Safety Data Sheet

according to Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006 (REACH)

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

1.1 Product identifier

Trade name/designation:	Histological Fixative A.F.A. Gurr®
Product No.:	81009
CAS No.:	not applicable
INDEX No.:	not applicable
REACH No.:	not applicable
Other means of identification:	no data available

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

Relevant identified uses:	General chemical reagent

1.3 Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

United Kingdom

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SECTION 2: Hazards identification

2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture

2.1.1 Classification according to Regulation (EC) No. 1272/2008 [CLP]

Hazard classes and hazard categories	Hazard statements
Flammable liquid, category 2	H225
Eye irritation, category 2	H319

2.2 Label elements

2.2.1 Labelling according to Regulation (EC) No. 1272/2008 [CLP]

Hazard pictograms



Signal word: Danger

Hazard statements	
H225	Highly flammable liquid and vapour.
H319	Causes serious eye irritation.

Precautionary statements	
P210	Keep away from heat, hot surfaces, sparks, open flames and other ignition sources. No smoking.
P243	Take precautionary measures against static discharge.
P280	Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection.
P305+P351+P338	IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.

Other hazards

none

SECTION 3: Composition / information on ingredients

3.1 Substances

not applicable

3.2 Mixtures

Hazardous ingredients Classification according to Regulation (EC) No. 1272/2008 [CLP]

Substance name	Concentration	Product identifier	Hazard classes and hazard categories
Formaldehyde	< 1%	CAS No.: 50-00-0 EC No.: 200-001-8 REACH No.: 01-2119488953-20-XXXX	Carc. 1B - H350 Muta. 2 - H341 Acute Tox. 3 - H301+H311+H331 Skin Corr. 1B - H314 STOT SE 3 - H335 Skin Sens. 1 - H317
Ethanol absolute	65 - 75%	CAS No.: 64-17-5 EC No.: 200-578-6 REACH No.: 01-2119457610-43-XXXX	Flam. Liq. 2 - H225 Eye Irrit. 2 - H319
Acetic acid	5 - 10%	CAS No.: 64-19-7 EC No.: 200-580-7 REACH No.: 01-2119475328-30-XXXX	Flam. Liq. 3 - H226 Skin Corr. 1A - H314

SECTION 4: First aid measures

4.1 General information

IF exposed or if you feel unwell: Call a POISON CENTRE or doctor/physician. If unconscious place in recovery position and seek medical advice. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person or a person with cramps. Change contaminated, saturated clothing. Do not leave affected person unattended.

After inhalation

Call a POISON CENTRE/doctor. Remove casualty to fresh air and keep warm and at rest. If breathing is irregular or stopped, administer artificial respiration.

In case of skin contact

After contact with skin, wash immediately with plenty of water and soap. Remove contaminated, saturated clothing immediately. In case of skin reactions, consult a physician.

After eye contact

In case of contact with eyes flush immediately with plenty of flowing water for 10 to 15 minutes holding eyelids apart and consult an ophthalmologist. Protect uninjured eye. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.

In case of ingestion

If accidentally swallowed rinse the mouth with plenty of water (only if the person is conscious) and obtain immediate medical attention. Do NOT induce vomiting. Give nothing to eat or drink.

4.2 Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed

no data available

4.3 Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

no data available

4.4 Self-protection of the first aider

First aider: Pay attention to self-protection!

4.5 Information to physician

no data available

SECTION 5: Firefighting measures

5.1 Extinguishing media

Suitable extinguishing media

Water spray
ABC-powder
Carbon dioxide (CO2)
Nitrogen

Extinguishing media which must not be used for safety reasons

no restriction

5.2 Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture

In case of fire may be liberated:
Pyrolysis products, toxic

5.3 Advice for firefighters

DO NOT fight fire when fire reaches explosives.
Special protective equipment for firefighters
Wear a self-contained breathing apparatus and chemical protective clothing.

Additional information

Do not allow run-off from fire-fighting to enter drains or water courses.
Do not inhale explosion and combustion gases.
Use caution when applying carbon dioxide in confined spaces. Carbon dioxide can displace oxygen.
Use water spray jet to protect personnel and to cool endangered containers.
In case of fire: Evacuate area.

SECTION 6: Accidental release measures

6.1 Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

In case of major fire and large quantities: Remove persons to safety.

6.2 Environmental precautions

Discharge into the environment must be avoided.

6.3 Methods and material for containment and cleaning up

Spilled product must never be returned to the original container for recycling. Collect in closed and suitable containers for disposal.

6.4 Additional information

Clear spills immediately.

SECTION 7: Handling and storage

7.1 Precautions for safe handling

All work processes must always be designed so that the following is as low as possible:
Inhalation
skin contact
Eye contact
Use extractor hood (laboratory).
If handled uncovered, arrangements with local exhaust ventilation have to be used.
If local exhaust ventilation is not possible or not sufficient, the entire working area must be ventilated by technical means.

7.2 Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Recommended storage temperature: no data available
Storage class: no data available
Keep container tightly closed and in a well-ventilated place. Keep/Store only in original container.

7.3 Specific end use(s)

no data available

SECTION 8: Exposure controls/personal protection

8.1 Control parameters

Ingredient (Designation)	Regulatory information	Country	Limit value type (country of origin)	Limit value	Remark
Formaldehyde	Gestis	UK	LTV	2,5 mg/m³ - 2 ppm	
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Ethanol absolute	GESTIS	UK	LTV	1920 mg/m³ - 1000 ppm	
Acetic acid	Gestis	EU	LTV	25 mg/m³ - 10 ppm	
Acetic acid	Gestis	UK	LTV	(25) mg/m³ - (10) ppm	The UK Advisory Committee on Toxic Substances has expressed concern that, for the OELs shown in parentheses, health may not be adequately protected because of doubts that the limit was not soundly-based. These OELs were included in the published UK 2002 l
Acetic acid	Gestis	UK	STV	(37) mg/m³ - (15) ppm	

8.2 Exposure controls

8.2.1 Appropriate engineering controls

Technical measures and the application of suitable work processes have priority over personal protection equipment. If handled uncovered, arrangements with local exhaust ventilation have to be used.

8.2.2 Personal protection equipment

Wear suitable protective clothing. When handling with chemical substances, protective clothing with CE-labels including the four control digits must be worn.

Eye/face protection

Eye glasses with side protection DIN-/EN-Norms: DIN EN 166
Recommendation: VWR 111-0432

Skin protection

When handling with chemical substances, protective gloves must be worn with the CE-label including the four control digits. Recommended glove articles DIN-/EN-Norms: EN ISO 374 In the case of wanting to use the gloves again, clean them before taking off and air them well.

By short-term hand contact

Suitable material:	NBR (Nitrile rubber)
Thickness of the glove material:	0,38 mm
Breakthrough time (maximum wearing time):	> 120 min
Recommended glove articles:	VWR 112-1381

By long-term hand contact

Suitable material:	Butyl caoutchouc (butyl rubber)/FKM (fluoro rubber)
Thickness of the glove material:	0,70 mm
Breakthrough time (maximum wearing time):	> 480 min
Recommended glove articles:	VWR 112-3819

Respiratory protection

Respiratory protection necessary at: aerosol or mist formation

Suitable respiratory protection apparatus:	Full-/half-/quarter-face masks (DIN EN 136/140)
Recommendation:	VWR 111-0206
Suitable material:	ABEK2P3
Recommendation:	VWR 111-0059

Additional information

Wash hands before breaks and after work. Avoid contact with eyes and skin. When using do not eat, drink or smoke. Provide eye shower and label its location conspicuously.

8.2.3 *Environmental exposure controls*

no data available

SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties

9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties

(a) Appearance	
Physical state:	liquid
Colour:	no data available
(b) Odour:	no data available
(c) Odour threshold:	no data available

Safety relevant basic data

(d) pH:	no data available
(e) Melting point/freezing point:	no data available
(f) Initial boiling point and boiling range:	no data available
(g) Flash point:	20 °C (closed cup)
(h) Evaporation rate:	no data available
(i) Flammability (solid, gas):	Highly flammable liquid and vapour.
(j) Flammability or explosive limits	
Lower explosion limit:	no data available
Upper explosion limit:	no data available
(k) Vapour pressure:	no data available
(l) Vapour density:	no data available
(m) Relative density:	0.886 g/cm³ (20 °C)
(n) Solubility(ies)	
Water solubility (g/L):	no data available
Soluble (g/L) in Ethanol:	no data available
(o) Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water:	no data available
(p) Auto-ignition temperature:	no data available
(q) Decomposition temperature:	no data available
(r) Viscosity	
Kinematic viscosity:	no data available
Dynamic viscosity:	no data available
(s) Explosive properties:	not applicable
(t) Oxidising properties:	not applicable

9.2 Other information

Bulk density:	no data available
Refraction index:	no data available
Dissociation constant:	no data available
Surface tension:	no data available
Henry constant:	no data available

SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity

10.1 Reactivity

no data available

10.2 Chemical stability

The product is chemically stable under standard ambient conditions (room temperature).

10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions

no data available

10.4 Conditions to avoid

no data available

10.5 Incompatible materials

no data available

10.6 Hazardous decomposition products

no data available

10.7 Additional information

no data available

SECTION 11: Toxicological information

11.1 Information on toxicological effects

Acute effects

Acute oral toxicity:

Formaldehyde - LD50: > 100 mg/kg - Rat - (CHP)

Ethanol absolute - LD50: > 6200 mg/kg - Rat - (Merck KGaA)

Acetic acid - LD50: > 3310 mg/kg - Rat - (RTECS)

Acute dermal toxicity:

Formaldehyde - LD50: > 270 mg/kg - Rabbit - (CHP)

Ethanol absolute - LD50: < 20000 mg/kg - Rabbit - (CHP)

Acetic acid - LD50: > 1060 mg/kg - Rabbit - (IUCLID)

Acute inhalation toxicity:

Formaldehyde - LC50: > 0.578 mg/l (4h) - Rat - (CHP)

Ethanol absolute - LC50: < 8000 mg/l (4h) - Rat - (CHP)

Acetic acid - LC50: 11.4 mg/l - Rat - (National Library of Medicine ChemID Plus (NLM CIP))

Irritant and corrosive effects
Primary irritation to the skin:
not applicable

Irritation to eyes:
Causes serious eye irritation.

Irritation to respiratory tract:
not applicable

Respiratory or skin sensitisation
In case of skin contact: not sensitising
After inhalation: not sensitising

STOT-single exposure
not applicable

STOT-repeated exposure
not applicable

CMR effects (carcinogenicity, mutagenicity and toxicity for reproduction)
Carcinogenicity
No indication of human carcinogenicity.

Germ cell mutagenicity
No indications of human germ cell mutagenicity exist.

Reproductive toxicity
No indications of human reproductive toxicity exist.

Aspiration hazard
not applicable

Other adverse effects
no data available

Additional information
no data available

SECTION 12: Ecological information

12.1 Ecotoxicity

Fish toxicity:
Formaldehyde - LC50: 52.5 mg/l (96 h)

Ethanol absolute - LC50: 11000 mg/l (96 h) - Bengtsson, B.E., L. Renberg, and M. Tarkpea 1984. Molecular Structure and Aquatic Toxicity - an Example with C1-C13 Aliphatic Alcohols. Chemosphere 13(5/6):613-622

Acetic acid - LC50: 88 mg/l (96 h) - Mattson, V.R., J.W. Arthur, and C.T. Walbridge 1976. Acute Toxicity of Selected Organic Compounds to Fathead Minnows. EPA-600/3-76-097, U.S.EPA, Duluth, MN :12 p.

Daphnia toxicity:
Formaldehyde - LC50: 1070 mg/l (48 h)

Formaldehyde - EC50: 14 mg/l (48 h)

Ethanol absolute - LC50: 9280 mg/l (48 h) - Takahashi, I.T., U.M. Cowgill, and P.G. Murphy 1987. Comparison of Ethanol Toxicity to Daphnia magna and Ceriodaphnia dubia Tested at Two Different Temperatures: Static Acute Toxicity Test Results. Bull.Environ.Contam.Toxicol. 39(2):229-236

Ethanol absolute - EC50: 9950 mg/l (48 h) - Barera, Y., and W.J. Adams 1983. Resolving Some Practical Questions About Daphnia Acute Toxicity Tests. In: W.E.Bishop (Ed.), Aquatic Toxicology and Hazard Assessment, 6th Symposium, ASTM STP 802, Philadelphia, PA :509-518

Acetic acid - EC50: 90.1 mg/l (48 h) - Espiritu, E.Q., C.R. Janssen, and G. Persoone 1995. Cyst-Based Toxicity Tests. VII. Evaluation of the 1-h Enzymatic Inhibition Test (Fluotox) with Artemia nauplii. Environ.Toxicol.Water Qual. 10:25-34

Acetic acid - LC50: 65 mg/l (48 h) - Janssen, C.R., E.Q. Espiritu, and G. Persoone 1993. Evaluation of the new ""Enzymatic Inhibition"" Criterion for Rapid Toxicity Testing with Daphnia magna

Algae toxicity:
no data available

Bacteria toxicity:
no data available

12.2 Persistence and degradability
no data available

12.3 Bioaccumulative potential
Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water: no data available

12.4 Mobility in soil:
no data available

12.5 Results of PBT/vPvB assessment
no data available

12.6 Other adverse effects

no data available

SECTION 13: Disposal considerations

13.1 Waste treatment methods

Appropriate disposal / Product

Dispose according to local legislation. Consult the appropriate local waste disposal expert about waste disposal.

Waste code product: no data available

Appropriate disposal / Package

Dispose according to local legislation. Handle contaminated packages in the same way as the substance itself.

Additional information

no data available

SECTION 14: Transport information

Land transport (ADR/RID)

14.1	UN-No.:	1993
14.2	Proper Shipping Name:	FLAMMABLE LIQUID, N.O.S. (ETHANOL)
14.3	Class(es):	3
	Classification code:	F1
	Hazard label(s):	3
14.4	Packing group:	II
14.5	Environmental hazards:	No
14.6	Special precautions for user:	
	Hazard identification number (Kemler No.):	33
	tunnel restriction code:	D/E (Passage forbidden through tunnels of category D when carried in bulk or in tanks. Passage forbidden through tunnels of category E.)

Sea transport (IMDG)

14.1	UN-No.:	1993
14.2	Proper Shipping Name:	FLAMMABLE LIQUID, N.O.S. (ETHANOL)
14.3	Class(es):	3
	Classification code:	
	Hazard label(s):	3
14.4	Packing group:	II
14.5	Environmental hazards:	No
	MARINE POLLUTANT:	No
14.6	Special precautions for user:	
	Segregation group:	-
	EmS-No.	F-E S-E

14.7 Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL 73/78 and the IBC Code

not relevant

Air transport (ICAO-TI / IATA-DGR)

14.1	UN-No.:	1993
14.2	Proper Shipping Name:	FLAMMABLE LIQUID, N.O.S. (ETHANOL)
14.3	Class(es):	3
	Classification code:	
	Hazard label(s):	3
14.4	Packing group:	II
14.5	Special precautions for user:	

SECTION 15: Regulatory information

15.1 Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture

EU legislation

- Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 December 2006 concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH), establishing a European Chemicals Agency, amending Directive 1999/45/EC and repealing Council Regulation (EEC) No 793/93 and Commission Regulation (EC) No 1488/94 as well as Council Directive 76/769/EEC and Commission Directives 91/155/EEC, 93/67/EEC, 93/105/EC and 2000/21/EC (Text with EEA relevance)
- Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 December 2008 on classification, labelling and packaging of substances and mixtures, amending and repealing Directives 67/548/EEC and 1999/45/EC, and amending Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 (Text with EEA relevance)
- Commission Regulation (EU) No 453/2010 of 20 May 2010 amending Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH) (Text with EEA relevance)
- Commission Regulation (EU) 2015/830 of 28 May 2015 amending Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH)

National regulations

no data available

Water hazard class (WGK): no data available

15.2 Chemical Safety Assessment

Chemical safety assessments for substances in this mixture were not carried out.

SECTION 16: Other information

Abbreviations and acronyms

ACGIH - American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygiensts
ADR - European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road
AGS - Committee on Hazardous Substances (Ausschuss für Gefahrstoffe)
CLP - Regulation on Classification, Labelling and Packaging of Substances and Mixtures
DFG - German Research Foundation (Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft)
Gestis - Information system on hazardous substances of the German Social Accident Insurance (Gefahrstoffinformationssystem der Deutschen Gesetzlichen Unfallversicherung)
IATA-DGR - International Air Transport Association-Dangerous Goods Regulations
ICAO-TI - International Civil Aviation Organization-Technical Instructions
IMDG - International Maritime Code for Dangerous Goods
LTV - Long Term Value
NIOSH - National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health
OSHA - Occupational Safety & Health Administration
PBT - Persistent, Bioaccumulative and Toxic
RID - Regulation concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Rail
STV - Short Term Value
SVHC - Substances of Very High Concern
vPvB - very Persistent, very Bioaccumulative

Additional information

Indication of changes: Section 14

The above information describes exclusively the safety requirements of the product and is based on our present-day knowledge. The information is intended to give you advice about the safe handling of the product named in this safety data sheet, for storage, processing, transport and disposal. The information cannot be transferred to other products. In the case of mixing the product with other products or in the case of processing, the information on this safety data sheet is not necessarily valid for the new made-up material.