1. **PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION**

   **Product Name:** ETHYL ACETATE  
   **Product Code:** EAC  
   **Product Type:** Chemical Solvent  
   **Company:** Philippine Prosperity Chemicals, Inc.  
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2. **COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS**

   **Substance Formal Name:** Ethyl Acetate  
   **Substance Chemical Formula:** CH₃COOC₂H₅  
   **Common name:** Ethyl Ethanoate  
   **Synonyms:** Ethyl Ester, Acetic Ether, Acetic Ester, Acetoxyethane  
   **Chemical Abstract Service Registry Number (CAS RNs):** 141-78-6

3. **HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION**

   **Emergency overview:** Danger! Extremely flammable liquid and vapor. Vapors may cause flash fire or explosion. Harmful if inhaled. Vapor concentrations may cause drowsiness. Causes skin and eye irritation. Harmful if swallowed. May cause system damage to the eyes.

   **Human Health Hazards:** Inhalation: Inhalation can cause severe irritation of mucous membranes and upper respiratory tract. Symptoms may include burning sensation, coughing, wheezing, laryngitis, shortness of breath, headache, nausea and vomiting. High concentrations may cause lung damage. An irritant to the nose, throat, and upper respiratory tract. Exposure to high concentrations has a narcotic effect and may cause liver and kidney damage.
Ingestion: Causes irritation to the gastrointestinal tract. Symptoms may include nausea, vomiting and diarrhea.

Skin Contact: Causes irritation to skin. Symptoms include redness, itching, and pain. Repeated or prolonged contact with the skin has a defatting effect and may cause dryness, cracking and possibly dermatitis.

Eye Contact: Produces irritation, characterized by a burning sensation, redness, tearing, inflammation and possible corneal injury.

Chronic Exposure: Chronic overexposure may cause anemia with leukocytosis (transient increase in the white blood cell count) and damage to the liver and kidneys.

Aggravation of Pre-existing Conditions: Persons with pre-existing skin disorders or eye problems, or impaired liver, kidney or respiratory function may be more susceptible to the effects of the substance.

4. FIRST AID MEASURES

Inhalation Remove to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. Obtain medical attention immediately.

WARNING: It may be hazardous to the person providing aid to give mouth-to-mouth resuscitation when the inhaled material is toxic, infectious or corrosive.

Ingestion Obtain medical attention immediately. Do not induce vomiting unless directed to do so by a medical personnel. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person.

Skin Contact Immediately flush skin with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes while removing contaminated clothing and shoes. If persistent irritation occurs, obtain medical attention. Wash clothing before reuse.

Eye Contact Immediately flush eyes with gentle but large stream of water for at least 15 minutes, lifting lower and upper eyelids occasionally. If persistent irritation occurs, obtain medical attention.

5. Fire Fighting Measure

Fire: Flammable liquid and vapor.
Flash point: -4 °C (24.8 °F)
Auto ignition temperature: 460 °C (860 °F)
Flammable limits in air based on pure EAC % by volume:
  Lower Flammable Limit: 2.1; Upper Flammable Limit: 11.5

Explosion: At normal condition, vapor-air mixtures are explosive within flammable limits noted above. Sealed containers may rupture when heated. Sensitive to static discharge.

Extinguishing media: Dry chemical, alcohol-resistant foam or carbon dioxide. Water spray may be used to keep fire exposed containers cool or protect personnel attempting to stop leak and disperse vapors.
Specific Hazards: Containers exposed to intense heat from fires should be cooled with large quantities of water. The vapor is heavier than air and spreads along the ground and distant ignition is possible.

Special Information: All storage areas should be provided with adequate firefighting facilities and equipment. The liquid produces a vapor that forms explosive mixtures with air especially in conditions at above flash point temperatures. In the event of a fire, contact the nearest fire station. For the company’s own firefighters, they should wear full protective clothing and NIOSH-approved self-contained breathing apparatus with full face piece operated in the pressure demand or other positive pressure mode.

Special Firefighting Procedure: Stay upwind. Use self-contained breathing apparatus and protective clothing. Vapor may explode if ignited in an enclosed area. Cool exposed containers with water.

6. ACCIDENTAL CONTROL MEASURES

Personal precautions: Avoid contact with skin, and eyes. Ventilate area of leak or spill thoroughly. Do not breathe vapor. Stay upwind and keep out of low areas. Remove all heat or ignition sources. Evacuate the area of all non-essential personnel. Shut off leaks, if possible without personal risk.

Personal protection: Wear appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) as specified in Section 8.

Environmental precautions: Contain and recover liquid when possible with an appropriate container or absorb with an inert material (e.g., vermiculite, dry sand, earth) and place in a chemical waste container. Do not use combustible materials such as saw dust. Use non-sparking tools and equipment. Prevent from spreading or entering into drains, ditches, rivers or any waterways by using sand, earth, or other appropriate barriers. Prevent contamination of soil and water.

Clean-up methods - small spillage: Remove all ignition sources and ventilate area. Evacuate all non-essential personnel. Stop leak if without risk. Dilute with water and mop up, or absorb with an inert dry material and place in a sealable container. Label and seal waste containers for product recovery or appropriate disposal (see Section 13).

Clean-up methods – large spillage: For large liquid spills (say more than a drum), remove all ignition sources. Evacuate all non-essential personnel. Stop leak if possible and without risk. Do not flush away residues with water. Blanket spill with alcohol resistant foam to limit evaporation or dike area to contain spill and absorb with earth, sand or other non-combustible material. Transfer to a labeled, sealable container for product recovery or proper disposal. Wear appropriate protective clothing to minimize contact with skin. Allow residues to evaporate or soak up with a suitable absorbent material and dispose safely and appropriately (see Section 13).
7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

Handling: Avoid inhaling vapor and/or mists. Avoid contact with skin, eyes and clothing. Extinguish any naked flames. Do not smoke. Remove ignition sources. Avoid sparks. Electrostatic discharge may cause fire. Ensure electrical continuity by bonding and grounding all equipment. Avoid splash filling. Do not use compressed air for filling, discharging or handling operations.

Storage: Must be stored in a well-ventilated area and keep away from ignition and heat sources. Keep away from aerosols, oxidizing agents and corrosives. The vapor is heavier than air. Beware of accumulation in pits and confined spaces. Breathing losses during storage should be controlled by a suitable vapor treatment system. Store in a segregated and approved area. Keep container in a cool, well-ventilated area. Keep container tightly closed and sealed until ready for use.

Product transfer: Electrostatic charges may be generated during pumping and these discharges may cause fire. Keep containers closed when not in use. Do not use compressed air for filling, discharging or handling. Containers should be bonded and grounded for transfers to avoid static sparks.

Recommended materials: For containers or container linings, use mild steel or stainless steel. For gasket and seals use compress asbestos, butyl rubber or Teflon.

Unsuitable materials: Do not store in certain plastic. May react with aluminum if temperature is more than 50°C.

Other Information: Ethyl Acetate is available from PPCI in bulk or drums. Details are available upon request.

8. EXPOSURE CONTROL / PERSONAL PROTECTION

Engineering Control Measure / Ventilation System: A system of local and/or general exhaust is recommended to keep employee exposures below the Airborne Exposure Limits. Local exhaust ventilation is generally preferred because it can control the emissions of the contaminant at its source, preventing dispersion of it into the general work area. Please refer to the ACGIH document, Industrial Ventilation, A Manual of Recommended Practices, most recent edition, for details.

Occupational Exposure Limit and Standard: American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienist (ACGIH)

Limit type: Threshold Limit Value (TLV) - the level of exposure that the typical worker can experience without an unreasonable risk of disease or injury.

Unit: Parts per million (ppm)

Value: 400
Respiratory protection: Where local exhaust ventilation is not practicable, wear a full face-piece or a double cartridge respirator with organic vapor canister NPF 400. It may be worn up to 50 times the exposure limit or the maximum use concentration specified by the appropriate regulatory agency or respirator supplier, whichever is lowest. For emergencies or instances where the exposure levels are not known, use a full-face-piece positive-pressure, air-supplied respirator.

WARNING: Air purifying respirators do not protect workers in oxygen-deficient atmospheres.

Hand protection: PVC gloves, chemical resistant gloves or nitrile gloves.

Eye protection: Use chemical safety goggles and/or a full face shield where splashing is possible. Maintain eye wash fountain and quick-drench facilities in work area.

Body Protection: Wear impervious protective clothing such as one-piece overall, including safety shoes or boots, gloves, lab coat, apron and any appropriate cotton-made clothing to prevent skin contact.

Specific Hygiene Measures: Always observe good personal hygiene measures, such as washing after handling the material and before eating, drinking and/or smoking. Routinely wash work clothing and protective equipment to remove contaminants. Discard contaminated clothing and footwear that cannot be cleaned. Always maintain and practice good housekeeping.

9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Appearance: Clear, colorless and highly volatile liquid

Odor: Fruity odor

Initial boiling point: 77 °C (170.6 °F)

Freezing point: -83 °C (-117.4 °F)

Vapor Pressure: 10 kPa @ 20 °C

Specific Gravity: 0.902 @ 20 °C

Solubility: Slightly soluble in water (10% by Volume)

Dynamic viscosity: 0.44 centipoise (cP) @ 25 °C

Vapor density (air=1): 3.04

Flash point: -4 °C

Auto-ignition temperature: 460 °C

Upper flammable limit in air: 11.5 % (v/v)

Lower flammable limit in air: 2.1 % (v/v)

Molecular weight: 88.10 g/mole

Evaporation rate, (NBAC = 1): 6.2
10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

**Stability:** Stable under normal temperature and pressure for use and storage.

**Conditions to avoid:** Heat, flames, ignition sources and confined spaces. Slowly decomposed by moisture.

**Materials to avoid:** Reacts with strong oxidizing agents, strong acids, amines, nitric acid, and alkalis. Will attack some forms of plastic, rubber, and coatings.

**Hazardous decomposition products:** Carbon dioxide and carbon monoxide may form when heated to decomposition.

11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATIONS

**Basis for assessment:** Information given is based on product data.

- **Oral rat, LD$_{50}$** 5,620 mg/kg
- **Inhalation rat, LC$_{50}$** 200 ppm / Hour
- **Skin rabbit, LD$_{50}$** Less than 20 mL/kg

**Eye irritation:** Moderate irritant.

**Skin irritation:** Moderate irritant.

**Human effects:** The substance is toxic to mucous membranes and upper respiratory tract. The substance may be toxic to blood, kidneys, liver, central nervous system (CNS). Repeated or prolonged exposure to the substance can produce target organs damage.

12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

**Basis for assessment:** Information given is based on product data.

**Environmental Fate:** Expected to have high mobility in soil. Volatilization of ethyl acetate from moist soil surfaces is expected to be important. It is not expected to adsorb to suspended solids and sediment in water. Expected to exist solely as a vapor in the ambient atmosphere. Vapor-phase ethyl acetate is degraded in the atmosphere by reaction with photochemical-produced hydroxyl radicals. The half-life for this reaction in air is estimated to be 10 days.

**Bioaccumulation:** The bioconcentration factor (BCF) for Ethyl Acetate can be estimated to be less than 3.0. This material is not expected to significantly bioaccumulate.
13. Disposal Considerations

**Precautions:** Refer to Sections 7 before handling the product or containers.

**Waste disposal:** Whatever EAC cannot be saved for recovery or treating, it should be managed in an appropriate and approved waste disposal facility. Care should in any case be taken to ensure disposal is compliant with statutory and regulatory requirements or local environmental laws.

**Product disposal:** This product is not suitable for disposal by either landfill or via local sewers, drains, natural streams or rivers. The following advice only applies to the product as supplied. Processing, use or contamination of this product may change the waste management options.

**Container disposal:** Drain container thoroughly. After draining, vent in a safe place away from sparks and fire. Residues may cause an explosion hazard. Do not pressure cut, weld, braze, solder, drill, grind or expose such containers to heat, flame, sparks, static electricity, or other sources of ignition. Send to drum handlers that clean, recondition or metal reclaimer. Disposal of container and unused contents must be in accordance to local regulatory requirements and environmental laws.

14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

**UN Number:** 1173

**Hazard Class:** 3 (Flammable Liquid)

**Packing Group:** II (Flash Point = -4°C)

**Proper shipping name:** Ethyl Acetate

15. OTHER INFORMATION

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