

AGREEMENT OF THE MEMBER STATE COMMITTEE

ON THE IDENTIFICATION OF METHOXYACETIC ACID

AS A SUBSTANCE OF VERY HIGH CONCERN

**According to Articles 57 and 59 of
Regulation (EC) 1907/2006¹**

Adopted on 12 December 2012

This agreement concerns

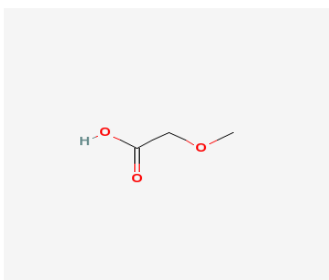
Substance name: Methoxyacetic acid

EC number: 210-894-6

CAS number: 625-45-6

**Molecular
formula: C₃H₆O₃**

**Structural
formula:**



¹Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 December 2006 concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH), establishing a European Chemicals Agency, amending Directive 1999/45/EC and repealing Council Regulation (EEC) No 793/93 and Commission Regulation (EC) No 1488/94 as well as Council Directive 76/769/EEC and Commission Directives 91/155/EEC, 93/67/EEC, 93/105/EC and 2000/21/EC

Sweden presented a proposal in accordance with Article 59(3) and Annex XV of the REACH Regulation (30 August 2012, submission number CW016582-24) on identification of *Methoxyacetic acid* as a substance of very high concern due to its toxic for reproduction (under Article 57 (c)) and endocrine disrupting properties (under Article 57 (f)).

The Annex XV dossier was circulated to Member States on 3 September 2012 and the Annex XV report was made available to interested parties on the ECHA website on the same day according to Articles 59(3) and 59(4).

Comments were received by both Member States and interested parties on the proposal.

The dossier was referred to the Member State Committee on 19 November 2012 and was discussed in the meeting on 10-13 December 2012 of the Member State Committee.

The present agreement relates solely to the proposed identification of MAA as a substance of very high concern due to its toxic for reproduction properties. The part of the Annex XV proposal concerning the identification of the substance as SVHC due to its endocrine disrupting properties was withdrawn by the dossier submitter.

The withdrawal was motivated by the MSC discussion indicating that at this point in time there seems to be a need for a general discussion on issues related to the identification of SVHCs under Article 57 (f) concomitant with other criteria set out in points (a) to (e) of Article 57.

Agreement of the Member State Committee in accordance with Article 59(8):

***Methoxyacetic acid* is identified as a substance meeting the criteria of Article 57 (c) of Regulation (EC) 1907/2006 (REACH) owing to its classification as toxic for reproduction category 1B², that corresponds to classification as toxic for reproduction category 2³.**

² Classification in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008 Annex VI, part 3, Table 3.1 List of harmonised classification and labelling of hazardous substances, as amended and adapted to technical and scientific progress by Regulation (EC) No 790/2009, OJ L 235, p.1, 5.9.2009.

³ Classification in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008, Annex VI, part 3, Table 3.2 List of harmonised classification and labelling of hazardous substances (from Annex I to Council Directive 67/548/EEC), as amended and adapted to technical and scientific progress by Regulation (EC) No 790/2009, OJ L 235, p.1, 5.9.2009.

**UNDERLYING ARGUMENTATION
FOR IDENTIFICATION OF SUBSTANCE OF VERY HIGH CONCERN**

Toxicity for reproduction:

Methoxyacetic acid (MAA) is listed as entry 607-312-00-1 in Annex VI, part 3, Table 3.1 of Regulation (EC) No. 1272/2008⁴ as toxic for reproduction, Repr. 1B (H360FD "May damage fertility. May damage the unborn child."). This corresponds to a classification in Annex VI, part 3, Table 3.2 of Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008 (the list of harmonized classification and labelling of hazardous substances from Annex I to Council Directive 67/548/EEC) as toxic for reproduction, Repr. Cat. 2, R60 "May impair fertility."; R61 "May cause harm to the unborn child.").

Therefore, this classification of MAA in Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008 shows that the substance meets the criteria for classification as toxic for reproduction in accordance with Article 57 (c) of REACH.

Reference:

1. Support Document *Methoxyacetic acid* (Member State Committee, 12 December 2012)

⁴ Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 December 2008 on classification, labelling and packaging of substances and mixtures, amending and repealing Directives 67/548/EEC and 1999/45/EC, and amending Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006.