


according to Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006 as amended by (EC) No. 1272/2008

### Section 1. Identification of the Substance/Mixture and of the Company/Undertaking

- 1.1 Product Code:** 90220  
**Product Name:** .gamma.-Linolenic Acid  
**Synonyms:** 6Z,9Z,12Z-octadecatrienoic acid; GLA;
- 1.2 Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against:**  
**Relevant identified uses:** For research use only, not for human or veterinary use.
- 1.3 Details of the Supplier of the Safety Data Sheet:**
- Company Name:** Cayman Chemical Company  
1180 E. Ellsworth Rd.  
Ann Arbor, MI 48108
- Web site address:** www.caymanchem.com
- Information:** Cayman Chemical Company +1 (734)971-3335
- 1.4 Emergency telephone number:**
- Emergency Contact:** CHEMTREC Within USA and Canada: +1 (800)424-9300  
CHEMTREC Outside USA and Canada: +1 (703)527-3887

### Section 2. Hazards Identification

- 2.1 Classification of the Substance or Mixture:**  
Flammable Liquids, Category 2
- 2.2 Label Elements:**
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- GHS Signal Word:** **Danger**
- GHS Hazard Phrases:**  
H225: Highly flammable liquid and vapor.
- GHS Precaution Phrases:**  
P210: Keep away from {heat/sparks/open flames/hot surfaces}. - No smoking.  
P280: Wear {protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection}.
- GHS Response Phrases:**  
P303+361+353: IF ON SKIN (or hair): Remove/take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/shower.
- GHS Storage and Disposal Phrases:**  
Please refer to Section 7 for Storage and Section 13 for Disposal information.
- 2.3 Adverse Human Health** Material may be irritating to the mucous membranes and upper respiratory tract.  
**Effects and Symptoms:** May be harmful by inhalation, ingestion, or skin absorption.  
May cause eye, skin, or respiratory system irritation.  
To the best of our knowledge, the toxicological properties have not been thoroughly investigated.

### Section 3. Composition/Information on Ingredients

| CAS # /<br>RTECS #   | Hazardous Components (Chemical Name)/<br>REACH Registration No. | Concentration | EC No./<br>EC Index No.   | GHS Classification  |
|----------------------|---|---------------|---------------------------|---|
| 506-26-3<br>NA       | .gamma.-Linolenic acid  | 0.001 %       | NA<br>NA                  | Skin Corr. 2: H315<br>Eye Damage 2: H319<br>STOT (SE) 3: H335 |
| 64-17-5<br>KQ6300000 | Ethyl alcohol   | 99.999 %      | 200-578-6<br>603-002-00-5 | Flam. Liq. 2: H225  |

### Section 4. First Aid Measures

**4.1 Description of First Aid**
**Measures:**

**In Case of Inhalation:** Remove to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration or give oxygen by trained personnel. Get immediate medical attention.

**In Case of Skin Contact:** Immediately wash skin with soap and plenty of water for at least 20 minutes. Remove contaminated clothing. Get medical attention if symptoms occur. Wash clothing before reuse.

**In Case of Eye Contact:** Hold eyelids apart and flush eyes with plenty of water for at least 20 minutes. Have eyes examined and tested by medical personnel.

**In Case of Ingestion:** Wash out mouth with water provided person is conscious. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Get medical attention. Do NOT induce vomiting unless directed to do so by medical personnel.

**4.2 Important Symptoms and Effects, Both Acute and Delayed:** May cause anemia, cough, CNS depression, drowsiness, headache, heart damage, lassitude (weakness, exhaustion), liver damage, narcosis, reproductive effects, teratogenic effects.

### Section 5. Fire Fighting Measures

**5.1 Suitable Extinguishing Media:** Use alcohol-resistant foam, carbon dioxide, water, or dry chemical spray.

**Media:** Use water spray to cool fire-exposed containers.

**Unsuitable Extinguishing Media:** A solid water stream may be inefficient.

**5.2 Flammable Properties and Hazards:** Can release vapors that form explosive mixtures at temperatures at or above the flashpoint.

Container explosion may occur under fire conditions.

Emits toxic fumes under fire conditions.

Sensitive to static discharge.

Vapors can travel to a source of ignition and flash back.

No data available.

**Flash Pt:** 14.00 C Method Used: Closed Cup

**Explosive Limits:** LEL: 3.3% at 25.0 C UEL: 19.0% at 25.0 C

**Autoignition Pt:** 363.00 C

**5.3 Fire Fighting Instructions:** As in any fire, wear self-contained breathing apparatus pressure-demand (NIOSH approved or equivalent), and full protective gear to prevent contact with skin and eyes.

Note: Flammable as diluted in ethanol.

### Section 6. Accidental Release Measures

- 6.1 Protective Precautions, Protective Equipment and Emergency Procedures:** Avoid breathing vapors and provide adequate ventilation. As conditions warrant, wear a NIOSH approved self-contained breathing apparatus, or respirator, and appropriate personal protection (rubber boots, safety goggles, and heavy rubber gloves).
- 6.2 Environmental Precautions:** Take steps to avoid release into the environment, if safe to do so.
- 6.3 Methods and Material For Containment and Cleaning Up:** Contain spill and collect, as appropriate. Transfer to a chemical waste container for disposal in accordance with local regulations.

### Section 7. Handling and Storage

- 7.1 Precautions To Be Taken in Handling:** Avoid breathing dust/fume/gas/mist/vapours/spray. Avoid prolonged or repeated exposure. Keep away from sources of ignition. Take precautionary measures against static discharge.
- 7.2 Precautions To Be Taken in Storing:** Keep away from heat, sparks, and flame. Keep container tightly closed. Store in accordance with information listed on the product insert.
- Other Precautions:** Hygroscopic.

### Section 8. Exposure Controls/Personal Protection

**8.1 Exposure Parameters:**

| CAS #    | Partial Chemical Name  | Britain EH40                           | France VL   | Europe   |
|----------|------------------------|--|---|----------|
| 506-26-3 | .gamma.-Linolenic acid | No data.                               | No data.  | No data. |
| 64-17-5  | Ethyl alcohol          | TWA: 1920 mg/m3 (1000 ppm)<br>STEL: () | TWA: 1900 mg/m3 (1000 ppm)<br>STEL: 9500 mg/m3 (5000 ppm) | No data. |

| CAS #    | Partial Chemical Name  | OSHA TWA      | ACGIH TWA     | Other Limits |
|----------|------------------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| 506-26-3 | .gamma.-Linolenic acid | No data.      | No data.      | No data.     |
| 64-17-5  | Ethyl alcohol          | PEL: 1000 ppm | TLV: 1000 ppm | No data.     |

**8.2 Exposure Controls:**

- 8.2.1 Engineering Controls (Ventilation etc.):** Use process enclosures, local exhaust ventilation, or other engineering controls to control airborne levels below recommended exposure limits.
- 8.2.2 Personal protection equipment:**
- Eye Protection:** Safety glasses
- Protective Gloves:** Compatible chemical-resistant gloves
- Other Protective Clothing:** Lab coat
- Respiratory Equipment (Specify Type):** NIOSH approved respirator, as conditions warrant.
- Work/Hygienic/Maintenance Practices:** Do not take internally. Facilities storing or utilizing this material should be equipped with an eyewash and a safety shower. Wash thoroughly after handling. No data available.

**Section 9. Physical and Chemical Properties**

**9.1 Information on Basic Physical and Chemical Properties**

**Physical States:** [ ] Gas [X] Liquid [ ] Solid  
**Appearance and Odor:** A solution in ethanol  
**Melting Point:** No data.  
**Boiling Point:** No data.  
**Flash Pt:** 14.00 C Method Used: Closed Cup  
**Evaporation Rate:** No data.  
**Flammability (solid, gas):** No data available.  
**Explosive Limits:** LEL: 3.3% at 25.0 C UEL: 19.0% at 25.0 C  
**Vapor Pressure (vs. Air or mm Hg):** 43 MM\_HG at 20.0 C  
**Vapor Density (vs. Air = 1):** No data.  
**Specific Gravity (Water = 1):** No data.  
**Solubility in Water:** No data.  
**Autoignition Pt:** 363.00 C

**9.2 Other Information**

**Percent Volatile:** No data.  
**Molecular Formula & Weight:** C18H30O2 278.4

**Section 10. Stability and Reactivity**

**10.1 Reactivity:** No data available.  
**10.2 Stability:** Unstable [ ] Stable [X]  
**10.3 Stability Note(s):** Stable if stored in accordance with information listed on the product insert.  
**Polymerization:** Will occur [ ] Will not occur [X]  
**10.4 Conditions To Avoid:** heat, flames and sparks  
**10.5 Incompatibility - Materials To Avoid:** alkali metals  
 ammonia  
 peroxides  
 strong oxidizing agents  
**10.6 Hazardous Decomposition or Byproducts:** carbon dioxide  
 carbon monoxide

### Section 11. Toxicological Information

**11.1 Information on Toxicological Effects:** The toxicological effects of this product have not been thoroughly studied.

Ethanol - Toxicity Data: Oral TDLO (man): 1.14 ml/kg; Oral TDLO (man): 650 mg/kg; Oral LD50 (rat): 7,060 mg/kg; Oral LD50 (mouse): 3,450 mg/kg; Oral LD50 (mouse): 10.5 ml/kg; Oral LD50 (rabbit): 6,300 mg/kg; Inhalation LC50 (rat): 20,000 ppm (10h); Inhalation TCLO (human): 1,800 ppm (30m); Inhalation TCLO (human): 2,500 mg/m<sup>3</sup> (20m); Inhalation LC50 (rat): 5,900 mg/m<sup>3</sup> (6h); Inhalation LCLO (mouse): 29,300 ppm (7h);

Ethanol - Irritation Data: Eyes (rabbit): 500 mg (24h) mild; Skin (rabbit): 20 mg (24h) moderate;

.gamma.-Linolenic Acid - Toxicity Data: Oral TDLO (man): 3.14 mg/kg/42D (intermittent);

**Chronic Toxicological Effects:** Ethanol - Investigated as a mutagen, reproductive effector, and tumorigen. Only select Registry of Toxic Effects of Chemical Substances (RTECS) data is presented here. See actual entry in RTECS for complete information.

Ethanol RTECS Number: KQ6300000  
 .gamma.-Linolenic Acid RTECS Number: RG2177000

**Carcinogenicity:** NTP? No IARC Monographs? No OSHA Regulated? No

| CAS #    | Hazardous Components (Chemical Name) | NTP  | IARC | ACGIH | OSHA |
|----------|--------------------------------------|------|------|-------|------|
| 506-26-3 | .gamma.-Linolenic acid               | n.a. | n.a. | n.a.  | n.a. |
| 64-17-5  | Ethyl alcohol                        | n.a. | 1    | A4    | n.a. |

### Section 12. Ecological Information

**12.1 Toxicity:** Avoid release into the environment.  
 Runoff from fire control or dilution water may cause pollution.

**12.2 Persistence and Degradability:** No data available.

**12.3 Bioaccumulative Potential:** No data available.

**12.4 Mobility in Soil:** No data available.

**12.5 Results of PBT and vPvB assessment:** No data available.

**12.6 Other adverse effects:** No data available.

### Section 13. Disposal Considerations

**13.1 Waste Disposal Method:** Dispose in accordance with local, state, and federal regulations.

### Section 14. Transport Information

**14.1 LAND TRANSPORT (US DOT):**

**DOT Proper Shipping Name:** Ethyl Alcohol Solution

**DOT Hazard Class:** 3 FLAMMABLE LIQUID

**UN/NA Number:** 1170 **Packing Group:** II





# SAFETY DATA SHEET .gamma.-Linolenic Acid

Revision: 04/15/2016  
Supersedes Revision: 07/20/2015**14.1 LAND TRANSPORT (European ADR/RID):**

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|-------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|----|
| <b>ADR/RID Shipping Name:</b> | Ethyl Alcohol Solution | <b>Packing Group:</b> | II |
| <b>UN Number:</b>             | 1170                   |                       |    |
| <b>Hazard Class:</b>          | 3 - FLAMMABLE LIQUID   |                       |    |

**14.3 AIR TRANSPORT (ICAO/IATA):**

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|---------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|----|
| <b>ICAO/IATA Shipping Name:</b> | Ethyl Alcohol Solution | <b>Packing Group:</b>       | II |
| <b>UN Number:</b>               | 1170                   | <b>IATA Classification:</b> | 3  |
| <b>Hazard Class:</b>            | 3 - FLAMMABLE LIQUID   |                             |    |

**Additional Transport Information:** Transport in accordance with local, state, and federal regulations.  
When sold in quantities of less than or equal to 1 mL, or 1 g, with an Excepted Quantity Code of E1, E2, E4, or E5, this item meets the De Minimis Quantities exemption, per IATA 2.6.10.  
Therefore packaging does not have to be labeled as Dangerous Goods/Excepted Quantity.

## Section 15. Regulatory Information

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

| CAS #    | Hazardous Components (Chemical Name) | S. 302 (EHS) | S. 304 RQ | S. 313 (TRI) |
|----------|--------------------------------------|--------------|-----------|--------------|
| 506-26-3 | .gamma.-Linolenic acid               | No           | No        | No           |
| 64-17-5  | Ethyl alcohol                        | No           | No        | No           |

| CAS #    | Hazardous Components (Chemical Name) | Other US EPA or State Lists   |
|----------|--------------------------------------|---|
| 506-26-3 | .gamma.-Linolenic acid               | CAA HAP,ODC: No; CWA NPDES: No; TSCA: No; CA PROP.65: No              |
| 64-17-5  | Ethyl alcohol                        | CAA HAP,ODC: No; CWA NPDES: No; TSCA: Yes - Inventory; CA PROP.65: No |

**Regulatory Information Statement:** This SDS was prepared in accordance with 29 CFR 1910.1200 and Regulation (EC) No.1272/2008.

## Section 16. Other Information

**Revision Date:** 04/15/2016**Additional Information About This Product:** No data available.

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