

Chemical Safety Data Sheet MSDS / SDS

ketene

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SECTION 1: Identification of the substance/mixture and of the company/undertaking

Product identifier

Product name : ketene
CBnumber : CB9934768
CAS : 463-51-4
EINECS Number : 207-336-9
Synonyms : ethenone, Keten

Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against

Relevant identified uses : For R&D use only. Not for medicinal, household or other use.
Uses advised against : none

Company Identification

Company : Chemicalbook
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SECTION 2: Hazards identification

Classification of the substance or mixture

Flammable gases, Category 1A, Flammable gas
Skin irritation, Category 2
Serious eye damage, Category 1
Acute toxicity - Category 1, Inhalation
Specific target organ toxicity – single exposure, Category 3

Label elements

Pictogram(s)

Signal word : Danger

Hazard statement(s)

H220 Extremely flammable gas
H315 Causes skin irritation
H318 Causes serious eye damage
H330 Fatal if inhaled

H335 May cause respiratory irritation

Precautionary statement(s)

Prevention

P210 Keep away from heat, hot surfaces, sparks, open flames and other ignition sources. No smoking.

P264 Wash ... thoroughly after handling.

P280 Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection/hearing protection/...

P260 Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/vapours/spray.

P271 Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area.

P284 [In case of inadequate ventilation] wear respiratory protection.

P261 Avoid breathing dust/fume/gas/mist/vapours/spray.

Response

P377 Leaking gas fire: Do not extinguish, unless leak can be stopped safely.

P381 In case of leakage, eliminate all ignition sources.

P302+P352 IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of water/...

P321 Specific treatment (see ... on this label).

P332+P317 If skin irritation occurs: Get medical help.

P362+P364 Take off contaminated clothing and wash it before reuse.

P305+P354+P338 IF IN EYES: Immediately rinse with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.

P317 Get medical help.

P304+P340 IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing.

P316 Get emergency medical help immediately.

P320 Specific treatment is urgent (see ... on this label).

P319 Get medical help if you feel unwell.

Storage

P403 Store in a well-ventilated place.

P403+P233 Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed.

P405 Store locked up.

Disposal

P501 Dispose of contents/container to an appropriate treatment and disposal facility in accordance with applicable laws and regulations, and product characteristics at time of disposal.

Other hazards

no data available

SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients

Substance

Product name	: ketene
Synonyms	: ethenone, Keten
CAS	: 463-51-4
EC number	: 207-336-9

MF : C2H2O
MW : 42.04

SECTION 4: First aid measures

Description of first aid measures

If inhaled

Fresh air, rest. Half-upright position. Artificial respiration may be needed. Refer for medical attention.

Following skin contact

Remove contaminated clothes. Rinse skin with plenty of water or shower.

Following eye contact

First rinse with plenty of water for several minutes (remove contact lenses if easily possible), then refer for medical attention.

Following ingestion

Rinse mouth with water. Do not induce vomiting. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Call a doctor or Poison Control Center immediately.

Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed

Exposure Routes: inhalation, skin and/or eye contact Symptoms: Irritation eyes, skin, nose, throat, respiratory system; pulmonary edema

Target Organs: Eyes, skin, respiratory system (NIOSH, 2016)

Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

no data available

SECTION 5: Firefighting measures

Extinguishing media

Excerpt from ERG Guide 131P [Flammable Liquids - Toxic]: CAUTION: All these products have a very low flash point: Use of water spray when fighting fire may be inefficient. SMALL FIRE: Dry chemical, CO₂, water spray or alcohol-resistant foam. LARGE FIRE: Water spray, fog or alcohol-resistant foam. Move containers from fire area if you can do it without risk. Dike fire-control water for later disposal; do not scatter the material. Use water spray or fog; do not use straight streams. FIRE INVOLVING TANKS OR CAR/TRAILER LOADS: Fight fire from maximum distance or use unmanned hose holders or monitor nozzles. Cool containers with flooding quantities of water until well after fire is out. Withdraw immediately in case of rising sound from venting safety devices or discoloration of tank. ALWAYS stay away from tanks engulfed in fire. For massive fire, use unmanned hose holders or monitor nozzles; if this is impossible, withdraw from area and let fire burn. (ERG, 2016)

Specific Hazards Arising from the Chemical

Excerpt from ERG Guide 131P [Flammable Liquids - Toxic]: HIGHLY FLAMMABLE: Will be easily ignited by heat, sparks or flames. Vapors may form explosive mixtures with air. Vapors may travel to source of ignition and flash back. Most vapors are heavier than air. They will spread along ground and collect in low or confined areas (sewers, basements, tanks). Vapor explosion and poison hazard indoors, outdoors or in sewers. Those substances designated with a (P) may polymerize explosively when heated or involved in a fire. Runoff to sewer may create fire or explosion hazard. Containers may explode when heated. Many liquids are lighter than water. (ERG, 2016)

Advice for firefighters

Use powder, carbon dioxide. NO water. In case of fire: keep cylinder cool by spraying with water. NO direct contact with water.

SECTION 6: Accidental release measures

Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

Evacuate danger area! Consult an expert! Ventilation. Personal protection: gas-tight chemical protection suit including self-contained breathing apparatus.

Environmental precautions

Evacuate danger area! Consult an expert! Ventilation. Personal protection: gas-tight chemical protection suit including self-contained breathing apparatus.

Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up

Persons not wearing protective equipment and clothing should be restricted from areas of leaks until cleanup has been completed. if ketene is leaked, the following steps should be taken: 1. remove all ignition sources. 2. ventilate the area of leak. 3. stop flow of gas. disposal methods: ketene may be disposed of by burning at a safe location or in a suitable combustion chamber.

SECTION 7: Handling and storage

Precautions for safe handling

NO open flames, NO sparks and NO smoking. Closed system, ventilation, explosion-proof electrical equipment and lighting. Handling in a well ventilated place. Wear suitable protective clothing. Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Avoid formation of dust and aerosols. Use non-sparking tools. Prevent fire caused by electrostatic discharge steam.

Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

The substance cannot be stored or shipped....CANNOT BE...STORED IN A GASEOUS STATE.

SECTION 8: Exposure controls/personal protection

Control parameters

Occupational Exposure limit values

TLV: 0.5 ppm as TWA; 1.5 ppm as STEL

Biological limit values

no data available

Exposure controls

Ensure adequate ventilation. Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice. Set up emergency exits and the risk-elimination area.

Individual protection measures

Eye/face protection

Wear safety goggles or eye protection in combination with breathing protection.

Skin protection

Protective gloves.

Respiratory protection

Use ventilation, local exhaust or breathing protection.

Thermal hazards

no data available

SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties

Information on basic physicochemical properties

Physical state	Gas
Colour	COLORLESS GAS
Odour	PENETRATING ODOR
Melting point/freezing point	-150°C
Boiling point or initial boiling point and boiling range	-56°C
Flammability	Flammable Gas
Lower and upper explosion limit/flammability limit	no data available
Flash point	Flammable gas
Auto-ignition temperature	no data available
Decomposition temperature	no data available
pH	no data available
Kinematic viscosity	no data available
Solubility	Reacts with water (NIOSH, 2016)
Partition coefficient n-octanol/water	no data available
Vapour pressure	12600mmHg at 25°C
Density and/or relative density	0.712 g/cm ³
Relative vapour density	1.45 (AIR= 1)
Particle characteristics	no data available

SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity

Reactivity

The substance may readily polymerize. Reacts violently with many organic compounds. Reacts with water. This produces acetic acid.

Decomposes in alcohol and ammonia.

Chemical stability

no data available

Possibility of hazardous reactions

The gas is heavier than air and may travel along the ground; distant ignition possible. KETENE is extremely flammable. Mixtures with air are

explosive. Reacts violently with water; reacts vigorously with alcohols, ammonia. Readily polymerizes and cannot be shipped or stored. Is obtained instead as needed from diketene. DIKETENE is extremely flammable. Forms explosive vapor/air mixtures above 33°C. Undergoes a further exothermic polymerization that is retarded by storage in the solid state (below -6.5°C) or by the use of stabilizing additives. This polymerization becomes violent (with risk of fire or explosion) with warming or on contact with acids or bases. Reacts violently with water.

Conditions to avoid

no data available

Incompatible materials

Water, alcohols, ammonia [Note: Readily polymerizes. Reacts with water to form acetic acid].

Hazardous decomposition products

no data available

SECTION 11: Toxicological information

Acute toxicity

- Oral: no data available
- Inhalation: no data available
- Dermal: no data available

Skin corrosion/irritation

no data available

Serious eye damage/irritation

no data available

Respiratory or skin sensitization

no data available

Germ cell mutagenicity

no data available

Carcinogenicity

no data available

Reproductive toxicity

no data available

STOT-single exposure

The substance is irritating to the eyes, skin and respiratory tract. Inhalation of this gas may cause lung oedema. The effects may be delayed. Medical observation is indicated. See Notes.

STOT-repeated exposure

Repeated or prolonged inhalation may cause effects on the lungs. This may result in emphysema and fibrosis.

Aspiration hazard

A harmful concentration of this gas in the air will be reached very quickly on loss of containment.

SECTION 12: Ecological information

Toxicity

Toxicity to fish: no data available

Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates: no data available

Toxicity to algae: no data available

Toxicity to microorganisms: no data available

Persistence and degradability

no data available

Bioaccumulative potential

no data available

Mobility in soil

no data available

Other adverse effects

no data available

SECTION 13: Disposal considerations

Disposal methods

Product

The material can be disposed of by removal to a licensed chemical destruction plant or by controlled incineration with flue gas scrubbing. Do not contaminate water, foodstuffs, feed or seed by storage or disposal. Do not discharge to sewer systems.

Contaminated packaging

Containers can be triply rinsed (or equivalent) and offered for recycling or reconditioning. Alternatively, the packaging can be punctured to make it unusable for other purposes and then be disposed of in a sanitary landfill. Controlled incineration with flue gas scrubbing is possible for combustible packaging materials.

SECTION 14: Transport information

UN Number

ADR/RID: UN1955 (For reference only, please check.)

IMDG: UN1955 (For reference only, please check.)

IATA: UN1955 (For reference only, please check.)

UN Proper Shipping Name

ADR/RID: COMPRESSED GAS, TOXIC, N.O.S. (For reference only, please check.)

IMDG: COMPRESSED GAS, TOXIC, N.O.S. (For reference only, please check.)

IATA: COMPRESSED GAS, TOXIC, N.O.S. (For reference only, please check.)

Transport hazard class(es)

ADR/RID: 2.3 (For reference only, please check.)

IMDG: 2.3 (For reference only, please check.)

IATA: 2.3 (For reference only, please check.)

Packing group, if applicable

ADR/RID: (For reference only, please check.)

IMDG: (For reference only, please check.)

IATA: (For reference only, please check.)

Environmental hazards

ADR/RID: No

IMDG: No

IATA: No

Special precautions for user

no data available

Transport in bulk according to IMO instruments

no data available

SECTION 15: Regulatory information

Safety, health and environmental regulations specific for the product in question

European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances (EINECS)

Listed.

EC Inventory

Listed.

United States Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) Inventory

Listed.

China Catalog of Hazardous chemicals 2015

Not Listed.

New Zealand Inventory of Chemicals (NZIoC)

Listed.

PICCS

Not Listed.

Vietnam National Chemical Inventory

Listed.

IECSC

Not Listed.

Korea Existing Chemicals List (KECL)

Listed.

SECTION 16: Other information

Abbreviations and acronyms

CAS: Chemical Abstracts Service

ADR: European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road

RID: Regulation concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Rail

IMDG: International Maritime Dangerous Goods

IATA: International Air Transportation Association

TWA: Time Weighted Average

STEL: Short term exposure limit

LC50: Lethal Concentration 50%

LD50: Lethal Dose 50%

EC50: Effective Concentration 50%

References

IPCS - The International Chemical Safety Cards (ICSC), website: <http://www.ilo.org/dyn/icsc/showcard.home>

HSDB - Hazardous Substances Data Bank, website: <https://toxnet.nlm.nih.gov/newtoxnet/hsdb.htm>

IARC - International Agency for Research on Cancer, website: <http://www.iarc.fr/>

eChemPortal - The Global Portal to Information on Chemical Substances by OECD, website: http://www.echemportal.org/echemportal/index?pageID=0&request_locale=en

CAMEO Chemicals, website: <http://cameochemicals.noaa.gov/search/simple>

ChemIDplus, website: <http://chem.sis.nlm.nih.gov/chemidplus/chemidlite.jsp>

ERG - Emergency Response Guidebook by U.S. Department of Transportation, website: <http://www.phmsa.dot.gov/hazmat/library/erg>

Germany GESTIS-database on hazard substance, website: <http://www.dguv.de/ifa/gestis/gestis-stoffdatenbank/index-2.jsp>

ECHA - European Chemicals Agency, website: <https://echa.europa.eu/>

Other Information

Reacts violently with fire extinguishing agents such as water. The symptoms of lung oedema often do not become manifest until a few hours have passed and they are aggravated by physical effort. Rest and medical observation are therefore essential. Immediate administration of an appropriate spray, by a doctor or a person authorized by him/her, should be considered.

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