

## SAFETY DATA SHEET

New Zealand

### Section 1. Identification

Product name

**Formamide; part of 'DNAscan BioChipSet™  
Cassette'**

Catalogue Number

NB-BCS-0002



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Other means of identification

Not available.

Product type

Liquid.

Identified uses

Use in laboratories

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### Section 2. Hazards identification

HSNO Classification

6.8 - REPRODUCTIVE AND DEVELOPMENTAL TOXICITY [Fertility] - Category A  
6.8 - REPRODUCTIVE AND DEVELOPMENTAL TOXICITY [Unborn child] - Category A

This material is classified as hazardous according to criteria in the Hazardous Substances (Minimum Degrees of Hazard) Regulations 2001 and has been classified according to the Hazardous Substances (Classifications) Regulations 2001.

#### GHS label elements

Signal word

Danger

Hazard statements

May damage fertility or the unborn child.

Precautionary statements

Prevention

Obtain special instructions before use. Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood. Use personal protective equipment as required.

Response

IF exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/attention.

Storage

Store locked up.

Disposal

Dispose of contents and container in accordance with all local, regional, national and international regulations.

Symbol



Other hazards which do not result in classification

None known.



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## Section 3. Composition/information on ingredients

<b>Substance/mixture</b>	Substance
<b>Other means of identification</b>	Not available.
<b><u>CAS number/other identifiers</u></b>	
<b>CAS number</b>	Not available.
<b>EC number</b>	Not available.
<b>Product code</b>	NB-BCS-0002

Ingredient name	%	CAS number
formamide	90 - 100	75-12-7

There are no additional ingredients present which, within the current knowledge of the supplier and in the concentrations applicable, are classified as hazardous to health or the environment and hence require reporting in this section.

Occupational exposure limits, if available, are listed in Section 8.

## Section 4. First-aid measures

### Description of necessary first aid measures

<b>Inhalation</b>	Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing. If not breathing, if breathing is irregular or if respiratory arrest occurs, provide artificial respiration or oxygen by trained personnel. It may be dangerous to the person providing aid to give mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. Get medical attention. If unconscious, place in recovery position and get medical attention immediately. Maintain an open airway. Loosen tight clothing such as a collar, tie, belt or waistband. In case of inhalation of decomposition products in a fire, symptoms may be delayed. The exposed person may need to be kept under medical surveillance for 48 hours.
<b>Ingestion</b>	Wash out mouth with water. Remove dentures if any. Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing. If material has been swallowed and the exposed person is conscious, give small quantities of water to drink. Stop if the exposed person feels sick as vomiting may be dangerous. Do not induce vomiting unless directed to do so by medical personnel. If vomiting occurs, the head should be kept low so that vomit does not enter the lungs. Get medical attention. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. If unconscious, place in recovery position and get medical attention immediately. Maintain an open airway. Loosen tight clothing such as a collar, tie, belt or waistband.
<b>Skin contact</b>	Flush contaminated skin with plenty of water. Remove contaminated clothing and shoes. Wash contaminated clothing thoroughly with water before removing it, or wear gloves. Continue to rinse for at least 10 minutes. Get medical attention. Wash clothing before reuse. Clean shoes thoroughly before reuse.
<b>Eye contact</b>	Immediately flush eyes with plenty of water, occasionally lifting the upper and lower eyelids. Check for and remove any contact lenses. Continue to rinse for at least 10 minutes. Get medical attention if irritation occurs.

### Most important symptoms/effects, acute and delayed

#### Potential acute health effects

<b>Inhalation</b>	Exposure to decomposition products may cause a health hazard. Serious effects may be delayed following exposure.
<b>Ingestion</b>	No known significant effects or critical hazards.
<b>Skin contact</b>	No known significant effects or critical hazards.
<b>Eye contact</b>	No known significant effects or critical hazards.

#### Over-exposure signs/symptoms

<b>Inhalation</b>	Adverse symptoms may include the following: reduced foetal weight increase in foetal deaths skeletal malformations
<b>Ingestion</b>	Adverse symptoms may include the following: reduced foetal weight increase in foetal deaths skeletal malformations
<b>Skin</b>	Adverse symptoms may include the following: reduced foetal weight increase in foetal deaths skeletal malformations
<b>Eyes</b>	No specific data.

### Indication of immediate medical attention and special treatment needed, if necessary

<b>Specific treatments</b>	Not available.
<b>Notes to physician</b>	In case of inhalation of decomposition products in a fire, symptoms may be delayed. The exposed person may need to be kept under medical surveillance for 48 hours.



<b>Protection of first-aiders</b>	No action shall be taken involving any personal risk or without suitable training. If it is suspected that fumes are still present, the rescuer should wear an appropriate mask or self-contained breathing apparatus. It may be dangerous to the person providing aid to give mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. Wash contaminated clothing thoroughly with water before removing it, or wear gloves.
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See toxicological information (Section 11)

## Section 5. Fire-fighting measures

### Extinguishing media

<b>Suitable</b>	Use an extinguishing agent suitable for the surrounding fire.
<b>Not suitable</b>	None known.
<b>Specific hazards arising from the chemical</b>	In a fire or if heated, a pressure increase will occur and the container may burst.
<b>Hazardous thermal decomposition products</b>	Decomposition products may include the following materials: carbon dioxide carbon monoxide nitrogen oxides
<b>Hazchem code</b>	Not available.
<b>Special precautions for fire-fighters</b>	Promptly isolate the scene by removing all persons from the vicinity of the incident if there is a fire. No action shall be taken involving any personal risk or without suitable training.
<b>Special protective equipment for fire-fighters</b>	Fire-fighters should wear appropriate protective equipment and self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) with a full face-piece operated in positive pressure mode.

## Section 6. Accidental release measures

<b>Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures</b>	No action shall be taken involving any personal risk or without suitable training. Evacuate surrounding areas. Keep unnecessary and unprotected personnel from entering. Do not touch or walk through spilt material. Avoid breathing vapour or mist. Provide adequate ventilation. Wear appropriate respirator when ventilation is inadequate. Put on appropriate personal protective equipment (see Section 8).
<b>Environmental precautions</b>	Avoid dispersal of spilt material and runoff and contact with soil, waterways, drains and sewers. Inform the relevant authorities if the product has caused environmental pollution (sewers, waterways, soil or air).

### Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up

<b>Small spill</b>	Stop leak if without risk. Move containers from spill area. Dilute with water and mop up if water-soluble. Alternatively, or if water-insoluble, absorb with an inert dry material and place in an appropriate waste disposal container. Dispose of via a licensed waste disposal contractor.
<b>Large spill</b>	Stop leak if without risk. Move containers from spill area. Approach the release from upwind. Prevent entry into sewers, water courses, basements or confined areas. Wash spillages into an effluent treatment plant or proceed as follows. Contain and collect spillage with non-combustible, absorbent material e.g. sand, earth, vermiculite or diatomaceous earth and place in container for disposal according to local regulations (see Section 13). Dispose of via a licensed waste disposal contractor. Contaminated absorbent material may pose the same hazard as the spilt product. Note: see Section 1 for emergency contact information and Section 13 for waste disposal.

## Section 7. Handling and storage

<b>Precautions for safe handling</b>	Put on appropriate personal protective equipment (see Section 8). Eating, drinking and smoking should be prohibited in areas where this material is handled, stored and processed. Workers should wash hands and face before eating, drinking and smoking. Remove contaminated clothing and protective equipment before entering eating areas. Avoid exposure - obtain special instructions before use. Avoid exposure during pregnancy. Do not get in eyes or on skin or clothing. Do not ingest. Avoid breathing vapour or mist. If during normal use the material presents a respiratory hazard, use only with adequate ventilation or wear appropriate respirator. Keep in the original container or an approved alternative made from a compatible material, kept tightly closed when not in use. Empty containers retain product residue and can be hazardous. Do not reuse container.
<b>Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities</b>	Store between the following temperatures: 5 to 25°C (41 to 77°F). Store in accordance with local regulations. Store in original container protected from direct sunlight in a dry, cool and well-ventilated area, away from incompatible materials (see Section 10) and food and drink. Keep container tightly closed and sealed until ready for use. Containers that have been opened must be carefully resealed and kept upright to prevent leakage. Do not store in unlabelled containers. Use appropriate containment to avoid environmental contamination.

## Section 8. Exposure controls/personal protection

### Control parameters

#### Occupational exposure limits

**Ingredient name**  
formamide

#### Exposure limits

**NZ OSH (New Zealand, 12/2011). Absorbed through skin.**

WES-TWA: 18 mg/m<sup>3</sup> 8 hours.

WES-TWA: 10 ppm 8 hours.



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<b>Appropriate engineering controls</b>	If user operations generate dust, fumes, gas, vapour or mist, use process enclosures, local exhaust ventilation or other engineering controls to keep worker exposure to airborne contaminants below any recommended or statutory limits.
<b>Environmental exposure controls</b>	Emissions from ventilation or work process equipment should be checked to ensure they comply with the requirements of environmental protection legislation. In some cases, fume scrubbers, filters or engineering modifications to the process equipment will be necessary to reduce emissions to acceptable levels.
<b>Individual protection measures</b>	
<b>Hygiene measures</b>	Wash hands, forearms and face thoroughly after handling chemical products, before eating, smoking and using the lavatory and at the end of the working period. Appropriate techniques should be used to remove potentially contaminated clothing. Wash contaminated clothing before reusing. Ensure that eyewash stations and safety showers are close to the workstation location.
<b>Respiratory protection</b>	Use a properly fitted, air-purifying or air-fed respirator complying with an approved standard if a risk assessment indicates this is necessary. Respirator selection must be based on known or anticipated exposure levels, the hazards of the product and the safe working limits of the selected respirator.
<b>Hand protection</b>	Chemical-resistant, impervious gloves complying with an approved standard should be worn at all times when handling chemical products if a risk assessment indicates this is necessary. Considering the parameters specified by the glove manufacturer, check during use that the gloves are still retaining their protective properties. It should be noted that the time to breakthrough for any glove material may be different for different glove manufacturers. In the case of mixtures, consisting of several substances, the protection time of the gloves cannot be accurately estimated.
<b>Eye protection</b>	Safety eyewear complying with an approved standard should be used when a risk assessment indicates this is necessary to avoid exposure to liquid splashes, mists, gases or dusts. If contact is possible, the following protection should be worn, unless the assessment indicates a higher degree of protection: safety glasses with side-shields.
<b>Skin protection</b>	Personal protective equipment for the body should be selected based on the task being performed and the risks involved and should be approved by a specialist before handling this product.

## Section 9. Physical and chemical properties

### Appearance

<b>Physical state</b>	Liquid.
<b>Colour</b>	Clear.
<b>Odour</b>	Ammoniacal. [Slight]
<b>Odour threshold</b>	Not available.
<b>pH</b>	7 to 8
<b>Melting point</b>	2 to 3°C (35.6 to 37.4°F)
<b>Boiling point</b>	210°C (410°F)
<b>Flash point</b>	Not available.
<b>Burning rate</b>	Not applicable.
<b>Burning time</b>	Not applicable.
<b>Evaporation rate</b>	Not available.
<b>Flammability (solid, gas)</b>	Not available.
<b>Lower and upper explosive (flammable) limits</b>	Not available.
<b>Vapour pressure</b>	Not available.
<b>Vapour density</b>	1.55 [Air = 1]
<b>Relative density</b>	1.13
<b>Solubility</b>	Not available.
<b>Solubility in water</b>	Not available.
<b>Partition coefficient: n-octanol/ water</b>	Not available.
<b>Auto-ignition temperature</b>	Not available.
<b>Decomposition temperature</b>	Not available.
<b>SADT</b>	Not available.
<b>Viscosity</b>	Not available.

### Aerosol product

<b>Type of aerosol</b>	Not applicable.
<b>Heat of combustion</b>	Not available.
<b>Ignition distance</b>	Not applicable.



Enclosed space ignition - Time equivalent	Not applicable.
Enclosed space ignition - Deflagration density	Not applicable.
Flame height	Not applicable.
Flame duration	Not applicable.

## Section 10. Stability and reactivity

Chemical stability	The product is stable.
Possibility of hazardous reactions	Under normal conditions of storage and use, hazardous reactions will not occur.
Conditions to avoid	No specific data.
Incompatible materials	No specific data.
Hazardous decomposition products	Under normal conditions of storage and use, hazardous decomposition products should not be produced.

## Section 11. Toxicological information

### Information on the likely routes of exposure

Inhalation	Exposure to decomposition products may cause a health hazard. Serious effects may be delayed following exposure.
Ingestion	No known significant effects or critical hazards.
Skin contact	No known significant effects or critical hazards.
Eye contact	No known significant effects or critical hazards.

### Symptoms related to the physical, chemical and toxicological characteristics

Inhalation	Adverse symptoms may include the following: reduced foetal weight increase in foetal deaths skeletal malformations
Ingestion	Adverse symptoms may include the following: reduced foetal weight increase in foetal deaths skeletal malformations
Skin contact	Adverse symptoms may include the following: reduced foetal weight increase in foetal deaths skeletal malformations
Eye contact	No specific data.

### Delayed and immediate effects and also chronic effects from short and long term exposure

#### Acute toxicity

Product/ingredient name	Result	Species	Dose	Exposure
formamide	LD50 Dermal	Rabbit	17 g/kg	-
	LD50 Oral	Rat	4000 mg/kg	-

#### Irritation/Corrosion

Not available.

#### Sensitisation

Not available.

### Potential chronic health effects

General	No known significant effects or critical hazards.
Inhalation	No known significant effects or critical hazards.
Ingestion	No known significant effects or critical hazards.
Skin contact	No known significant effects or critical hazards.
Eye contact	No known significant effects or critical hazards.
Carcinogenicity	No known significant effects or critical hazards.
Mutagenicity	No known significant effects or critical hazards.
Teratogenicity	May damage the unborn child.
Developmental effects	No known significant effects or critical hazards.



**Fertility effects**

May damage fertility.

**Chronic toxicity**

Not available.

**Carcinogenicity**

Not available.

**Mutagenicity**

Not available.

**Teratogenicity**

Not available.

**Reproductive toxicity**

Not available.

**Specific target organ toxicity**

Not available.

**Aspiration hazard**

Not available.

**Numerical measures of toxicity****Acute toxicity estimates**

Not available.

**Section 12. Ecological information****Ecotoxicity**

No known significant effects or critical hazards.

**Aquatic and terrestrial toxicity**

Not available.

**Persistence/degradability**

Product/ingredient name	Aquatic half-life	Photolysis	Biodegradability
formamide	-	-	Not readily

**Bioaccumulative potential**

Product/ingredient name	LogP <sub>ow</sub>	BCF	Potential
formamide	-1.51	-	low

**Mobility in soil**Soil/water partition coefficient (K<sub>oc</sub>) Not available.**Other adverse effects**

No known significant effects or critical hazards.

**Section 13. Disposal considerations****Disposal methods**

The generation of waste should be avoided or minimised wherever possible. Disposal of this product, solutions and any by-products should at all times comply with the requirements of environmental protection and waste disposal legislation and any regional local authority requirements. Dispose of surplus and non-recyclable products via a licensed waste disposal contractor. Waste should not be disposed of untreated to the sewer unless fully compliant with the requirements of all authorities with jurisdiction. Waste packaging should be recycled. Incineration or landfill should only be considered when recycling is not feasible. This material and its container must be disposed of in a safe way. Care should be taken when handling emptied containers that have not been cleaned or rinsed out. Empty containers or liners may retain some product residues. Avoid dispersal of spilt material and runoff and contact with soil, waterways, drains and sewers.



## Section 14. Transport information

Regulatory information	UN number	Proper shipping name	Classes	PG*
New Zealand Class	Not available.	Not available.	Not available.	-
ADG Class	Not available.	Not available.	Not available.	-
UN Class	Not available.	Not available.	Not available.	-
ADR/RID Class	Not available.	Not available.	Not available.	-
IATA Class	Not available.	Not available.	Not available.	-
IMDG Class	Not available.	Not available.	Not available.	-

PG\* : Packing group

## Section 15. Regulatory information

New Zealand Inventory of Chemicals (NZIoC)	All components are listed or exempted.
HSNO Approval Number	HSR002596
HSNO Group Standard	Laboratory Chemicals and Reagent Kits
HSNO Classification	6.8 - REPRODUCTIVE AND DEVELOPMENTAL TOXICITY [Fertility] - Category A 6.8 - REPRODUCTIVE AND DEVELOPMENTAL TOXICITY [Unborn child] - Category A
Australia inventory (AICS)	All components are listed or exempted.
Safety, health and environmental regulations specific for the product	No known specific national and/or regional regulations applicable to this product (including its ingredients).

## Section 16. Other information

History

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Key to abbreviations	ADN = European Provisions concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterway ADR = The European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road ATE = Acute Toxicity Estimate BCF = Bioconcentration Factor GHS = Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals IATA = International Air Transport Association IBC = Intermediate Bulk Container IMDG = International Maritime Dangerous Goods LogPow = logarithm of the octanol/water partition coefficient MARPOL 73/78 = International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution From Ships, 1973 as modified by the Protocol of 1978. ("Marpol" = marine pollution) RID = The Regulations concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Rail UN = United Nations
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References	Not available.
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 Indicates information that has changed from previously issued version.

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