

 Philippine Prosperity Chemicals, Inc.	<b>MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET</b>	Date Reviewed: February 12, 2010
	<b>MIXED XYLENE</b>	

### 1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

**Product Name:** MIXED XYLENE  
**Product Code:** MX  
**Product Type:** Chemical Solvent  
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### 2. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

*This material is regulated as a complex substance.*

#### **Hazardous substance(s) or complex substance(s)**

Chemical Entity	CAS No.	Proportions (%)
Xylenes	1330-20-7	100

#### **Hazardous constituents contained in complex substances**

Chemical Entity	CAS No.	Proportions (%)
Ortho-xylene	95-47-6	23.9
Meta-xylene	108-38-3	40.8
Para-xylene	106-42-3	18.7
Ethylbenzene	100-41-8	16.2

Remarks: All concentrations or proportions are percent by weight unless ingredient is a gas. Gas concentrations are in % by volume.

### 3. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

**Emergency overview:** Flammable liquid and vapor. Harmful if swallowed or inhaled. Cause irritation to eyes and respiratory tract. Affects central nervous system. At high concentration, it is harmful if absorbed through skin and may also cause irritation.

#### **Human Health Hazards:**

**Inhalation:** Inhalation of vapors irritates upper respiratory tract. Severe exposure may include fatigue, confusion, headache, dizziness and drowsiness. Exposure to high concentrations has anesthetic effect and central nervous system depressants.

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<i>Ingestion:</i>	Ingestion causes burning sensation in mouth and stomach, nausea, vomiting and salivation. Minute amounts aspirated into the lungs can produce a severe hemorrhagic pneumonitis with severe pulmonary injury or death.
<i>Skin Contact:</i>	May cause irritation with redness and pain. May be absorbed through the skin with possible systemic effects.
<i>Eye Contact:</i>	Vapors cause eye irritation. Splashes cause severe irritation with redness and pain.
<i>Chronic Exposure:</i>	Chronic inhalation can cause headache, loss of appetite, nervousness and pale skin. Repeated or prolonged skin contact may cause a skin rash. Repeated exposure of the eyes to high concentrations of vapor may cause reversible eye damage. Repeated exposure can damage bone marrow, causing low blood cell count. May damage the liver and kidneys.
<i>Aggravation of Pre-existing Conditions:</i>	Persons with pre-existing skin disorders or eye problems, or impaired liver, kidney, blood, or respiratory function may be more susceptible to the effects of the substance.

#### **4. FIRST AID MEASURES**

<i>Inhalation:</i>	Remove to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. Obtain medical attention immediately.
<i>Ingestion:</i>	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.
<i>Skin Contact:</i>	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.
<i>Eye Contact:</i>	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**

<i>Fire:</i>	Flammable Liquid and vapor! Flash point: 29 °C (84.2 °F) Auto ignition temperature: 464 °C (867.2 °F) Flammable limits in air based on pure Toluene % by volume: Lower Flammable Limit: 1.0; Upper Flammable Limit: 7.0
<i>Explosion:</i>	Above flash point, vapor-air mixtures are explosive within flammable limits noted above. Contact with strong oxidizers may cause fire. Sealed containers may rupture when heated. Sensitive to static discharge.
<i>Extinguishing media:</i>	Dry chemical, alcohol-resistant foam or carbon dioxide. Water spray may only be used to keep fire exposed containers cool, dilute spills to nonflammable mixtures, protect personnel attempting to stop leak and disperse vapors.



<i>Unsuitable extinguishing media:</i>	Do not use a solid stream or jet of water, since the stream will scatter and spread the fire.
<i>Special Information:</i>	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.
<i>Special Remarks on Fire Hazards:</i>	Vapor may travel a considerable distance to source of ignition and flash back. Container explosion may occur under fire conditions or when heated.
<i>Special Firefighting Procedure:</i>	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

<i>Personal precautions:</i>	Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Ventilate area of leak or spill thoroughly. Do not breathe vapor. Remove all heat or ignition sources. Evacuate the area of all non-essential personnel. Shut off leaks, if possible without personal risk.
<i>Personal protection:</i>	Wear appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) as specified in Section 8.
<i>Environmental precautions:</i>	Contain and recover liquid when possible with an appropriate container or absorb with an inert material (e. g., vermiculite, dry sand or 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 and other waterways by using sand, earth or other appropriate barriers.
<i>Clean-up methods - small spillage:</i>	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).
<i>Clean-up methods - large spillage:</i>	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**

<i>Handling:</i>	Protect self against physical damage. Avoid contact with skin, eyes and clothing. Do not breathe vapor. Use only in well ventilated areas.
<i>Handling temperature:</i>	Ambient.
<i>Storage:</i>	Keep container tightly closed in a cool, dry and well-ventilated place. Outside or detached storage is preferred. Separate from oxidizing materials. Storage and use areas should be No Smoking areas. Containers of this material may be hazardous when empty since they retain product residues (vapors, liquid); observe all warnings and precautions listed for the product.
<i>Storage temperature:</i>	Ambient. Warning! At normal condition, a flammable / explosive vapor-air mixture forms.
<i>Product transfer:</i>	Metal containers should be bonded and grounded for transfers to avoid static sparks.
<i>Recommended materials:</i>	For containers or container linings, use mild steel or stainless steel. Refer to appropriate sources or compatibility charts if using internal coating materials.
<i>Unsuitable materials:</i>	Most plastic, aluminum, natural neoprene or nitrile rubbers.
<i>Other Information:</i>	Mixed Xylene is available from PPCI in bulk and in drums. Details are available upon request.

**8. EXPOSURE CONTROL / PERSONAL PROTECTION**

<i>Engineering Control Measure / Ventilation System:</i>	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, <i>Industrial Ventilation, A Manual of Recommended Practices</i> , most recent edition, for details.
<i>Occupational Exposure Standards:</i>	American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienist (ACGIH)
<i>Limit type:</i>	Threshold Limit Value (TLV) - the level of exposure that the typical worker can experience without an unreasonable risk of disease or injury.
<i>Unit:</i>	Parts per million (ppm)
<i>Value:</i>	100



<i>Respiratory protection:</i>	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. <b>WARNING:</b> Air purifying respirators do not protect workers in oxygen-deficient atmospheres.
<i>Hand protection:</i>	PVC gloves, chemical resistant gloves, nitrile gloves.
<i>Eye protection:</i>	Use chemical safety goggles with side shields or a full face shield where splashing is possible. Maintain eye wash fountain and quick-drench facilities in work area.
<i>Body Protection:</i>	Wear impervious protective clothing such as one-piece overall, including safety shoes or boots, gloves, lab coat, apron or any appropriate cotton-made clothing to prevent skin contact.
<i>Specific Hygiene Measures:</i>	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. Practice good housekeeping.

## **9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES**

<i>Appearance:</i>	Clear, colorless liquid
<i>Odor:</i>	Light aromatic odor
<i>Initial boiling point:</i>	137 °C (278.6 °F)
<i>Freezing point:</i>	-47.4 °C (-53.32 °F)
<i>Vapor Pressure:</i>	0.93 kPa @ 20 °C
<i>Specific Gravity:</i>	0.864 @ 15 °C
<i>Solubility:</i>	Slightly miscible in water (0.02 g/100g water @ 20 °C)
<i>Dynamic viscosity:</i>	0.59 centipoise (cP) @ 20 °C
<i>Vapor density (air=1):</i>	3.70
<i>Flash point:</i>	29 °C
<i>Auto-ignition temperature:</i>	464 °C
<i>Upper flammable limit in air:</i>	7.0 % (v/v)
<i>Lower flammable limit in air:</i>	1.0 % (v/v)
<i>Molecular weight:</i>	106.17 g/mole
<i>Evaporation rate, (NBAC = 1):</i>	0.60

**10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY**

<i>Stability:</i>	Stable under normal temperature and pressure for use and storage.
<i>Conditions to avoid:</i>	Heat, flames, ignition sources and incompatibles. Slowly decomposed by moisture.
<i>Materials to avoid:</i>	Strong oxidizers, nitric acids, chlorine, bromine and fluorine. Will attack some forms of plastics, rubber and coatings. Testing of material prior to storage or use is recommended.
<i>Hazardous decomposition products:</i>	Carbon dioxide and carbon monoxide may form when heated to decomposition.

**11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

<i>Basis for assessment:</i>	Information given is based on product data.
<i>Oral rat, LD<sub>50</sub></i>	3,910 mg/kg
<i>Inhalation rat, LC<sub>50</sub></i>	5,000 ppm / 4 Hours
<i>Skin rabbit, LD<sub>50</sub></i>	1,700 mg/kg
<i>Eye irritation:</i>	Severe irritant.
<i>Skin irritation:</i>	Moderate irritant.
<i>Respiratory toxicity:</i>	Sub-chronic and chronic inhalation studies with toluene produced kidney and liver damage, hearing loss and CNS damage in laboratory animals.
<i>Human effects:</i>	Exposure to toluene during pregnancy has demonstrated limited evidence of developmental toxicity in laboratory animals. The effects seen include decreased fetal body weight and increased skeletal variations in both inhalation and oral studies.

**12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

<i>Basis for assessment:</i>	Information given is based on product data.
<i>Environmental Fate:</i>	
<i>Water:</i>	When release to water, this material may evaporate and biodegrade to a moderate extent
<i>Soil:</i>	When release to soil, this material may evaporate to a moderate extent. This is also expected to leach into the ground water and may biodegrade in moderate extent.
<i>Air:</i>	This material is expected to be readily degraded by reaction with photochemical-produced hydroxyl radical and expected to have a half-life between 1 and 10 days. This material may be removed from the atmosphere to a moderate extent by wet deposition.



*Bioaccumulation:* The bioconcentration factor (BCF) for Mixed Xylene can be estimated to be less than 3.0. This indicates that Mixed Xylene is not expected to significantly bioaccumulate and bioconcentrate in aquatic organisms.

*Environmental Toxicity:* This material is expected to be slightly toxic to aquatic life. The  $LC_{50}$ /96-hour values for fish are between 10 and 100 mg/L.

### **13. Disposal Considerations**

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

*Waste disposal:* Whatever Mixed Xylene 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 or regulatory requirements and 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:* 1307

*Hazard Class:* 3 (Flammable Liquid)

*Proper shipping name:* Xylenes

*Packing Group:* III (Flash point = 29°C)

### **15. OTHER INFORMATION**

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