

SAFETY DATA SHEET

according to Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006

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SECTION 1: Identification of the substance/mixture and of the company/undertaking**1.1 Product identifiers**

Product name : Potassium cyanide

Product Number : 60178

Brand : Sigma

Index-No. : 006-007-00-5

REACH No. : A registration number is not available for this substance as the substance or its uses are exempted from registration, the annual tonnage does not require a registration or the registration is envisaged for a later registration deadline.

CAS-No. : 151-50-8

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

Identified uses : Laboratory chemicals, Manufacture of substances

1.3 Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

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SECTION 2: Hazards identification**2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture****Classification according to Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008**

Corrosive to metals (Category 1), H290

Acute toxicity, Oral (Category 1), H300

Acute toxicity, Inhalation (Category 1), H330

Acute toxicity, Dermal (Category 1), H310

Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure, Oral (Category 1), Heart, Testes, Brain, H370

Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure (Category 1), Thyroid, H372

Acute aquatic toxicity (Category 1), H400

Chronic aquatic toxicity (Category 1), H410

For the full text of the H-Statements mentioned in this Section, see Section 16.

Classification according to EU Directives 67/548/EEC or 1999/45/EC

T+	Very toxic	R26/27/28 R32
N	Dangerous for the environment	R50/53

For the full text of the R-phrases mentioned in this Section, see Section 16.

2.2 Label elements

Labelling according Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008

Pictogram



Signal word Danger

Hazard statement(s)

H290

May be corrosive to metals.

H300 + H310 + H330

Fatal if swallowed, in contact with skin or if inhaled

H370

Causes damage to organs (Heart, Testes, Brain) if swallowed.

H372

Causes damage to organs (Thyroid) through prolonged or repeated exposure.

H410

Very toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects.

Precautionary statement(s)

P260

Do not breathe dust/ fume/ gas/ mist/ vapours/ spray.

P264

Wash hands thoroughly after handling.

P273

Avoid release to the environment.

P280

Wear protective gloves/ protective clothing.

P284

Wear respiratory protection.

P301 + P310

IF SWALLOWED: Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/ physician.

Supplemental Hazard information (EU)

EUH032

Contact with acids liberates very toxic gas.

2.3 Other hazards

This substance/mixture contains no components considered to be either persistent, bioaccumulative and toxic (PBT), or very persistent and very bioaccumulative (vPvB) at levels of 0.1% or higher.

SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients

3.1 Substances

Formula : KCN
Molecular weight : 65,12 g/mol
CAS-No. : 151-50-8
EC-No. : 205-792-3
Index-No. : 006-007-00-5

Hazardous ingredients according to Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008

Component		Classification	Concentration
Potassium cyanide			
CAS-No.	151-50-8	Met. Corr. 1; Acute Tox. 1; STOT SE 1; STOT RE 1; Aquatic Acute 1; Aquatic Chronic 1; H290, H300 + H310 + H330, H370, H372, H410, EUH032	<= 100 %
EC-No.	205-792-3		
Index-No.	006-007-00-5		

Hazardous ingredients according to Directive 1999/45/EC

Component		Classification	Concentration
Potassium cyanide			
CAS-No.	151-50-8	T+, N, R26/27/28 - R32 - R50/53	<= 100 %
EC-No.	205-792-3		
Index-No.	006-007-00-5		

For the full text of the H-Statements and R-Phrases mentioned in this Section, see Section 16

SECTION 4: First aid measures

4.1 Description of first aid measures

General advice

Consult a physician. Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance.

If inhaled

If breathed in, move person into fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. Consult a physician.

In case of skin contact

Take off contaminated clothing and shoes immediately. Wash off with soap and plenty of water. Take victim immediately to hospital. Consult a physician.

In case of eye contact

Rinse thoroughly with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes and consult a physician.

If swallowed

Do NOT induce vomiting. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Rinse mouth with water. Consult a physician.

4.2 Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed

The most important known symptoms and effects are described in the labelling (see section 2.2) and/or in section 11

4.3 Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

No data available

SECTION 5: Firefighting measures

5.1 Extinguishing media

Suitable extinguishing media

Dry chemical Dry sand Alcohol-resistant foam

Unsuitable extinguishing media

Water Carbon dioxide (CO₂)

5.2 Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture

Carbon oxides, Nitrogen oxides (NO_x), Potassium oxides, Hydrogen cyanide (hydrocyanic acid)

5.3 Advice for firefighters

Wear self-contained breathing apparatus for firefighting if necessary.

5.4 Further information

No data available

SECTION 6: Accidental release measures

6.1 Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

Wear respiratory protection. Avoid dust formation. Avoid breathing vapours, mist or gas. Ensure adequate ventilation. Evacuate personnel to safe areas. Avoid breathing dust. For personal protection see section 8.

6.2 Environmental precautions

Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so. Do not let product enter drains. Discharge into the environment must be avoided.

6.3 Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up

Pick up and arrange disposal without creating dust. Sweep up and shovel. Do not flush with water. Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal.

6.4 Reference to other sections

For disposal see section 13.

SECTION 7: Handling and storage

7.1 Precautions for safe handling

Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Avoid formation of dust and aerosols.
Provide appropriate exhaust ventilation at places where dust is formed.
For precautions see section 2.2.

7.2 Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Store in cool place. Keep container tightly closed in a dry and well-ventilated place.
hygroscopic

Never allow product to get in contact with water during storage. Do not store near acids.

Light sensitive.

Storage class (TRGS 510): Non-combustible, acute toxic Cat. 1 and 2 / very toxic hazardous materials

7.3 Specific end use(s)

Apart from the uses mentioned in section 1.2 no other specific uses are stipulated

SECTION 8: Exposure controls/personal protection

8.1 Control parameters

Components with workplace control parameters

8.2 Exposure controls

Appropriate engineering controls

Avoid contact with skin, eyes and clothing. Wash hands before breaks and immediately after handling the product.

Personal protective equipment

Eye/face protection

Face shield and safety glasses Use equipment for eye protection tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or EN 166(EU).

Skin protection

Handle with gloves. Gloves must be inspected prior to use. Use proper glove removal technique (without touching glove's outer surface) to avoid skin contact with this product. Dispose of contaminated gloves after use in accordance with applicable laws and good laboratory practices. Wash and dry hands.

The selected protective gloves have to satisfy the specifications of EU Directive 89/686/EEC and the standard EN 374 derived from it.

Full contact

Material: Nitrile rubber

Minimum layer thickness: 0,11 mm

Break through time: 480 min

Material tested: Dermatrill® (KCL 740 / Aldrich Z677272, Size M)

Splash contact

Material: Nitrile rubber

Minimum layer thickness: 0,11 mm

Break through time: 480 min

Material tested: Dermatrill® (KCL 740 / Aldrich Z677272, Size M)

data source: KCL GmbH, D-36124 Eichenzell, phone +49 (0)6659 87300, e-mail sales@kcl.de,
test method: EN374

If used in solution, or mixed with other substances, and under conditions which differ from EN 374, contact the supplier of the CE approved gloves. This recommendation is advisory only and must be evaluated by an industrial hygienist and safety officer familiar with the specific situation of anticipated use by our customers. It should not be construed as offering an approval for any specific use scenario.

Body Protection

Complete suit protecting against chemicals, The type of protective equipment must be selected according to the concentration and amount of the dangerous substance at the specific workplace.

Respiratory protection

Where risk assessment shows air-purifying respirators are appropriate use a full-face particle respirator type N100 (US) or type P3 (EN 143) respirator cartridges as a backup to engineering controls. If the respirator is the sole means of protection, use a full-face supplied air respirator. Use respirators and components tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or CEN (EU).

Control of environmental exposure

Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so. Do not let product enter drains. Discharge into the environment must be avoided.

SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties**9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties**

a) Appearance	Form: crystalline Colour: white
b) Odour	No data available
c) Odour Threshold	No data available
d) pH	11,5 at 20 g/l at 20 °C
e) Melting point/freezing point	Melting point/range: 634 °C
f) Initial boiling point and boiling range	1.625 °C
g) Flash point	No data available
h) Evaporation rate	No data available
i) Flammability (solid, gas)	No data available
j) Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits	No data available
k) Vapour pressure	No data available
l) Vapour density	No data available
m) Relative density	1,520 g/cm ³
n) Water solubility	400 g/l at 20 °C - soluble
o) Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water	log Pow: 0,44
p) Auto-ignition temperature	No data available
q) Decomposition temperature	No data available
r) Viscosity	No data available
s) Explosive properties	No data available
t) Oxidizing properties	No data available

9.2 Other safety information

No data available

SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity

10.1 Reactivity

Contact with acids liberates very toxic gas.

10.2 Chemical stability

Stable under recommended storage conditions.

10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions

No data available

10.4 Conditions to avoid

Avoid moisture.

10.5 Incompatible materials

Acids, Strong oxidizing agents, Iodine, permanganates, e.g. potassium permanganate, Peroxides, Metallic salts, Chloral hydrate, Alkaloids, Chlorates

10.6 Hazardous decomposition products

Other decomposition products - No data available

In the event of fire: see section 5

SECTION 11: Toxicological information

11.1 Information on toxicological effects

Acute toxicity

No data available

LD50 Oral - Rat - female - $\geq 7,49$ mg/kg

Inhalation: No data available

LD50 Dermal - Rabbit - female - 14,29 mg/kg

LD50 Intraperitoneal - Rat - 4 mg/kg

Remarks: Lungs, Thorax, or Respiration: Other changes.

Skin corrosion/irritation

No data available

Serious eye damage/eye irritation

No data available

Respiratory or skin sensitisation

No data available

Germ cell mutagenicity

Hamster

fibroblast

Result: negative

Carcinogenicity

IARC: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as probable, possible or confirmed human carcinogen by IARC.

Reproductive toxicity

No data available

Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure

No data available

Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure

No data available

Aspiration hazard

No data available

Additional Information

Repeated dose toxicity - Rat - male - Oral - No observed adverse effect level - 40 mg/kg

RTECS: Not available

Lung irritation, Cyanosis, Central nervous system depression, To the best of our knowledge, the chemical, physical, and toxicological properties have not been thoroughly investigated., May cause argyria (a slate-gray or bluish discoloration of the skin and deep tissues due to the deposit of insoluble albuminate of silver)., Material is extremely destructive to tissue of the mucous membranes and upper respiratory tract, eyes, and skin., Inhalation may provoke the following symptoms:, spasm, inflammation and edema of the bronchi, Aspiration or inhalation may cause chemical pneumonitis., pulmonary edema, Lungs, CNS depression with hypertension or circulatory failure, and respiratory depression

Liver - Irregularities - Based on Human Evidence

SECTION 12: Ecological information

12.1 Toxicity

Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates static test EC50 - Daphnia pulex (Water flea) - 0,11 mg/l - 48 h

Toxicity to algae IC50 - Scenedesmus quadricauda (Green algae) - 0,03 mg/l - 192 h

Toxicity to bacteria Respiration inhibition - Sludge Treatment - 2,3 mg/l - 30 min

12.2 Persistence and degradability

No data available

Chemical Oxygen Demand (COD) < 1 mg/g

12.3 Bioaccumulative potential

Bioaccumulation is unlikely.

12.4 Mobility in soil

No data available

12.5 Results of PBT and vPvB assessment

This substance/mixture contains no components considered to be either persistent, bioaccumulative and toxic (PBT), or very persistent and very bioaccumulative (vPvB) at levels of 0.1% or higher.

12.6 Other adverse effects

Very toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects.

No data available

SECTION 13: Disposal considerations

13.1 Waste treatment methods

Product

Dissolve or mix the material with a combustible solvent and burn in a chemical incinerator equipped with an afterburner and scrubber. Offer surplus and non-recyclable solutions to a licensed disposal company.

Contaminated packaging

Dispose of as unused product.

SECTION 14: Transport information

14.1 UN number

ADR/RID: 1680

IMDG: 1680

IATA: 1680

14.2 UN proper shipping name

ADR/RID: POTASSIUM CYANIDE, SOLID

IMDG: POTASSIUM CYANIDE, SOLID

IATA: Potassium cyanide, solid

14.3 Transport hazard class(es)		
ADR/RID: 6.1	IMDG: 6.1	IATA: 6.1
14.4 Packaging group		
ADR/RID: I	IMDG: I	IATA: I
14.5 Environmental hazards		
ADR/RID: yes	IMDG Marine pollutant: yes	IATA: no
14.6 Special precautions for user		
No data available		

SECTION 15: Regulatory information

This safety datasheet complies with the requirements of Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006.

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

No data available

15.2 Chemical Safety Assessment

For this product a chemical safety assessment was not carried out

SECTION 16: Other information

Full text of H-Statements referred to under sections 2 and 3.

Acute Tox.	Acute toxicity
Aquatic Acute	Acute aquatic toxicity
Aquatic Chronic	Chronic aquatic toxicity
EUH032	Contact with acids liberates very toxic gas.
H290	May be corrosive to metals.
H300	Fatal if swallowed.
H300 + H310 + H330	Fatal if swallowed, in contact with skin or if inhaled
H310	Fatal in contact with skin.
H330	Fatal if inhaled.
H370	Causes damage to organs (/\$/*_ORG_SING_ORAL\$/) if swallowed.
H372	Causes damage to organs (/\$/*_ORGAN_REPEAT\$/) through prolonged or repeated exposure.

Full text of R-phrases referred to under sections 2 and 3

N	Dangerous for the environment
T+	Very toxic
R26/27/28	Very toxic by inhalation, in contact with skin and if swallowed.
R32	Contact with acids liberates very toxic gas.
R50/53	Very toxic to aquatic organisms, may cause long-term adverse effects in the aquatic environment.

Further information

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