

# Gamma Butyrolactone (GBL)

## Safety Data Sheet

according to the REACH Regulation (EC) 1907/2006 amended by Regulation (EU) 2020/878  
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### SECTION 1: Identification of the substance/mixture and of the company/undertaking

#### 1.1. Product identifier

Product form	: Substance
Trade name	: Gamma Butyrolactone (GBL)
Chemical name	: $\gamma$ -Butyrolactone
EC-No.	: 202-509-5
CAS-No.	: 96-48-0
REACH Registration Number	: 01-2119471839-21-0006

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

##### 1.2.1. Relevant identified uses

Use of the substance/mixture : GBL is mainly used as an intermediate in the production of other chemicals and as an organic solvent

##### 1.2.2. Uses advised against

No additional information available

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

Sahara International Petrochemical Company (Sipchem)  
Saudi Arabia, Jubail Industrial City 31961, P.O Box 12021.  
T 966 13 359 9999  
[compliance@sipchem.com](mailto:compliance@sipchem.com) - <https://www.sipchem.com>

#### 1.4. Emergency telephone number

T +966 13 359 9985 (24 x 7)

### SECTION 2: Hazards identification

#### 2.1. Classification of the substance or mixture

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

Acute toxicity (oral), Category 4	H302
Serious eye damage/eye irritation, Category 1	H318
Specific target organ toxicity – Single exposure, Category 3, Narcosis	H336

Full text of H- and EUH-statements: see section 16

##### Adverse physicochemical, human health and environmental effects

May cause drowsiness or dizziness. Harmful if swallowed. Causes serious eye damage.

#### 2.2. Label elements

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

Hazard pictograms (CLP) :



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	GHS05	GHS07
Signal word (CLP)	: Danger	
Hazard statements (CLP)	: H302 - Harmful if swallowed. H318 - Causes serious eye damage. H336 - May cause drowsiness or dizziness.	
Precautionary statements (CLP)	: P261 - Avoid breathing dust/fume/gas/mist/vapours/spray. P264 - Wash hands, forearms and face thoroughly after handling. P280 - Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection/hearing protection. P305+P351+P338+P310 - IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor. P312 - Call a POISON CENTRE or doctor if you feel unwell. P403+P233 - Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed.	

### 2.3. Other hazards

Contains no PBT/vPvB substances  $\geq 0.1\%$  assessed in accordance with REACH Annex XIII

The substance is not included in the list established in accordance with Article 59(1) of REACH for having endocrine disrupting properties, or is not identified as having endocrine disrupting properties in accordance with the criteria set out in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2017/2100 or Commission Regulation (EU) 2018/605

## SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients

### 3.1. Substances

Name : Gamma Butyrolactone (GBL)

Name	Product identifier	%
Gamma.-Butyrolactone; $\gamma$ -Butyrolactone	CAS-No.: 96-48-0 EC-No.: 202-509-5 REACH Registration No. 01-2119471839-21-0006	> 99.5

### 3.2. Mixtures

Not applicable

## SECTION 4: First aid measures

### 4.1. Description of first aid measures

First-aid measures general	: Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. If you feel unwell, seek medical advice (show the label where possible). Call a poison center or a doctor if you feel unwell.
First-aid measures after inhalation	: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing. Allow affected person to breathe fresh air. Allow the victim to rest.
First-aid measures after skin contact	: Remove affected clothing and wash all exposed skin area with mild soap and water, followed by warm water rinse. Wash skin with plenty of water.
First-aid measures after eye contact	: Rinse immediately with plenty of water. Obtain medical attention if pain, blinking or redness persists. Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. Call a physician immediately.
First-aid measures after ingestion	: Rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting. Obtain emergency medical attention. Call a poison center or a doctor if you feel unwell.

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

- Symptoms/effects : Not expected to present a significant hazard under anticipated conditions of normal use.  
May cause drowsiness or dizziness.
- Symptoms/effects after eye contact : Serious damage to eyes.

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

Treat symptomatically.

### SECTION 5: Firefighting measures

#### 5.1. Extinguishing media

- Suitable extinguishing media : Foam. Dry powder. Carbon dioxide. Water spray. Sand.
- Unsuitable extinguishing media : Do not use a heavy water stream.

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

- Fire hazard : On combustion forms: carbon oxides
- Hazardous decomposition products in case of fire : Toxic fumes may be released.

#### 5.3. Advice for firefighters

- Firefighting instructions : Use water spray or fog for cooling exposed containers. Exercise caution when fighting any chemical fire. Prevent fire fighting water from entering the environment.
- Protective equipment for firefighters : Do not enter fire area without proper protective equipment, including respiratory protection. Do not attempt to take action without suitable protective equipment. Self-contained breathing apparatus. Complete protective clothing.

### SECTION 6: Accidental release measures

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

##### 6.1.1. For non-emergency personnel

- Protective equipment : Wear recommended personal protective equipment. For further information refer to section 8: "Exposure controls/personal protection".
- Emergency procedures : Ventilate spillage area. Evacuate unnecessary personnel. Avoid breathing dust/fume/gas/mist/vapours/spray. Avoid contact with skin and eyes.

##### 6.1.2. For emergency responders

- Protective equipment : Do not attempt to take action without suitable protective equipment. Equip cleanup crew with proper protection. For further information refer to section 8: "Exposure controls/personal protection".
- Emergency procedures : Ventilate area.

#### 6.2. Environmental precautions

Avoid release to the environment. Prevent entry to sewers and public waters. Notify authorities if liquid enters sewers or public waters.

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

- Methods for cleaning up : Take up liquid spill into absorbent material. Soak up spills with inert solids, such as clay or diatomaceous earth as soon as possible. Collect spillage. Store away from other materials.
- Other information : Dispose of materials or solid residues at an authorized site.

#### 6.4. Reference to other sections

For further information refer to section 8: "Exposure controls/personal protection". For disposal of residues refer to section 13 : "Disposal considerations".

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## SECTION 7: Handling and storage

### 7.1. Precautions for safe handling

Precautions for safe handling	: Provide good ventilation in process area to prevent formation of vapour. Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area. Avoid breathing dust/fume/gas/mist/vapours/spray. Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Wear personal protective equipment.
Hygiene measures	: Wash hands and other exposed areas with mild soap and water before eating, drinking or smoking and when leaving work. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. Always wash hands after handling the product.

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

Storage conditions	: Keep container tightly closed in a cool, well-ventilated place. Keep container closed when not in use. Store locked up. Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed. Keep cool.
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### 7.3. Specific end use(s)

No additional information available

## SECTION 8: Exposure controls/personal protection

### 8.1. Control parameters

#### 8.1.1 National occupational exposure and biological limit values

##### Gamma.-Butyrolactone (96-48-0)

##### Finland - Occupational Exposure Limits

Local name	Gamma-Butyrolaktoni
HTP (OEL TWA) [1]	14 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
HTP (OEL TWA) [2]	50 ppm
HTP (OEL STEL)	70 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
HTP (OEL STEL) [ppm]	250 ppm
Remark	Iho
OEL chemical category	Potential for cutaneous absorption
Regulatory reference	HTP-ARVOT 2020 (Sosiaali- ja terveysministeriö)

#### 8.1.2. Recommended monitoring procedures

No additional information available

#### 8.1.3. Air contaminants formed

No additional information available

#### 8.1.4. DNEL and PNEC

Ingredient	DNELs Exposure Pattern Worker	PNECs Compartment
Gamma.-Butyrolactone	Dermal 19 mg/kg bw/day (Systemic, Chronic)	0.056 mg/L (Water (Fresh))
	Inhalation 130 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (Systemic, Chronic)	0.006 mg/L (Water - Intermittent release)
	Inhalation 958 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (Systemic, Acute)	0.24 mg/kg sediment dw (Sediment (Fresh Water))
		0.02 mg/kg sediment dw (Sediment (Marine))
		0.015 mg/kg soil dw (Soil)
		452 mg/L (STP)

\* Values for General Population

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### 8.1.5. Control banding

No additional information available

## 8.2. Exposure controls

### 8.2.1. Appropriate engineering controls

**Appropriate engineering controls:**

Ensure good ventilation of the work station.

### 8.2.2. Personal protection equipment

**Personal protective equipment:**

Avoid all unnecessary exposure.

#### 8.2.2.1. Eye and face protection

**Eye protection:**

Chemical goggles or safety glasses. Use eye protection according to EN 166. Safety glasses

#### 8.2.2.2. Skin protection

**Skin and body protection:**

Wear suitable protective clothing

**Hand protection:**

Wear protective gloves. Wear suitable gloves tested to EN374

#### 8.2.2.3. Respiratory protection

**Respiratory protection:**

Wear appropriate mask

#### 8.2.2.4. Thermal hazards

No additional information available

### 8.2.3. Environmental exposure controls

**Environmental exposure controls:**

Avoid release to the environment.

**Other information:**

Do not eat, drink or smoke during use.

## SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties

### 9.1. Information on basic physical and chemical properties

Physical state	: Liquid
Colour	: Colourless to pale yellow.
Odour	: faint.
Odour threshold	: Not available
Melting point	: -46 °C
Freezing point	: Not available
Boiling point	: 204 – 206 °C
Flammability	: Non flammable.
Lower explosion limit	: 1.4 vol %
Upper explosion limit	: 16 vol %
Flash point	: 93.3 °C
Auto-ignition temperature	: 455 °C
Decomposition temperature	: Not available
pH	: Not available
pH solution	: 4 10% solution
Viscosity, kinematic	: 1.504 mm <sup>2</sup> /s

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Viscosity, dynamic	: 1.7 cP @25 °C
Solubility	: Soluble.
Partition coefficient n-octanol/water (Log Kow)	: Not available
Vapour pressure	: 0.2 mm Hg @20 °C
Vapour pressure at 50 °C	: Not available
Density	: 1.13 g/cm <sup>3</sup>
Relative density	: 1.017
Relative vapour density at 20 °C	: 3
Particle characteristics	: Not applicable

## 9.2. Other information

### 9.2.1. Information with regard to physical hazard classes

No additional information available

### 9.2.2. Other safety characteristics

Relative evaporation rate (butylacetate=1) : < 1

## SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity

### 10.1. Reactivity

The product is non-reactive under normal conditions of use, storage and transport.

### 10.2. Chemical stability

The product is stable at normal handling and storage conditions.

### 10.3. Possibility of hazardous reactions

No dangerous reactions known under normal conditions of use. Hazardous polymerization will not occur.

### 10.4. Conditions to avoid

Avoid heat, flames, sparks and other sources of ignition. Avoid contact with incompatible materials.

### 10.5. Incompatible materials

Acids, oxidizing materials, metal oxides, metal salts.

### 10.6. Hazardous decomposition products

Carbon Oxides.

## SECTION 11: Toxicological information

### 11.1. Information on hazard classes as defined in Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008

Acute toxicity (oral)	: Harmful if swallowed.
Acute toxicity (dermal)	: Not classified
Acute toxicity (inhalation)	: Not classified

### gamma.-Butyrolactone (96-48-0)

LD50 oral rat	1540 mg/kg
LD50 dermal rabbit	> 5640 mg/kg
LC50 Inhalation - Rat	> 5100 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (Exposure time: 4 h)
Skin corrosion/irritation	: Rabbit: not irritating [BASF-Test]

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Serious eye damage/irritation	: Causes serious eye damage.
Respiratory or skin sensitisation	: Skin mouse : not sensitising [OECD 429]
Germ cell mutagenicity	: S. typhimurium TA-1535, TA-1537, TA-98, TA-100: Negative [OECD 471] Drosophila melanogaster: Negative [OECD 477]
Carcinogenicity	: Not classified

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IARC group	3 - Not classifiable
Reproductive toxicity	: Not classified
STOT-single exposure	: May cause drowsiness or dizziness.
STOT-repeated exposure	: Not classified
Aspiration hazard	: Not classified

#### 11.2. Information on other hazards

##### 11.2.1. Endocrine disrupting properties

No additional information available

##### 11.2.2. Other information

Other information : Likely routes of exposure: ingestion, inhalation, skin and eye

### SECTION 12: Ecological information

#### 12.1. Toxicity

Hazardous to the aquatic environment, short-term (acute)	: Not classified
Hazardous to the aquatic environment, long-term (chronic)	: Not classified

#### Gamma.-Butyrolactone (96-48-0)

LC50 - Fish	56 mg/l (Exposure time: 96 h - Species: Lepomis macrochirus [static])
EC50 - Crustacea	> 500 mg/l (Exposure time: 48 h - Species: Daphnia magna Straus)
EC50 72h - Algae	360 mg/l (Species: Desmodesmus subspicatus)
EC50 96h - Algae	79 mg/l (Species: Desmodesmus subspicatus)

#### 12.2. Persistence and degradability

##### Gamma butyrolactone (GBL)

Persistence and degradability readily biodegradable [OECD 301C MITI study]

#### 12.3. Bioaccumulative potential

##### Gamma butyrolactone (GBL)

Bioaccumulative potential BCF: 3.16 L/kg ww estimated

#### gamma.-Butyrolactone (96-48-0)

Partition coefficient n-octanol/water (Log Pow) -0.566 (at 25 °C (at pH >6-<8))

#### 12.4. Mobility in soil

Log Koc: 0.8114 at 20 °C

#### 12.5. Results of PBT and vPvB assessment

the substance is not PBT / vPvB

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#### 12.6. Endocrine disrupting properties

No additional information available

#### 12.7. Other adverse effects

Additional information : Avoid release to the environment.

### SECTION 13: Disposal considerations

#### 13.1. Waste treatment methods

Waste treatment methods : Dispose of contents/container in accordance with licensed collector's sorting instructions.  
Product/Packaging disposal recommendations : Dispose in a safe manner in accordance with local/national regulations.  
Ecology - waste materials : Avoid release to the environment.

### SECTION 14: Transport information

In accordance with ADR / IMDG / IATA / ADN / RID

ADR	IMDG	IATA	ADN	RID
<b>14.1. UN number or ID number</b>				
Not regulated	Not regulated	Not regulated	Not regulated	Not regulated
<b>14.2. UN proper shipping name</b>				
Not regulated	Not regulated	Not regulated	Not regulated	Not regulated
<b>14.3. Transport hazard class(es)</b>				
Not regulated	Not regulated	Not regulated	Not regulated	Not regulated
<b>14.4. Packing group</b>				
Not regulated	Not regulated	Not regulated	Not regulated	Not regulated
<b>14.5. Environmental hazards</b>				
Not regulated	Not regulated	Not regulated	Not regulated	Not regulated

No supplementary information available

#### 14.6. Special precautions for user

##### Overland transport

Not regulated

##### Transport by sea

Not regulated

##### Air transport

Not regulated

##### Inland waterway transport

Not regulated

##### Rail transport

Not regulated

#### 14.7. Maritime transport in bulk according to IMO instruments

Not applicable



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## SECTION 15: Regulatory information

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

#### 15.1.1. EU-Regulations

No REACH Annex XVII restrictions

Gamma butyrolactone (GBL) is not on the REACH Candidate List

Gamma butyrolactone (GBL) is not on the REACH Annex XIV List

Gamma butyrolactone (GBL) is not subject to Regulation (EU) No 649/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 4 July 2012 concerning the export and import of hazardous chemicals.

Gamma butyrolactone (GBL) is not subject to Regulation (EU) No 2019/1021 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 June 2019 on persistent organic pollutants

Gamma butyrolactone (GBL) is not subject to REGULATION (EU) No 1005/2009 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of 16 September 2009 on substances that deplete the ozone layer.

Contains no substance subject to Regulation (EU) 2019/1148 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 June 2019 on the marketing and use of explosives precursors.

Contains no substance subject to Regulation (EC) 273/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 February 2004 on the manufacture and the placing on market of certain substances used in the illicit manufacture of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances.

#### 15.1.2. National regulations

##### Germany

Employment restrictions : Observe restrictions according Act on the Protection of Working Mothers (MuSchG)  
Observe restrictions according Act on the Protection of Young People in Employment (JArbSchG)

Water hazard class (WGK) : Not classified according to Regulation Governing Systems for Handling Substances Hazardous to Waters (AwSV)

Hazardous Incident Ordinance (12. BImSchV) : Is not subject of the Hazardous Incident Ordinance (12. BImSchV)

##### Netherlands

SZW-lijst van kankerverwekkende stoffen : The substance is not listed

SZW-lijst van mutagene stoffen : The substance is not listed

SZW-lijst van reprotoxische stoffen – Borstvoeding : The substance is not listed

SZW-lijst van reprotoxische stoffen –

Vruchtbaarheid

SZW-lijst van reprotoxische stoffen – Ontwikkeling : The substance is not listed

##### Denmark

Class for fire hazard : Class III-1

Store unit : 50 liter

Classification remarks : Flammable according to the Danish Ministry of Justice; Emergency management guidelines for the storage of flammable liquids must be followed

Danish National Regulations : Young people under 18 years are not allowed to use the product

##### Switzerland

Storage class (LK) : LK 10/12 - Liquids

### 15.2. Chemical safety assessment

No chemical safety assessment has been carried out

## SECTION 16: Other information

### Abbreviations and acronyms:

ADN	European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterways
ADR	European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road
ATE	Acute Toxicity Estimate
BCF	Bioconcentration factor

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Abbreviations and acronyms:	
BLV	Biological limit value
BOD	Biochemical oxygen demand (BOD)
COD	Chemical oxygen demand (COD)
DMEL	Derived Minimal Effect level
DNEL	Derived-No Effect Level
EC-No.	European Community number
EC50	Effective concentration for 50 percent of test population (median effective concentration)
EN	European Standard
IARC	International Agency for Research on Cancer
IATA	International Air Transport Association
IMDG	International Maritime Dangerous Goods
LC50	Lethal concentration for 50 percent of test population (median lethal concentration)
LD50	Lethal dose for 50 percent of test population (median lethal dose)
LOAEL	Lowest Observed Adverse Effect Level
NOAEC	No-Observed Adverse Effect Concentration
NOAEL	No-Observed Adverse Effect Level
NOEC	No-Observed Effect Concentration
OECD	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
OEL	Occupational Exposure Limit
PBT	Persistent Bioaccumulative Toxic
PNEC	Predicted No-Effect Concentration
RID	Regulation concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Railways
SDS	Safety Data Sheet
STP	Sewage treatment plant
ThOD	Theoretical oxygen demand (ThOD)
TLM	Median Tolerance Limit
VOC	Volatile Organic Compounds
CAS-No.	Chemical Abstract Service number
N.O.S.	Not Otherwise Specified
vPvB	Very Persistent and Very Bioaccumulative
ED	Endocrine disrupting properties

Full text of H- and EUH-statements:	
Acute Tox. 4 (Oral)	Acute toxicity (oral), Category 4
Eye Dam. 1	Serious eye damage/eye irritation, Category 1
H302	Harmful if swallowed.

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**Full text of H- and EUH-statements:**

H318	Causes serious eye damage.
H336	May cause drowsiness or dizziness.
STOT SE 3	Specific target organ toxicity – Single exposure, Category 3, Narcosis

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This information is based on our current knowledge and is intended to describe the product for the purposes of health, safety and environmental requirements only. It should not therefore be construed as guaranteeing any specific property of the product.