



# SAFETY DATA SHEET

## 1. Identification

<b>Product identifier</b>	<b>Capsaicin</b>	
<b>Other means of identification</b>		
<b>Catalog number</b>	1091108	
<b>CAS number</b>	404-86-4	
<b>Synonyms</b>	(E)-8-Methyl-N-vanillyl-6-nonenamide	
<b>Chemical name</b>	6-Nonenamide, (E)-N-[(4-hydroxy-3-methoxy-phenyl)methyl]-8-methyl	
<b>Recommended use</b>	Specified quality tests and assay use only.	
<b>Recommended restrictions</b>	Not for use as a drug. Not for administration to humans or animals.	
<b>Manufacturer/Importer/Supplier/Distributor information</b>		
<b>Manufacturer</b>		
<b>Company name</b>	U. S. Pharmacopeia	
<b>Address</b>	12601 Twinbrook Parkway Rockville MD 20852-1790 United States	
<b>Telephone</b>	RS Technical Services	301-816-8129
<b>Website</b>	www.usp.org	
<b>E-mail</b>	RSTECH@usp.org	
<b>Emergency phone number</b>	CHEMTREC within US & Canada	1-800-424-9300
	CHEMTREC outside US & Canada	+1 703-527-3887

## 2. Hazard(s) identification

<b>Physical hazards</b>	Not classified.	
<b>Health hazards</b>	Acute toxicity, oral	Category 3
	Skin corrosion/irritation	Category 2
	Serious eye damage/eye irritation	Category 2A
	Sensitization, skin	Category 1
	Specific target organ toxicity, single exposure	Category 3 respiratory tract irritation
<b>Environmental hazards</b>	Not classified.	
<b>OSHA defined hazards</b>	Not classified.	
<b>Label elements</b>		



<b>Signal word</b>	Danger
<b>Hazard statement</b>	Toxic if swallowed. Causes skin irritation. Causes serious eye irritation. May cause an allergic skin reaction. May cause respiratory irritation.
<b>Precautionary statement</b>	
<b>Prevention</b>	Avoid breathing dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray. Wash thoroughly after handling. Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area. Contaminated work clothing must not be allowed out of the workplace. Wear eye protection/face protection. Wear protective gloves.

<b>Response</b>	If swallowed: Immediately call a poison center/doctor. Rinse mouth. If on skin: Wash with plenty of water. If skin irritation or rash occurs: Get medical advice/attention. Take off contaminated clothing and wash it before reuse. If in eyes: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. If eye irritation persists: Get medical advice/attention. If inhaled: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing. Call a poison center/doctor if you feel unwell.
<b>Storage</b>	Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed. Store locked up.
<b>Disposal</b>	Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local/regional/national/international regulations.
<b>Hazard(s) not otherwise classified (HNOC)</b>	None known.
<b>Supplemental information</b>	Pharmacologically active material.

### 3. Composition/information on ingredients

#### Substance

Chemical name	Common name and synonyms	CAS number	%
Capsaicin	(E)-8-Methyl-N-vanillyl-6-nonenamide	404-86-4	100

### 4. First-aid measures

<b>Inhalation</b>	If breathing is difficult, remove to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing. Do not use mouth-to-mouth method if the substance is inhaled. Induce artificial respiration with the aid of a pocket mask equipped with a one-way valve or other proper respiratory medical device. Call a physician if symptoms develop or persist.
<b>Skin contact</b>	Remove contaminated clothing immediately and wash skin with soap and water. In case of eczema or other skin disorders: Seek medical attention and take along these instructions. For minor skin contact, avoid spreading material on unaffected skin. Wash contaminated clothing before reuse.
<b>Eye contact</b>	Immediately flush eyes with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Get medical attention if irritation develops and persists.
<b>Ingestion</b>	Call a physician or poison control center immediately. Rinse mouth. Do not induce vomiting without advice from poison control center. Do not use mouth-to-mouth method if substance is ingested. If vomiting occurs, keep head low so that stomach content doesn't get into the lungs. Induce artificial respiration with the aid of a pocket mask equipped with a one-way valve or other proper respiratory medical device.
<b>Most important symptoms/effects, acute and delayed</b>	Pharmacologically active material. Occupational exposure may cause physiological effects.
<b>Indication of immediate medical attention and special treatment needed</b>	Treat symptomatically. Do not induce vomiting. Dilute with water or milk. Administer activated charcoal as a slurry. For respiratory distress, administer oxygen and assist ventilation. For bronchospasm, treat with inhaled beta2 agonist and oral or parenteral corticosteroids.. For skin irritation, rinse with vinegar water. EMLA, an emulsion of lidocaine and prilocaine may provide relief. Antacid suspensions containing magnesium and aluminum hydroxide may also be applied topically.
<b>General information</b>	Remove from exposure. Remove contaminated clothing. For treatment advice, seek guidance from an occupational health physician or other licensed health-care provider familiar with workplace chemical exposures. In the United States, the national poison control center phone number is 1-800-222-1222. If person is not breathing, give artificial respiration. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen if available. Persons developing serious hypersensitivity (anaphylactic) reactions must receive immediate medical attention.

### 5. Fire-fighting measures

<b>Suitable extinguishing media</b>	Water. Foam. Dry chemical or CO2. Use fire-extinguishing media appropriate for surrounding materials.
<b>Unsuitable extinguishing media</b>	None known.
<b>Specific hazards arising from the chemical</b>	No unusual fire or explosion hazards noted.
<b>Special protective equipment and precautions for firefighters</b>	Wear suitable protective equipment.
<b>Fire fighting equipment/instructions</b>	Use water spray to cool unopened containers. As with all fires, evacuate personnel to a safe area. Firefighters should use self-contained breathing equipment and protective clothing.
<b>Specific methods</b>	Cool containers exposed to flames with water until well after the fire is out.
<b>General fire hazards</b>	No unusual fire or explosion hazards noted.

## 6. Accidental release measures

<b>Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures</b>	Keep unnecessary personnel away. Wear appropriate personal protective equipment. Avoid inhalation of dust from the spilled material. Do not touch damaged containers or spilled material unless wearing appropriate protective clothing. Ensure adequate ventilation. For personal protection, see section 8 of the SDS.
<b>Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up</b>	Avoid the generation of dusts during clean-up. Sweep up or vacuum up spillage and collect in suitable container for disposal. Clean surface thoroughly to remove residual contamination. For waste disposal, see section 13 of the SDS.
<b>Environmental precautions</b>	Avoid discharge into drains, water courses or onto the ground.

## 7. Handling and storage

<b>Precautions for safe handling</b>	As a general rule, when handling USP Reference Standards, avoid all contact and inhalation of dust, mists, and/or vapors associated with the material. Clean equipment and work surfaces with suitable detergent or solvent after use. After removing gloves, wash hands and other exposed skin thoroughly. Select and use containment devices and personal protective equipment based on a risk assessment of material potency and exposure potential.
<b>Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities</b>	Store in tight container as defined in the USP-NF. This material should be handled and stored per label instructions to ensure product integrity.

## 8. Exposure controls/personal protection

<b>Occupational exposure limits</b>	No exposure limits noted for ingredient(s).
<b>Biological limit values</b>	No biological exposure limits noted for the ingredient(s).
<b>Appropriate engineering controls</b>	For laboratory operations, use local exhaust ventilation or a ventilated enclosure for high energy operations such as particle sizing. Control exposures to below the occupational exposure level (if available). Select and use containment devices and personal protective equipment based on a risk assessment of exposure potential. Cover all containers for solutions and slurries while being transferred.
<b>Individual protection measures, such as personal protective equipment</b>	
<b>Eye/face protection</b>	Wear safety glasses with side shields, chemical splash goggles, or full face shield, if necessary. Base the choice of protection on the job activity and potential for contact with eyes or face. An emergency eye wash station should be available.
<b>Skin protection</b>	
<b>Hand protection</b>	Wear nitrile or other impervious gloves if skin contact is possible. When the material is dissolved or suspended in an organic solvent, wear gloves that provide protection against the solvent.
<b>Other</b>	Train employees in proper gowning and degowning practices. Wear lab coat. Base the choice of skin protection on the job activity, potential for skin contact and solvents and reagents in use. Do not wear protective garments in common areas (e.g., cafeterias) or out-of-doors.
<b>Respiratory protection</b>	Respirators are generally not required for laboratory operations. Use a tight-fitting full-face respirator with HEPA filters for spill cleanup. Choose respiratory protection appropriate to the task and the level of existing engineering controls.
<b>Thermal hazards</b>	Wear appropriate thermal protective clothing, when necessary.
<b>General hygiene considerations</b>	Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice. Handling practices in this SDS are recommendations for laboratory use of reference standards. Procedures for any other uses or quantities should be determined after an appropriate assessment.

## 9. Physical and chemical properties

<b>Appearance</b>	Appearance descriptions are general information and not specific to any USP lot.
<b>Physical state</b>	Solid.
<b>Form</b>	Powder.
<b>Color</b>	Off-white.
<b>Odor</b>	Odorless. Characteristic.
<b>Odor threshold</b>	Not available.
<b>pH</b>	Not available.
<b>Melting point/freezing point</b>	134.6 - 150.8 °F (57 - 66 °C)
<b>Initial boiling point and boiling range</b>	Not available.
<b>Flash point</b>	Not available.
<b>Evaporation rate</b>	Not available.

<b>Flammability (solid, gas)</b>	Not available.
<b>Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits</b>	
<b>Flammability limit - lower (%)</b>	Not available.
<b>Flammability limit - upper (%)</b>	Not available.
<b>Explosive limit - lower (%)</b>	Not available.
<b>Explosive limit - upper (%)</b>	Not available.
<b>Vapor pressure</b>	< 0.0000001 kPa at 25 °C
<b>Vapor density</b>	Not available.
<b>Relative density</b>	Not available.
<b>Solubility(ies)</b>	
<b>Solubility (water)</b>	Practically insoluble.
<b>Solubility (other)</b>	Alcohol: Soluble. Chloroform: Soluble. Ether: Soluble. Petroleum ether: Soluble.
<b>Partition coefficient (n-octanol/water)</b>	3.04
<b>Auto-ignition temperature</b>	Not available.
<b>Decomposition temperature</b>	Not available.
<b>Viscosity</b>	Not available.
<b>Other information</b>	
<b>Chemical family</b>	Cytotoxic alkaloid.
<b>Molecular formula</b>	C18H27NO3
<b>Molecular weight</b>	305.41

## 10. Stability and reactivity

<b>Reactivity</b>	The product is stable and non-reactive under normal conditions of use, storage and transport.
<b>Chemical stability</b>	Material is stable under normal conditions.
<b>Possibility of hazardous reactions</b>	No dangerous reaction known under conditions of normal use.
<b>Conditions to avoid</b>	Contact with incompatible materials.
<b>Incompatible materials</b>	Strong oxidizing agents.
<b>Hazardous decomposition products</b>	NOx. Irritating and/or toxic fumes or gases. Emits toxic fumes under fire conditions.

## 11. Toxicological information

### Information on likely routes of exposure

<b>Inhalation</b>	May cause irritation to the respiratory system.
<b>Skin contact</b>	Causes skin irritation. May cause an allergic skin reaction.
<b>Eye contact</b>	Causes serious eye irritation.
<b>Ingestion</b>	Toxic if swallowed.
<b>Symptoms related to the physical, chemical, and toxicological characteristics</b>	Burning skin. Stinging skin. Skin rash. Tearing. Sneezing. Vomiting. Diarrhea. Coughing.

### Information on toxicological effects

**Acute toxicity** Toxic if swallowed.

<b>Product</b>	<b>Species</b>	<b>Test Results</b>
Capsaicin (CAS 404-86-4)		
<b>Oral</b>		
LD50	Mouse	97.4 mg/kg (female)

Product	Species	Test Results
<b>Acute</b>		
<b>Oral</b>		
LD50	Rat	161.2 mg/kg
<b>Skin corrosion/irritation</b>	Causes skin irritation.	
<b>Serious eye damage/eye irritation</b>	Causes serious eye irritation.	
<b>Local effects</b>		
1 % Skin irritation		
Result: Irritant.		
Species: Human		
Test Duration: 30 minutes		
Severity: Mild.		
1 mg Eye irritation		
Result: Irritant.		
Species: Guinea pig		
Severity: Mild.		
Skin irritation		
Result: Irritant.		
Species: Human		
Severity: Moderate.		
<b>Respiratory or skin sensitization</b>		
<b>Respiratory sensitization</b>	Knowledge about health hazard is incomplete.	
<b>Skin sensitization</b>	May cause an allergic skin reaction. Contact dermatitis has been reported in the literature.	
	Sensitization, Delayed contact hypersensitivity test.	
	Result: Sensitizing.	
	Species: Guinea pig	
	Organ: Skin	
<b>Germ cell mutagenicity</b>	Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.	
<b>Mutagenicity</b>		
Ames test (Salmonella typhimurium)		
Result: Negative (+/- activation)		
Dominant lethal test		
Result: Negative.		
Mouse lymphoma assay		
Result: Weakly positive.		
Mutagenicity, Chromosomal aberration assay in blood lymphocytes (pure trans-capsaicin)		
Result: Negative.		
Mutagenicity, Micronucleus induction assay in mouse bone marrow (pure trans-capsaicin)		
Result: Negative.		
<b>Carcinogenicity</b>	Knowledge about carcinogenicity is incomplete.	
<b>IARC Monographs. Overall Evaluation of Carcinogenicity</b>		
	Not listed.	
<b>OSHA Specifically Regulated Substances (29 CFR 1910.1001-1052)</b>		
	Not regulated.	
<b>US. National Toxicology Program (NTP) Report on Carcinogens</b>		
	Not listed.	
<b>Reproductive toxicity</b>	Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.	
<b>Reproductivity</b>		
250 mg/kg Reproductivity		
Result: No malformations or effects on fetal growth.		
Species: Rat		
50 mg/kg Reproductivity		
Result: No increased incidence of birth defects.		
Species: Rat		
<b>Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure</b>	May cause respiratory irritation.	

<b>Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure</b>	Knowledge about health hazard is incomplete.
<b>Aspiration hazard</b>	Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.
<b>Further information</b>	Pharmacologically active material. Occupational exposure may cause physiological effects.

## 12. Ecological information

<b>Ecotoxicity</b>	The product is not classified as environmentally hazardous. However, this does not exclude the possibility that large or frequent spills can have a harmful or damaging effect on the environment.
<b>Persistence and degradability</b>	No data is available on the degradability of this substance.
<b>Bioaccumulative potential</b>	
<b>Octanol/water partition coefficient log Kow</b>	
3.04	
<b>Mobility in soil</b>	No data available.
<b>Other adverse effects</b>	No other adverse environmental effects (e.g. ozone depletion, photochemical ozone creation potential, endocrine disruption, global warming potential) are expected from this component.

## 13. Disposal considerations

<b>Disposal instructions</b>	Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local/regional/national/international regulations. Under RCRA, it is the responsibility of the user of the product to determine, at the time of disposal, whether the product meets RCRA criteria for hazardous waste.
<b>Local disposal regulations</b>	Dispose in accordance with all applicable regulations.
<b>Hazardous waste code</b>	The waste code should be assigned in discussion between the user, the producer and the waste disposal company.
<b>Waste from residues / unused products</b>	Empty containers or liners may retain some product residues. This material and its container must be disposed of in a safe manner (see: Disposal instructions).
<b>Contaminated packaging</b>	Since emptied containers may retain product residue, follow label warnings even after container is emptied.

## 14. Transport information

### DOT

<b>UN number</b>	UN1544
<b>UN proper shipping name</b>	Alkaloids, solid, n.o.s. (Capsaicin)
<b>Transport hazard class(es)</b>	
<b>Class</b>	6.1
<b>Subsidiary risk</b>	-
<b>Packing group</b>	III

### IATA

<b>UN number</b>	UN1544
<b>UN proper shipping name</b>	Alkaloids, solid, n.o.s. (Capsaicin)
<b>Transport hazard class(es)</b>	
<b>Class</b>	6.1
<b>Subsidiary risk</b>	-
<b>Packing group</b>	III

### Other information

**Passenger and cargo aircraft** Allowed with restrictions.

**Cargo aircraft only** Allowed with restrictions.

**Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL 73/78 and the IBC Code** Not applicable.

DOT; IATA



**General information**

It is the shipper's responsibility to determine the correct transport classification at the time of shipment.

**15. Regulatory information**

**US federal regulations**

This product is a "Hazardous Chemical" as defined by the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard, 29 CFR 1910.1200.

**TSCA Section 12(b) Export Notification (40 CFR 707, Subpt. D)**

Not regulated.

**CERCLA Hazardous Substance List (40 CFR 302.4)**

Not listed.

**SARA 304 Emergency release notification**

Not regulated.

**OSHA Specifically Regulated Substances (29 CFR 1910.1001-1052)**

Not regulated.

**Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA)**

**SARA 302 Extremely hazardous substance**

Not listed.

**SARA 311/312 Hazardous chemical**

Yes

**Classified hazard categories**

Acute toxicity (any route of exposure)  
Skin corrosion or irritation  
Serious eye damage or eye irritation  
Respiratory or skin sensitization  
Specific target organ toxicity (single or repeated exposure)

**SARA 313 (TRI reporting)**

Not regulated.

**Other federal regulations**

**Clean Air Act (CAA) Section 112 Hazardous Air Pollutants (HAPs) List**

Not regulated.

**Clean Air Act (CAA) Section 112(r) Accidental Release Prevention (40 CFR 68.130)**

Not regulated.

**Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA)**

Not regulated.

**US state regulations**

**California Proposition 65**

California Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (Proposition 65): This material is not known to contain any chemicals currently listed as carcinogens or reproductive toxins.

**International Inventories**

Country(s) or region	Inventory name	On inventory (yes/no)*
Australia	Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances (AICS)	Yes
Canada	Domestic Substances List (DSL)	No
Canada	Non-Domestic Substances List (NDSL)	Yes
China	Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances in China (IECSC)	No
Europe	European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances (EINECS)	Yes
Europe	European List of Notified Chemical Substances (ELINCS)	No

Country(s) or region	Inventory name	On inventory (yes/no)*
Japan	Inventory of Existing and New Chemical Substances (ENCS)	Yes
Korea	Existing Chemicals List (ECL)	No
New Zealand	New Zealand Inventory	Yes
Philippines	Philippine Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances (PICCS)	No
Taiwan	Taiwan Chemical Substance Inventory (TCSI)	Yes
United States & Puerto Rico	Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) Inventory	Yes

\*A "Yes" indicates that all components of this product comply with the inventory requirements administered by the governing country(s)

A "No" indicates that one or more components of the product are not listed or exempt from listing on the inventory administered by the governing country(s).

## 16. Other information, including date of preparation or last revision

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