# **Material Safety Data Sheet**

Canada English

Section 1. Chemical product and company identification

Formamide; part of 'DNAscan BioChipSet™

Cassette, 5 pack'

NB-BCS-0001

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**Material uses** Industrial applications: Analytical chemistry. Research.

Product typeLiquid.Validation date7 July 2014Print date07 July 2014

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2. Hazards identification

Physical stateLiquid.ColorClear.

**Odor** Ammoniacal. [Slight]

Signal word WARNING!

Hazard statements CAUSES RESPIRATORY TRACT, EYE AND SKIN IRRITATION. MAY BE HARMFUL IF SWALLOWED. CONTAINS

MATERIAL THAT CAN CAUSE TARGET ORGAN DAMAGE. DEVELOPMENTAL HAZARD - CONTAINS MATERIAL

WHICH CAN CAUSE ADVERSE DEVELOPMENTAL EFFECTS.

**Precautionary measures**Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood. Obtain special instructions

before use. Do not breathe vapor or mist. Do not ingest. Use only with adequate ventilation. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. Avoid contact with eyes, skin and clothing. Keep container tightly closed. Use personal protective equipment as required. Wash thoroughly after handling.

**Routes of entry** Dermal contact. Eye contact. Inhalation. Ingestion.

Potential acute health effects

Eyes Irritating to eyes.
Skin Irritating to skin.

**Inhalation** Irritating to respiratory system. Exposure to decomposition products may cause a health hazard. Serious

effects may be delayed following exposure.

**Ingestion** Harmful if swallowed.

Potential chronic health effects

Chronic effectsContains material that can cause target organ damage.CarcinogenicityNo known significant effects or critical hazards.MutagenicityNo known significant effects or critical hazards.TeratogenicityNo known significant effects or critical hazards.

**Developmental effects**Contains material which can cause developmental abnormalities.

**Fertility effects** No known significant effects or critical hazards.

Target organs Contains material which may cause damage to the following organs: kidneys, the reproductive system,

liver, mucous membranes, upper respiratory tract, skin, central nervous system (CNS), eye, lens or cornea.

Over-exposure signs/symptoms



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Adverse symptoms may include the following

respiratory tract irritation

coughing

reduced fetal weight increase in fetal deaths

Adverse symptoms may include the following: Ingestion

> reduced fetal weight increase in fetal deaths

Skin Adverse symptoms may include the following:

irritation redness

reduced fetal weight increase in fetal deaths

Adverse symptoms may include the following: Eyes

pain or irritation watering redness

reduced fetal weight increase in fetal deaths

Medical conditions aggravated by over-exposure

Pre-existing disorders involving any target organs mentioned in this MSDS as being at risk may be

aggravated by over-exposure to this product.

See toxicological information (Section 11)

#### 3. Composition/information on ingredients

Name CAS number % by weight

**F**ormamide 75-12-7 90 - 100

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.

#### Section 4. First aid measures

Eye contact Check for and remove any contact lenses. Immediately flush eyes with plenty of water for at least 15

minutes, occasionally lifting the upper and lower eyelids. Get medical attention immediately.

Skin contact In case of contact, immediately flush skin with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes while removing

contaminated clothing and shoes. Wash clothing before reuse. Clean shoes thoroughly before reuse.

Get medical attention immediately.

Inhalation Move exposed person to fresh air. If not breathing, if breathing is irregular or if respiratory arrest occurs,

provide artificial respiration or oxygen by trained personnel. Loosen tight clothing such as a collar, tie,

belt or waistband. Get medical attention immediately.

Ingestion Wash out mouth with water. Do not induce vomiting unless directed to do so by medical personnel. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Get medical attention immediately.

No action shall be taken involving any personal risk or without suitable training. If it is suspected that

Protection of first-aiders 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.

In case of inhalation of decomposition products in a fire, symptoms may be delayed. The exposed person Notes to physician

may need to be kept under medical surveillance for 48 hours.

#### Section 5. Fire-fighting measures

Flammability of the product In a fire or if heated, a pressure increase will occur and the container may burst.

**Extinguishing media** 

Suitable Use an extinguishing agent suitable for the surrounding fire.

Not suitable None known.

Special exposure hazards 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.

Hazardous combustion products Decomposition products may include the following materials:

> carbon dioxide carbon monoxide

Special protective equipment for

fire-fighters

Fire-fighters should wear appropriate protective equipment and self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA)

with a full face-piece operated in positive pressure mode.



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#### Section 6. Accidental release measures

Personal precautions

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 spilled material. Avoid breathing vapor or mist. Provide adequate ventilation. Wear appropriate respirator when

ventilation is inadequate. Put on appropriate personal protective equipment (see Section 8).

**Environmental precautions** Avoid dispersal of spilled 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). Stop leak if without risk. Move containers from spill area. Approach 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 spilled product. Note: see Section 1 for emergency contact information

and Section 13 for waste disposal

Small spill 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.

# Section 7. Handling and storage

Methods for cleaning up

Handling 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 during pregnancy. Do not get in eyes or on skin or clothing. Do not ingest. Avoid breathing vapor or mist. Use only with adequate ventilation. Wear appropriate respirator when ventilation is inadequate. 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.

Store between the following temperatures: 5 to 25°C (41 to 77°F). Store in accordance with local Storage

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 unlabeled containers. Use appropriate containment to

avoid environmental contamination.

# Section 8. Exposure controls/personal protection

Occupational exposure limits		TWA (8 hours)		STEL (15 mins)			Ceiling				
Ingredient	List name	ppm	mg/ m³	Other	ppm	mg/ m³	Other	ppm	mg/ m³	Other	Notations
Formamide	US ACGIH 3/2012	10	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	[1]
	AB 4/2009	10	18	-	'-	-	-	' -	-	-	[1]
	BC 4/2012	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	[1]
	ON 7/2010	10	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	[1]
	QC 9/2011	10	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	[1]

[1]Absorbed through skin.

#### Consult local authorities for acceptable exposure limits.

Recommended monitoring

procedures

If this product contains ingredients with exposure limits, personal, workplace atmosphere or biological monitoring may be required to determine the effectiveness of the ventilation or other control measures and/or the necessity to use respiratory protective equipment. Reference should be made to appropriate monitoring standards. Reference to national guidance documents for methods for the determination of hazardous substances will also be required.

**Engineering measures** 

Use only with adequate ventilation. If user operations generate dust, fumes, gas, vapor 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.

Hygiene measures

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.

Personal protection

Respiratory

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.

Hands

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.



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safety eyewear complying with an approved standard should be used when a risk ass

this is necessary to avoid exposure to liquid splashes, mists or dusts. If contact is possible, the following protection should be worn, unless the assessment indicates a higher degree of protection: chemical

Skin 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.

Emissions from ventilation or work process equipment should be checked to ensure they comply with the **Environmental exposure controls** 

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

Other protection

Not available. Not available.

Personal protective equipment

(Pictograms)

# Section 9. Physical and chemical properties

Physical state Liquid.

**Burning time** Not applicable. **Burning rate** Not applicable.

Color Clear.

Odor Ammoniacal. [Slight]

рΗ 7 to 8

Boiling/condensation point 210°C (410°F)

2 to 3°C (35.6 to 37.4°F) Melting/freezing point

Relative density Vapor density 1.55 [Air = 1]SADT Not available Solubility Not available.

# Section 10. Stability and reactivity

Chemical stability The product is stable. Conditions to avoid No specific data.

Incompatible materials

Hazardous decomposition

Under normal conditions of storage and use, hazardous decomposition products should not be produced.

Possibility of hazardous reactions Under normal conditions of storage and use, hazardous reactions will not occur.

#### Section 11. Toxicological information

#### Acute toxicity

products

Product/ingredient name Result **Species** Dose Exposure **F**ormamide LD50 Dermal Rabbit 17 g/kg LD50 Oral Rat 4000 mg/kg

Conclusion/Summary

Not available.

Chronic toxicity

Not available.

Not available Conclusion/Summary

Irritation/Corrosion

Not available

Conclusion/Summary Not available.

<u>Sensitizer</u> Not available.

Conclusion/Summary Not available

Carcinogenicity Not available

Conclusion/Summary Not available

Classification Not available.

**Mutagenicity** 



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Not available.

Conclusion/Summary Not available.

<u>Teratogenicity</u>

Not available.

Conclusion/Summary

Not available.

Reproductive toxicity

Not available

Conclusion/Summary Not available.

Synergistic products Not available.

# Section 12. Ecological information

**Environmental effects** No known significant effects or critical hazards.

Not available.

Persistence/degradability

Partition coefficient: n-octanol/

Not available

water

**Bioconcentration factor** 

Not available.

Other adverse effects

No known significant effects or critical hazards.

# Section 13. Disposal considerations

Waste disposal The generation of waste should be avoided or minimized 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 spilled material and runoff and contact

with soil, waterways, drains and sewers.

RCRA classification

Not available.

Disposal should be in accordance with applicable regional, national and local laws and regulations.

Refer to Section 7: HANDLING AND STORAGE and Section 8: EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION for additional handling information and protection of employees.

# Section 14. Transport information

Regulatory information UN number	Proper shipping name	Classes	PG*	Label	Additional information
<b>DOT Classification</b> Not available	. Not available.	Not available.	-		-
TDG Classification Not available	. Not available.	Not available.	-		-
Mexico Classification Not available	. Not available.	Not available.	-		-
ADR/RID Class Not available	. Not available.	Not available.	-		-
IMDG Class Not available	. Not available.	Not available.	-		-
IATA-DGR Class Not available	. Not available.	Not available.	-		-
PG* : Packing group					

## Section 15. Regulatory information

This product has been classified in accordance with the hazard criteria of the Controlled Products Regulations and the MSDS contains all the information required by the Controlled Products Regulations.

WHMIS (Canada) Class D-2A: Material causing other toxic effects (Very toxic).

Canadian lists

 Canadian NPRI
 None of the components are listed.

 CEPA Toxic substances
 None of the components are listed.

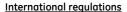
 Canada inventory
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International lists Australia inventory (AICS): All components are listed or exempted.

China inventory (IECSC): All components are listed or exempted.

Japan inventory: All components are listed or exempted.

Korea inventory: All components are listed or exempted.

Malaysia Inventory (EHS Register): Not determined.

New Zealand Inventory of Chemicals (NZIoC): All components are listed or exempted.

Philippines inventory (PICCS): All components are listed or exempted.

Taiwan inventory (CSNN): Not determined.

Chemical Weapons Convention

List Schedule I Chemicals

Not listed

Chemical Weapons Convention List Schedule II Chemicals Not listed

Chemical Weapons Convention List Schedule III Chemicals Not listed

### Section 16. Other information

The customer is responsible for determining the PPE code for this material.

Indicates information that has changed from previously issued version.

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