

## 1. Identification

Product identifier	Methylparaben		
Other means of identification			
Catalog number	1432005		
CAS number	99-76-3		
Synonyms	Methyl hydroxybenzoate		
Chemical name	Benzoic acid, 4-hydroxy-, methyl ester		
Recommended use	Specified quality tests and assay use only.		
Recommended restrictions	Not for use as a drug. Not for administration to humans or animals.		
Manufacturer/Importer/Supplier/Distributor information			
Manufacturer			
Company name	U. S. Pharmacopeia		
Address	12601 Twinbrook Parkway Rockville MD 20852-1790 United States		
Telephone	RS Technical Services	301-816-8129	
Website	www.usp.org		
E-mail	RSTECH@usp.org		
Emergency phone number	CHEMTREC within US & Canada	1-800-424-9300	
	CHEMTREC outside US & Canada	+1 703-527-3887	

## 2. Hazard(s) identification

Physical hazards	Not classified.	
Health hazards	Serious eye damage/eye irritation	Category 2B
Environmental hazards	Not classified.	
OSHA defined hazards	Not classified.	
Label elements		
Hazard symbol	None.	
Signal word	Warning	
Hazard statement	Causes eye irritation.	
Precautionary statement		
Prevention	Wash thoroughly after handling.	
Response	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.	
Storage	Not available.	
Disposal	Not available.	
Hazard(s) not otherwise classified (HNOC)	None known.	
Supplemental information	None.	

## 3. Composition/information on ingredients

<b>Substance</b>			
Chemical name	Common name and synonyms	CAS number	%
Methylparaben	Methyl hydroxybenzoate	99-76-3	100

## 4. First-aid measures

<b>Inhalation</b>	Move to fresh air. Call a physician if symptoms develop or persist.
<b>Skin contact</b>	Wash off with soap and water. Get medical attention if irritation develops and persists.
<b>Eye contact</b>	Rinse with water. If eye irritation persists: Get medical advice/attention.

<b>Ingestion</b>	Rinse mouth. If ingestion of a large amount does occur, call a poison control center immediately. Get medical attention if symptoms occur.
<b>Most important symptoms/effects, acute and delayed</b>	Irritant effects.
<b>Indication of immediate medical attention and special treatment needed</b>	Provide general supportive measures and treat symptomatically.
<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>	Use standard firefighting procedures and consider the hazards of other involved materials.
<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>	For waste disposal, see section 13 of the SDS. 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.
<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 good technique and limit open handling. 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>	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. Chose 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>	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

**Appearance** Appearance descriptions are general information and not specific to any USP lot.

<b>Physical state</b>	Solid.
<b>Form</b>	Crystalline powder.
<b>Color</b>	White.
<b>Odor</b>	Odorless. Faint odor.
<b>Odor threshold</b>	Not available.
<b>pH</b>	Not available.
<b>Melting point/freezing point</b>	257 - 267.8 °F (125 - 131 °C)
<b>Initial boiling point and boiling range</b>	518 - 536 °F (270 - 280 °C) (decomposes)
<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>	0.0000006 hPa at 25 °C
<b>Vapor density</b>	Not available.
<b>Relative density</b>	Not available.
<b>Solubility(ies)</b>	
<b>Solubility (water)</b>	Slightly soluble.
<b>Solubility (other)</b>	Ethanol: Soluble. Methanol: Soluble. Acetone: Soluble. Ether: Soluble. Benzene: Soluble. Carbon tetrachloride: Slightly soluble.
<b>Partition coefficient (n-octanol/water)</b>	1.96
<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>	Aromatic carboxylic ester.
<b>Molecular formula</b>	C8H8O3
<b>Molecular weight</b>	152.15
<b>Specific gravity</b>	1.4

## 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. Strong bases.

## 11. Toxicological information

### Information on likely routes of exposure

Inhalation	Knowledge about health hazard is incomplete.
Skin contact	Knowledge about health hazard is incomplete.
Eye contact	Causes eye irritation.
Ingestion	Health injuries are not known or expected under normal use.
Symptoms related to the physical, chemical, and toxicological characteristics	Not available.

### Information on toxicological effects

#### Acute toxicity

Product	Species	Test Results
Methylparaben (CAS 99-76-3)		
Oral		
LD50	Mouse	> 8000 mg/kg
	Rat	2100 mg/kg

**Skin corrosion/irritation** Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.

**Serious eye damage/eye irritation** Causes eye irritation.

#### Local effects

Eye irritation  
Result: Mild.  
Species: Rabbit  
Skin irritation  
Result: Mild.  
Species: Rabbit  
Test Duration: 24 hours

#### Respiratory or skin sensitization

**Respiratory sensitization** Knowledge about health hazard is incomplete.

**Skin sensitization** Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.

Human skin patch test  
Result: Negative.

**Germ cell mutagenicity** Knowledge about mutagenicity is incomplete.

#### Mutagenicity

Ames test  
Result: Negative.  
Mutagenicity (Salmonella typhimurium - reverse mutation assay)  
Result: Negative.

**Carcinogenicity** Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.  
Methylparaben was noncarcinogenic when injected subcutaneously in mice and rats.

#### IARC Monographs. Overall Evaluation of Carcinogenicity

Not listed.

#### OSHA Specifically Regulated Substances (29 CFR 1910.1001-1050)

Not regulated.

#### US. National Toxicology Program (NTP) Report on Carcinogens

Not listed.

**Reproductive toxicity** Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.

#### Reproductivity

3 - 300 mg/kg/day Reproductivity  
Result: No birth defects were observed among the offspring.  
Species: Rabbit  
5.5 - 550 mg/kg/day Reproductivity  
Result: No birth defects were observed among the offspring of pregnant mice or rats.  
Species: Rodent

<b>Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure</b>	Knowledge about health hazard is incomplete.
<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.

## 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 product.
<b>Bioaccumulative potential</b>	
<b>Octanol/water partition coefficient log Kow</b>	
1.96	
<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 in accordance with all applicable 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

<b>DOT</b>	Not regulated as dangerous goods.
<b>IATA</b>	Not regulated as dangerous goods.
<b>Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL 73/78 and the IBC Code</b>	Not applicable.
<b>General information</b>	It is the shipper's responsibility to determine the correct transport classification at the time of shipment.

## 15. Regulatory information

<b>US federal regulations</b>	This product is a "Hazardous Chemical" as defined by the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard, 29 CFR 1910.1200.
<b>TSCA Section 12(b) Export Notification (40 CFR 707, Subpt. D)</b>	
Not regulated.	
<b>CERCLA Hazardous Substance List (40 CFR 302.4)</b>	
Not listed.	
<b>SARA 304 Emergency release notification</b>	
Not regulated.	
<b>OSHA Specifically Regulated Substances (29 CFR 1910.1001-1050)</b>	
Not regulated.	
<b>Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA)</b>	
<b>Hazard categories</b>	Immediate Hazard - Yes Delayed Hazard - No Fire Hazard - No Pressure Hazard - No Reactivity Hazard - No
<b>SARA 302 Extremely hazardous substance</b>	
Not listed.	
<b>SARA 311/312 Hazardous chemical</b>	Yes

**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.

**Food and Drug Administration (FDA)**Total food additive  
Direct food additive  
GRAS food additive**US state regulations**

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.

**US. California. Candidate Chemicals List. Safer Consumer Products Regulations (Cal. Code Regs, tit. 22, 69502.3, subd. (a))**

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**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)	Yes
Canada	Non-Domestic Substances List (NDSL)	No
China	Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances in China (IECSC)	Yes
Europe	European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances (EINECS)	Yes
Europe	European List of Notified Chemical Substances (ELINCS)	No
Japan	Inventory of Existing and New Chemical Substances (ENCS)	Yes
Korea	Existing Chemicals List (ECL)	Yes
New Zealand	New Zealand Inventory	Yes
Philippines	Philippine Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances (PICCS)	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****Issue date** 07-12-2010**Revision date** 06-13-2018**Version #** 03**Disclaimer**

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