting turnout gear and NIOSH approved self-contained breathing apparatus. Oxidizing chemicals may accelerate the burning rate in a fire situation. Vapor is heavier than air and can travel considerable distance to a source of ignition and flashback.

#### **Fire Fighting**

##### **Environmental Concerns:**

Water run-off and vapor cloud may be corrosive. Dike and collect water used to fight fire for neutralization before release. Vapors and combustion gases can be controlled using a water fog stream. Thoroughly decontaminate bunker gear and other firefighting equipment before re-use.

### **6. Accidental Release Measures**

**Spill or Leak Instructions** Eliminate ignition sources. See Section 8 for appropriate personal protective equipment. Contain spill with dikes of soil or nonflammable absorbent to minimize contaminated area. Water fog stream may reduce vapors. If fire potential exists, blanket spill with alcohol type aqueous film-forming foam or use water fog stream to disperse vapors. Avoid run-off into storm sewers and ditches leading to waterways. If required, notify state and local authorities. Place leaking containers in wellventilated area.

Within the United States, call the National Response Center (800-424-8802) and appropriate state and local authorities if the quantity released over 24 hours is equal to or greater than the reportable quantity listed below:

100 lbs. of the material as is, based on a Reportable Quantity of 100 lbs. of monomethylamine.

Keep unnecessary people away; isolate hazard area and deny entry. Stay upwind; keep out of low areas. Isolate for 800 meters or 0.5 miles in all directions if tank, rail car, or tank truck is involved in fire. Evacuate downwind areas as conditions warrant to prevent exposure and to allow vapors or fumes to dissipate. Spills may expose downwind areas to toxic or flammable concentrations over considerable distances in some cases.

## 7. Handling and Storage

**Handling:** Use with adequate ventilation. Keep containers closed when not in use. Always open containers slowly to allow any excess pressure to vent. Avoid breathing vapor. Avoid contact with eyes, skin or clothing. Wash thoroughly with soap and water after handling. Decontaminate soiled clothing thoroughly before re-use. Destroy contaminated leather clothing.

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This product may generate a static charge. Ground/bond equipment when transferring material to prevent static accumulation. Electrical equipment and circuits in all storage and handling must conform to requirements of National Electric Code (Article 500 and 501) for hazardous location.

**Storage:** Do not store with incompatible materials. See Section 10. Stability and Reactivity. Keep all containers tightly closed when not in use. Store out of direct sunlight and on an impermeable floor.

## 8. Exposure Controls / Personal Protection

**Engineering Controls:** General or dilution ventilation is frequently insufficient as the sole means of controlling employee exposure. Local ventilation is usually preferred. Explosionproof equipment (for example fans, switches, and grounded ducts) should be used in mechanical ventilation systems.

**Protective Equipment** A safety shower and eyebath should be readily available. 5% Acetic acid solution (aqueous vinegar) should be readily available for first aid treatment of splashes to the skin.

**Skin protection:** Wear impervious clothing and gloves to prevent contact. Nitrile rubber is recommended. Other protective material may be used, depending on the situation, if adequate degradation and permeation data is available. If other chemicals are used in conjunction with this chemical, material selection should be based on protection for all chemicals present.

**Eye/face protection:** Wear chemical goggles when there is a reasonable chance of eye contact. In addition to goggles, wear a face shield if there is a reasonable chance for splash to the face.

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**Respiratory protection:** Based on workplace contaminant level and working limits of the respirator, use a

respirator approved by NIOSH. The following is the minimum recommended equipment for an occupational exposure level. To estimate an occupational exposure level see Section 3, Section 8 and Section 11.

For concentrations > 1 and < 10 times the occupational exposure level: Use airpurifying respirator with full facepiece and organic vapor cartridge(s) or air-purifying full facepiece respirator with an organic vapor canister or a full facepiece powered air-purifying respirator fitted with organic vapor cartridge(s). The air purifying element must have an end of service life indicator, or a documented change out schedule must be established. Otherwise, use supplied air.

For concentrations more than 10 times the occupational exposure level and less than the lower of either 100 times the occupational exposure level or the IDLH: Use Type C full facepiece supplied-air respirator operated in positive-pressure or continuousflow

mode.

For concentrations > 100 times the occupational exposure level or greater than the IDLH level or unknown concentrations (such as in emergencies): Use self-contained breathing apparatus with full facepiece in positive-pressure mode or Type C positive-pressure full facepiece supplied-air respirator with an auxiliary positive-pressure self-contained breathing apparatus escape system.

For escape: Use self-contained breathing apparatus with full facepiece or any respirator specifically approved for escape.

### Exposure guidelines

Component CAS

Number

Percent

%

ACGIH

TWA

ACGIH

STEL

ACGIH

CEILING

OSHA

TWA

OSHA

STEL

OSHA

CEILING

Celanese

WEL \*

Mexico

TWA

Mexico

STEL

Mexico

CEILING

METHYLAMINE 74-89-5 98 5 ppm 15 ppm - 10 ppm - - - 10 ppm - -

Component CAS Number Percent % 1990 NIOSH IDLH

METHYLAMINE 74-89-5 98 - 100 ppm

**Comments:** Celanese has adopted the ACGIH TLVs

### **9. Physical and Chemical Properties**

**Appearance:** Colorless gas.

**Odor:** Strong ammonia-like odor.

**Vapor Pressure:** 2251 mm Hg at 20 deg C

**Vapor Density (Air=1 @ 20°C):** 1.07

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**Boiling Point (760 mmHgA):** - 6.3 C (20.7 F)

**Melting Point:** - 93.5 C (- 136.3 F)

**Specific Gravity:** 0.663 at 20 deg C

**Molecular Weight:** 31.1

### **10. Stability and Reactivity**

**Stability:** Stable.

**Conditions to Avoid:** Avoid heat , flames, sparks, and other sources of ignition.

**Incompatibility:** Keep away from acids, oxidizing agents, nitrites, copper, copper alloys or cellulose nitrate.

**Hazardous Combustion or**

**Decomposition Products:**

Thermal decomposition products may include oxides of nitrogen and carbon.

**Hazardous Polymerization:** Hazardous polymerization will not occur.

## **11. Toxicological Information**

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## **12. Ecological Information**

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**Mutagenicity:** Genotoxicity results were equivocal in vitro: negative in the Ames Test and positive in the mouse lymphoma cell assay. In vivo information was not available.

**Carcinogenicity:** No information.

**Reproductive/Developmental Effects:** No information.

**Repeated Exposure:** Rats were subjected to inhalation exposure (6 hrs./day; 5 days/week) for 2 weeks to vapor concentrations of 75, 250 or 750 ppm. Additional animals exposed similarly were allowed a 2-week recovery period after exposure ended. Upper respiratory tract irritation (nasal lesions) was observed in all groups although effects were marginal at 75 ppm. Mortality and clinical chemistry findings indicative of liver injury were also seen at 750 ppm. Effects were lessened in recovery animals.

#### **Component METHYLAMINE**

##### **Acute Exposure:**

**Oral LD50:** 0.1-0.2 g/kg as 40% aqueous basic solution (rats); moderately toxic to animals.

**Inhalation LC50:** 5000 ppm (estimated for rats, 1 hr.); 1890 ppm (mice, 2 hrs.); moderately toxic to animals. Transient nose & throat irritation was reported in humans from brief exposures at 20-100 ppm, but not at concentrations less than 10 ppm. One case of allergic or chemical bronchitis was reported in a worker exposed to methylamine.

**Skin:** Liquified methylamine or 40% aqueous basic solution is corrosive to animal skin; vapors may produce skin irritation.

**Eye:** 40% Aqueous basic solution was corrosive to rabbit eyes. Transient eye irritation was reported in humans from brief exposures at 20-100 ppm, but not at concentrations less than 10 ppm. Vapors of related amines have been reported to cause corneal edema with resultant "halovision" around lights.

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## **13. Disposal Considerations**

Dispose of spilled material in accordance with state and local regulations for hazardous waste.

Recommended

methods are incineration or biological treatment at a federally or state-permitted disposal facility. Note that this information applies to the material as manufactured; processing, use, or contamination may make this information

inappropriate, inaccurate, or incomplete.

Note that this handling and disposal information may also apply to empty containers, liners and rinsate. State or

local regulations or restrictions are complex and may differ from federal regulations. This information is intended as

an aid to proper handling and disposal; the final responsibility for handling and disposal is with the owner of the

waste. See Section 9 - Physical and Chemical Properties.

EPA Hazardous Waste Code(s): D001

#### **14. Transport Information**

##### **US Department of Transportation:**

**UN/NA Number:** UN 1061

**Shipping name:** METHYLAMINE, ANHYDROUS

**Hazard class:** 2.1

**DOT Reportable Quantity (RQ):** 100 lb/45.4 kg

**Emergency Response Guide:** 118

##### **ICAO/IATA:**

**IATA UN Number:** UN 1061

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**Ecotoxicity:** Monomethylamine exhibits slight acute toxicity to aquatic species.

The alkaline nature of this material probably enhances the toxicity by increasing the pH in aquatic test systems. The LC50 values for various fish species are as follows:

Creek chub (24 hrs., pH 8.3) > 10 ppm but < 30 ppm;

Brook trout (22 hrs., pH buffered to 7.5) 90 ppm.

The 48-hr. EC50 for the water flea (daphnid) is 163-702 ppm (pH greater than or equal to 7).

In the green algae, *Scenedesmus obliquus*, photosynthesis was inhibited at 160 ppm (pH 7.9).

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**Hazard Classification:** 2.1 (Flammable Gas)

**Label:** (Flammable Gas) (Cargo Aircraft Only)

**IMDG:**

**International Marine UN Number:** UN 1061

**Proper Shipping Name:** METHYLAMINE, ANHYDROUS

**Hazard Class:** 2.1 (Flammable Gas)

**Flash point (test method):** Inappropriate for this material

**Transport Canada**

**Trade Information**

**Schedule B Code (export):** 2921.11.0000

#### **15. Regulatory Information**

##### **U.S. STATE REGULATIONS**

Chemicals associated with the product which are subject to the state right-to-know regulations are listed along with the

applicable state(s):

##### **U.S. FEDERAL REGULATIONS**

**TSCA Inventory:** We certify that all components are either on the TSCA inventory or qualify for an exemption.

**Environmental Regulations:**

**SARA 311:**

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**Illinois** Listed

**CERCLA Hazardous Substance** Listed

**Massachusetts** Listed

**Rhode Island** Listed

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**Pennsylvania** Listed

**New York** Listed

**New Jersey** Listed

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**Acute health:** Yes

**Chronic health:** No

**Fire:** Yes

**Sudden release of pressure:**No

**Reactive:** No

#### **INTERNATIONAL REGULATIONS**

##### **International Chemical Inventory**

Listed on the chemical inventories of the following countries or qualifies for an exemption:

AUSTRALIA,CHINA,CANADA,EUROPE,KOREA,PHILIPPINES, JAPAN

#### **16. Other Information**

**Prepared by:** Product Stewardship Department

Celanese Ltd.

**Hazard ratings** This information is intended solely for the use of individuals trained in the NFPA and/or HMIS systems.

**NFPA:** Health: 3 Flammability: 4 Reactivity: 0

**HMIS:** Health: 3 Flammability: 4 Reactivity: 0

**Revisions:** The following sections have been revised since the last issue of this MSDS.

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