

# Furfural

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

### 1.1 Product identifier

<b>Chemical name</b>	2-Furaldehyde		
<b>Synonyms</b>	Furan-2-carbaldehyde, 2-Furfuraldehyde, Furan-2-carboxaldehyde, 2-Furylmethanal, Fural, 2-Formyl furan, Furanaldehyde, Pyromucis aldehyde, Ant Oil.		
<b>Formula</b>	C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>4</sub> O <sub>2</sub>		
<b>Molecular mass</b>	96,09	<b>FL-No.</b>	13.018
<b>CAS-No.</b>	98-01-1	<b>FEMA-No.</b>	2489
<b>EC-No.</b>	202-627-7	<b>Annex VI-No.</b>	605-010-00-4
<b>Registration number</b>	01-2119486861-27-0002		

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

Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture	Exposure scenario
– Intermediate for manufacturing furan derivatives	ES 4
– Use of Furfural as intermediate in pesticide production	ES 5
– Manufacturing of blends / formulations	ES 6
– Manufacturing of polymers	ES 7
– Use of Furfural in the manufacturing of abrasive wheels, brake linings and refractories - by using formulations	ES 8
– Use of Furfural in the petroleum refining industry as extraction agent	ES 9
– Professional end use of acid resistant coating – by using formulations	ES 10
– Spray turf indoor uses	ES 11
– Spray turf outdoor uses	ES 12
– Dripper indoor uses	ES 13
– Dripper outdoor uses	ES 14
– Spray indoor uses	ES 15
– Spray outdoor uses	ES 16
<b>Uses advised against</b>	None

### 1.3 Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

<b>Importer</b>	International Furan Chemicals B.V.
<b>Address</b>	Rotterdam Airportplein 33 3045 AP ROTTERDAM The Netherlands
<b>Telephone number</b>	+31 10 238 05 55
<b>E-mail address</b>	sales@furan.com

### 1.4 Emergency telephone numbers

<b>Emergency</b>	+32 14 58 45 45 (24 h /24 h)	Information centre of dangerous goods (BIG)
<b>Medical information</b>	United Kingdom	844 892 0111 National Poisons Information Service

## SECTION 2: Hazards identification

### 2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture

According to Regulation (EC) No. 1272/2008 (EU-GHS / CLP)

Hazard Classes / Hazard Class-, Category- and -Statement Codes

Flammable liquid	Flam. Liq. 3, H226
Acute toxicity	Acute Tox. 2, H330
Acute toxicity	Acute Tox. 3, H301
Acute toxicity	Acute Tox. 4, H312
Eye irritation	Eye Irrit. 2, H319
Skin irritation	Skin Irrit. 2, H315
Specific target organ toxicity – single exposure	STOT SE 3, H335
Carcinogenicity	Carc. 2, H351
Hazardous to the aquatic environment	Aquatic Chronic 3, H412

For full text of Hazard statements: see subsection 2.2.

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## 2.2 Label elements Hazard pictograms



### Signal word

Danger

### Hazard statements

H226 Flammable liquids and vapour.  
H330 Fatal if inhaled.  
H301 Toxic if swallowed.  
H312 Harmful in contact with skin.  
H319 Causes serious eye irritation.  
H315 Causes skin irritation.  
H335 May cause respiratory irritation.  
H351 Suspected of causing cancer.  
H412 Harmful to aquatic life with long lasting effects.

### Precautionary statements

P201 Obtain special instructions before use.  
P210 \* Keep away from heat, hot surfaces, sparks, open flames and other ignition sources. No smoking.  
P271 Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area.  
P280 \* Wear protective gloves / protective clothing / eye protection.  
P403 + P233 \* Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed.  
P304 + P340 \* IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing.  
P301 + P310 \* IF SWALLOWED: Immediately call a POISON CENTER / doctor / physician.  
P302 + P352 IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of water / soap.  
P305 + P351 + P338 \* IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.  
P308 + P313 \* IF exposed or concerned: Get medical advice / attention.  
P501 Dispose of contents / container to a specialised processing facility for disposal in accordance with local / regional regulations.

\* on label

**2.3 Other hazards** Furfural does not meet the criteria for PBT or vPvB according to Regulation 1907/2006.

## SECTION 3: Composition / information on ingredients

### 3.1 Substances

Main constituent	Identity	Percentage
2-Furaldehyde	CAS-No. 98-01-1 EC-No. 202-627-7	> 98 %

### Classified impurities or stabilizers

None

## SECTION 4: First aid measures

### 4.1 Description of first aid measures

**Inhalation** Fresh air, rest, half upright position. Get medical advice / attention if you feel unwell.  
**Skin contact** Remove contaminated clothes, rinse skin with water or shower. If skin irritation occurs: get medical advice / attention.  
**Eye contact** First rinse with plenty of water (remove lenses if possible). If eye irritation persists: get medical advice / attention.  
**Ingestion** Rinse mouth. Immediately call a doctor / physician if you feel unwell.

### 4.2 Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed

Respiratory irritation (nose and upper respiratory tract). Eye and skin irritation.

### 4.3 Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

#### Information on medical attendance

Not necessary.

#### Special means to provide treatment at the workplace

Not necessary.

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### **SECTION 5: Firefighting measures**

#### **5.1 Extinguishing media**

##### **Suitable extinguishing media**

Powder, water spray, alcohol-resistant foam, carbon dioxide.

##### **Unsuitable extinguishing media**

Water jet, alcohol unstable foam.

#### **5.2 Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture**

##### **Hazardous combustion products**

May produce toxic fumes of carbon monoxide if burning.

##### **Additional hazards**

Extreme generation of heat in the case of larger fires.

#### **5.3 Advice for fire-fighters**

##### **Protective actions**

In case of fire: keep containers cool by spraying with water.

Retain contaminated extinguishing water; do not allow entering into the sewage system.

In the case of larger fires: Cordon affected area.

##### **Special protective equipment**

Self-contained respiratory protective device.

### **SECTION 6: Accidental release measures**

#### **6.1 Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures**

##### **Information for non-emergency personnel**

In the case of large quantities: Use filter respirator with filter type A for organic vapours.

Use personal protective equipment to avoid any contamination of skin, eyes and personal clothes. Remove potential sources of ignition. Do not smoke.

Assure sufficient ventilation.

##### **Information for emergency responders**

If available, observe corporate hazard-control and emergency plans.

#### **6.2 Environmental precautions**

In the case of spills: Avoid penetration into the sewage canal, surface water and ground water.

In the case of accidental release: Do not discharge in surface water, sewers or soil.

#### **6.3 Methods and material for containment and cleaning up**

##### **Advice on spillage containment**

Take up small amounts spilled product with an inert absorbent. Dispose of as hazardous waste.

Dam spilled large amounts in and suck carefully; recycle if possible.

##### **Appropriate clean-up procedures**

Collect remainder in inert absorbent and dispose of as hazardous waste. Wash away remainder with water.

##### **Inappropriate containment or clean-up techniques**

None known.

#### **6.4 Reference to other sections**

See also the sections 8 and 13.

### **SECTION 7: Handling and storage**

#### **7.1 Precautions for safe handling**

##### **Recommendations for safe handling**

Use only in well ventilated areas.

Only transfer into suited and resistant containers. Containers have to be properly labelled.

Keep away from heat / sparks / open flames / hot surfaces and do not smoke.

Above 60 °C: use in a closed system.

##### **Advice on general occupational hygiene**

The usual precautionary measures when handling chemicals have to be observed.

Do not eat, drink and smoke in work areas. Wash hands thoroughly with water and soap.

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### 7.2 Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

#### Protection against incompatible substances

Keep away from oxidants, strong acids and strong bases. The substance affects many synthetic materials; store only in original packing.

Keep container tightly closed.

#### Protection against ambient influences

Protect against heat and solar radiation. Recommended storage temperature: 20 °C.

Store in a dark area.

#### Maintenance of the integrity of the substance

Not required.

### 7.3 Specific end use(s)

If used in food: comply with food safety regulation (HACCP).

## SECTION 8: Exposure controls / personal protection

### 8.1 Control parameters

Country	Limit values				TWA-8 hours
	TWA-8 hours		TWA-15 min.		
	mg/m <sup>3</sup>	ppm	mg/m <sup>3</sup>	ppm	
Austria	20	5			skin
Belgium	8	2			skin
Czech Republic	10	2.5	8	2	C (20 mg/m <sup>3</sup> ), skin
Denmark	7.9	2	15.8	4	skin
Finland	8	2	20	5	
France			8	2	
Germany	cancelled				
Italy	8	2	20	5	skin
Netherlands	cancelled				
Norway	8	2			skin
Poland	10	2,5	25		
Portugal	8	2			skin
Slovakia	7.9	2			skin
Slovenia	20	5			skin
Spain	8	2			skin
Sweden	8	2	20	5	skin
Switzerland	8	2			skin
United Kingdom	8	2	20	5	skin

The exposure limits may be exceeded before the odour is perceived.

#### DNEL / DMEL

##### Workers short term exposition

DNEL worker (acute, inhalation - systemic) 152 mg/m<sup>3</sup>

DNEL worker (acute, inhalation - local) 20 mg/m<sup>3</sup>

##### Workers long term exposition

DNEL worker (long-term, inhalation - systemic) 17.8 mg/m<sup>3</sup>

DNEL worker (long-term, inhalation - local) 8 mg/m<sup>3</sup>

DNEL worker (long-term, dermal - systemic) 4 mg/kg bw/day

##### Consumers short term exposition

DNEL general population (acute, inhalation - systemic) 136 mg/m<sup>3</sup>

DNEL general population (acute, inhalation - local) 20 mg/m<sup>3</sup>

DNEL general population (acute, oral - systemic) 2.4 mg/kg bw/day

##### Consumers long term exposition

DNEL general population (long-term, inhalation - systemic) 8 mg/m<sup>3</sup>

DNEL general population (long-term, inhalation - local) 8 mg/m<sup>3</sup>

DNEL general population (long-term, oral - systemic) 2.4 mg/kg bw/day

DNEL general population (long-term, dermal - systemic) 2.4 mg/kg bw/day

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<b>PNEC</b>		
<b>Aquatic</b>		
– <i>fresh water</i>	PNEC aquatic (freshwater)	0.033 mg/L
– <i>marine water</i>	PNEC aquatic (marine water)	0.0033 mg/L
– <i>intermittent release</i>	PNEC aquatic (intermittent release)	0.027 mg/L
<b>Sedimentary</b>		
– <i>fresh water sediment</i>		
	PNEC sediment	0.12 mg/kg sediment dw
– <i>marine water sediment</i>		
	PNEC marine-sediment	0.012 mg/kg sediment dw
<b>Terrestrial</b>		
– <i>soil</i>	PNEC soil	2.6 mg/kg dw
<b>Sewage treatment</b>		
– <i>sewage treatment plants</i>		
	PNEC STP	7.6 mg/L
<b>Secondary poisoning</b>		
– <i>food chain</i>	PNEC oral	35.3 mg/kg food
	Negligible potential to bioaccumulate in the food chain (logKow <3).	

## 8.2 Exposure controls

### 8.2.1 Appropriate engineering controls

Ventilation and local exhaust.

### 8.2.2 Individual protection measures, such as personal protective

#### a) Eyeface protection

Safety goggles (EN 166).

#### b) Skin protection

##### Hand protection

Gloves butyl rubber 0.7 mm Breakthrough time > 8 hours (EN 374)

Gloves neoprene 0.75 mm Breakthrough time 2 hours (EN 374)

##### Other

Protective clothing (EN 304/EN 14605).

#### c) Respiratory protection

In case of insufficient local exhaust: filter respirator with filter type A for organic vapours (EN 14387).

#### d) Thermal hazards

Not applicable.

### 8.2.3 Environmental exposure controls

Direct polluted air of the local exhaust ventilation out of the plant in a manner in accordance with environmental regulations.

## SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties

### 9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties

Appearance	Colourless to yellow oily liquid.
Odour	Characteristic: pungent, almond.
Odour threshold (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	0.25 - 1.0
pH	3.5 - 4.5
Melting point / freezing point (°C)	– 37
Boiling point (°C) at 1013 hPa	162
Flash point (°C)	60 (closed cup)
Evaporation rate (ether=1)	75
Upper / lower explosive limits (vol%)	2.1 - 19.3
Vapour pressure at 25 °C (hPa)	3.33
Vapour density (air=1)	3.3
Relative density (water=1)	1.16
<b>Solubility(ies)</b>	
– Solubility in water at 20 °C (g/l)	83
– Solubility in fat	Good
Partition coefficient (log K octanol/water)	0.41
Auto-ignition temperature (°C)	392
Decomposition temperature	Not applicable
Viscosity at 25 °C (mPa.s)	1.49
Explosive properties	Non explosive

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Oxidising properties	None
<b>9.2 Other information</b>	
Miscibility with	Solvents (acetone, ethanol, ether, xylene, chloroform, petroleum ether, ethyl acetate)
Conductivity (pS/m)	$1.5 \cdot 10^8$
Heat of combustion (kJ/kg)	24 410
Surface tension at 20 °C (mN/m)	43.5

## SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity

### 10.1 Reactivity

The substance may polymerize violently (resinification) under the influence of strong acids or strong bases. Reacts violently with oxidants.

### 10.2 Chemical stability

Turns yellow to brown on exposure to air and light and resinifies.

### 10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions

Reacts violently with strong acids and strong bases with the possibility of fire and explosion (resinification).

At elevated temperatures, a risk for fire or explosion exists.

### 10.4 Conditions to avoid

Temperatures in storage > 40 °C should be avoided. Also contact with direct sunlight, heat sources and air. Avoid static discharge and sources of ignition (open flames, warm surfaces, sparks).

Avoid contact with combustible materials and plastics.

### 10.5 Incompatible materials

Strong acids or alkaline substances and oxidants. Many plastics.

### 10.6 Hazardous decomposition products

Upon decomposition emits carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide and/or low molecular weight hydrocarbons.

## SECTION 11 Toxicological information

### 11.1 Information on toxicological effects

#### a) Acute toxicity

– Oral	LD50 (rat)	100 mg/kg
– Dermal	LD50 (rat)	>2000 mg/kg
– Inhalation	LC50 (rat, 4 hours)	~ 1 mg/L

#### b) Skin corrosion/irritation

The substance is irritating to skin.

#### c) Serious eye damage/irritation

The substance is irritating to eyes.

#### d) Respiratory or skin sensitisation

Concluded not to be sensitising.

#### e) Germ cell mutagenicity

Concluded not to be genotoxic in vivo.

#### f) Carcinogenicity

NOAEL (oral) 53 mg/kg bw/day  
Target organ(s): digestive: liver.  
Suspected of causing cancer. Liver tumors induced via mechanism involving liver toxicity. Concluded that at levels at which no liver toxicity is induced (in rats 53 mg/kg bw/d), tumors will not arise.

#### g) Reproductive toxicity

##### – Fertility/developmental

Concluded not to be reprotoxic.

#### h) Specific target organ toxicity – single exposure

– Respiratory tract From acute toxicity studies, evident that the substance may cause respiratory irritation, particularly to the upper respiratory tract and the nose.

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### i) Specific target organ toxicity – repeated exposure

- **Respiratory tract** From repeated dose toxicity studies, evident that the substance may cause respiratory irritation particularly to the upper respiratory tract and the nose. No classification warranted.

### j) Aspiration hazard

Based on available data, the classification criteria for this hazard class are not met.

## 11.2 Likely routes of exposure

Furfural can be easily absorbed in the lungs and from the skin, with dermal absorption of liquid furfural being approx. 3 µg/cm<sup>2</sup> per minute. Following absorption, the biological half life is 2-2.5 h.

## SECTION 12: Ecological information

### 12.1 Toxicity

#### Aquatic compartment and sediment

##### – Fish

LC50 (fresh water, 96 h)	10.5 mg/L
NOEC (fresh water, 12 d)	0.33 mg/L

##### – Aquatic invertebrates

EC50 (Daphnia, fresh water, 48 h)	13 mg/L
NOEC (Daphnia, fresh water, 21 d)	1.9 mg/L

##### – Algae and aquatic plants

NOEC (algae, fresh water, 8d)	2.7 mg/L
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##### – Aquatic micro-organisms

EC50	760 mg/L
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##### – Sediment organisms

Not a relevant compartment.

#### Terrestrial compartment

##### – Soil macro-organisms

LC50 (earthworm, 14 d)	406.18 mg/kg soil dw
NOEC (earthworm, 14 d))	225 mg/kg soil dw

##### – Anthropods

NOEC (collembolan, 21 d)	37.5 mg/kg soil dw
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##### – Terrestrial plants

NOEC (sugarbeet)	26 mg/kg soil dw
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##### – Soil micro-organisms

NOEC (soil micro-organisms)	597 mg/kg soil dw
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### 12.2 Persistence and degradability

#### Abiotic degradability

##### – Photolysis

Half-life (DT50 in air)	0.44 d
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#### Biodegradability

##### – Biodegradability in water

Readily biodegradable.

##### – Biochemical oxygen demand

BOD (14 days)	93.5% degradation
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### 12.3 Bioaccumulative potential

#### Aquatic bioaccumulation

BCF (estimation based on a calculation method).	1.41 L/kg
No remarkable bioaccumulation potential (log K <sub>ow</sub> 0.41).	

### 12.4 Mobility in soil

#### Adsorption/desorption

K <sub>oc</sub> at 20 °C (calculated)	17.1 L/kg
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#### Volatilisation

Henry's Law constant at 20 °C (in Pa m <sup>3</sup> /mol)	0.2
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### 12.5 Results of PBT and vPvB assessment

The substance does not meet the PBT and vPvB criteria according to annex XIII of Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006.

### 12.6 Other adverse effects

Hazardous to water (Water hazard class 2, WGK Germany)

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### SECTION 13: Disposal considerations

#### 13.1 Waste treatment methods

<b>Product disposal</b>	Recycling by distillation. Removal to an authorized waste incinerator for solvents or as chemical waste in accordance with local regulations. Do not discharge wastewater into sewer.
<b>Packaging disposal</b>	Uncleaned empty package have to be treated like the content. The labelling of uncleaned containers must not be removed.
<b>Waste treatment-relevant information</b>	European waste list (EURAL) 07 01 04

### SECTION 14: Transport information

<b>14.1 UN number</b>	1199
<b>14.2 UN proper shipping name</b>	FURALDEHYDES
<b>14.3 Transport hazard class(es)</b>	6.1
<b>14.4 Packing group</b>	II
<b>14.5 Environmental hazards</b>	
Marine pollutant (IMO/IMDG)	No
Hazards for tank vessels (ADN)	6.1+3
<b>14.6 Specials precautions for user</b>	
Classification code (ADR/RID/ADN)	TF1
Risk label(s) (ADR/RID/ADN/IMDG/IATA)	6.1 + 3
Tunnel category (ADR/RID)	(D/E)
Hazard Identification Number (ADR/RID)	63
Limited quantity (ADR/RID/ADN/IMDG/IATA)	100 ml
Excepted quantity (ADR/RID/AND/IMDG/IATA)	E4
ERICard (ADR)	6-54
Emergency Schedules (IMDG)	
- Fire schedule	Echo (F - E)
- Spillage schedule	Delta (S - D)
<b>14.7 Transport in bulk according to Annex II of Marpol and the IBC Code</b>	
Ship type required (IMDG)	3
Pollution category (IMDG)	Y

### SECTION 15: Regulatory information

#### 15.1 Safety, health and environmental regulations / legislation specific for the substance or mixture Authorisations (REACH)

	Not subject to Title VII of Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006
<b>Restrictions (REACH), SVHC</b>	Annex XVII of Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 is not applicable. SVHC (Substance of Very High Concern) status: negative.
<b>Control of major-accident hazards (Seveso III)</b>	Subject to Directive 2012/18/EU. Hazard category: H2 ACUTE TOXIC Qualifying quantity column 2: 50 000 kg Qualifying quantity column 3: 200 000 kg
<b>List of flavouring substances</b>	Approved as a flavouring agent (Regulation (EC) No 872/2012).
<b>Classification, labelling and packaging</b>	Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008 (CLP-Regulation)
<b>Other EU-/national regulations</b>	Other applicable EU-/national regulations have to be observed.

#### 15.2 Chemical safety assessment

A Chemical Safety Assessment has been carried out for furfural.



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### SECTION 16: Other information

#### 16.1 Changes to the previous version

Previous version	11
Changes	Adaptation of subsections 1.3, 1.4, 8.1, 10.2, 11.1a and 14.6 Adaptation of the exposure scenarios.

#### 16.2 Abbreviations and acronyms

ADN	Transport of dangerous goods by inland waterways
ADR	Transport of dangerous goods by road
DNEL	Derived No Effect Level
EC50	Effect Concentration, 50 percent
ERICard	Emergency Response Intervention Card
GHS / CLP	Globally Harmonised System / Classification, Labelling and Packaging
IC50	Inhibitory Concentration, 50 percent
IATA	Transport of dangerous goods by air
IMDG	Transport of dangerous goods by sea
LC50	Lethal Concentration, 50 percent
LD50	Lethal Dose, 50 percent
LOAEC	Lowest observed adverse effect concentration
NOAEC	No observed adverse effect concentration
NOAEL	No observed adverse effect level
NOEC	No observed effect concentration
NOEL	No observed effect level
PBT	Persistent, Bioaccumulative and Toxic
PNEC	Predicted No Effect Concentration
RID	Transport of dangerous goods by rail
TWA	Time Weighted Average
vPvB	very Persistent and very Bioaccumulative

#### 16.3 Literature references and sources for data

REACH dossier.

#### 16.4 Full text of hazard statements which are not written out in full under Sections 2 to 15

None

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