

Classified as hazardous in accordance with the criteria of EPA New Zealand

## Section 1 - Identification

### Product Identifier

Product Name	<u>Indole</u>
CAS No	120-72-9
Synonyms	2,3-Benzopyrrole
Molecular Formula	C8 H7 N
Molecular Weight	117.15
Recommended Use	Laboratory chemicals.
Uses advised against	No Information available

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## Section 2 - Hazard(s) Identification

### Classification under Work Safe New Zealand

Classified as hazardous in accordance with the criteria of EPA New Zealand

HSNO Approval Number HSR002508

### GHS Classification

#### Physical hazards

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

#### Health hazards

Acute Oral Toxicity	Category 4
Acute Dermal Toxicity	Category 3
Serious Eye Damage/Eye Irritation	Category 1
Skin Sensitization	Category 1

#### Environmental hazards

Acute aquatic toxicity	Category 1
Chronic aquatic toxicity	Category 1

**Label Elements****Signal Word****Danger****Hazard Statements**

H302 - Harmful if swallowed  
H311 - Toxic in contact with skin  
H317 - May cause an allergic skin reaction  
H318 - Causes serious eye damage  
H410 - Very toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects

**Precautionary Statements****Prevention**

P261 - Avoid breathing dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray  
P264 - Wash face, hands and any exposed skin thoroughly after handling  
P270 - Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product  
P272 - Contaminated work clothing should not be allowed out of the workplace  
P280 - Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection  
P273 - Avoid release to the environment

**Response**

P302 + P352 - IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water  
P305 + P351 + P338 - IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing  
P310 - Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor  
P330 - Rinse mouth  
P361 + P364 - Take off immediately all contaminated clothing and wash it before reuse  
P391 - Collect spillage

**Storage**

P405 - Store locked up

**Disposal**

P501 - Dispose of contents/ container to an approved waste disposal plant

**Other hazards which do not result in classification**

This product does not contain any known or suspected endocrine disruptors

## Section 3 - Composition and Information on Ingredients

Component	CAS No	Weight %
Indole	120-72-9	>95

## Section 4 - First Aid Measures

**Description of first aid measures****General Advice**

Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance. Immediate medical attention is required.

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<b>Inhalation</b>	Remove to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. Do not use mouth-to-mouth method if victim ingested or inhaled the substance; give artificial respiration with the aid of a pocket mask equipped with a one-way valve or other proper respiratory medical device. Immediate medical attention is required.
<b>Eye Contact</b>	Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids, for at least 15 minutes. In the case of contact with eyes, rinse immediately with plenty of water and seek medical advice.
<b>Skin Contact</b>	Wash off immediately with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Immediate medical attention is required.
<b>Ingestion</b>	Do NOT induce vomiting. Call a physician or poison control center immediately.
<b>Self-Protection of the First Aider</b>	Ensure that medical personnel are aware of the material(s) involved, take precautions to protect themselves and prevent spread of contamination.
<b>First Aid Facilities</b>	Eyewash, safety shower and washroom.
<b>Most important symptoms and effects</b>	Causes severe eye damage. May cause allergic skin reaction. Causes eye burns. RAPIDLY ABSORBED THROUGH SKIN: May be harmful if absorbed through skin: Symptoms of allergic reaction may include rash, itching, swelling, trouble breathing, tingling of the hands and feet, dizziness, lightheadedness, chest pain, muscle pain or flushing
<b>Notes to Physician</b>	Treat symptomatically.

## Section 5 - Fire Fighting Measures

### **Suitable Extinguishing Media**

Water spray, carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>), dry chemical, alcohol-resistant foam.

### **Extinguishing media which must not be used for safety reasons**

No information available.

### **Specific Hazards Arising from the Chemical**

Do not allow run-off from fire-fighting to enter drains or water courses.

### **Hazardous Combustion Products**

Carbon monoxide (CO), Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>).

### **Decomposition Temperature**

> 253°C

### **Special protective equipment and precautions for fire fighters**

As in any fire, wear self-contained breathing apparatus pressure-demand, MSHA/NIOSH (approved or equivalent) and full protective gear. Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating gases and vapors.

## Section 6 - Accidental Release Measures

### **Personal Precautions, Protective Equipment and Emergency Procedures**

#### **Emergency procedures**

Ensure adequate ventilation. Use personal protective equipment as required. Avoid dust formation. Keep people away from and upwind of spill/leak. Evacuate personnel to safe areas.

#### **Environmental Precautions**

See Section 12 for additional Ecological Information. Should not be released into the environment.

#### **Methods for Containment and Clean Up**

Sweep up and shovel into suitable containers for disposal. Avoid dust formation.

**Precautions to prevent secondary hazards**

Clean contaminated objects and areas thoroughly observing environmental regulations

**Reference to Other Sections**

Refer to protective measures listed in Sections 8 and 13.

## Section 7 - Handling and Storage

**Precautions for Safe Handling****Advice on safe handling**

Wear personal protective equipment/face protection. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Avoid dust formation. Use only under a chemical fume hood. Do not breathe (dust, vapor, mist, gas). Do not ingest. If swallowed then seek immediate medical assistance.

**Hygiene Measures**

Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice. Keep away from food, drink and animal feeding stuffs. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. Remove and wash contaminated clothing and gloves, including the inside, before re-use. Wash hands before breaks and after work.

**Conditions for Safe Storage, Including any Incompatibilities****Storage Conditions**

Keep in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed. Protect from direct sunlight.

**Incompatible Materials**

Strong oxidizing agents.

AS/NZS 2243.10:2004, Safety in laboratories - Storage of chemicals

## Section 8 - Exposure Controls and Personal Protection

**Control parameters****Exposure limits**

The product does not contain any hazardous materials with occupational exposure limits established.

**Biological limit values**

This product, as supplied, does not contain any hazardous materials with biological limits established by the region specific regulatory bodies

**Appropriate engineering controls****Engineering Measures**

Ensure adequate ventilation, especially in confined areas. Ensure that eyewash stations and safety showers are close to the workstation location. Wherever possible, engineering control measures such as the isolation or enclosure of the process, the introduction of process or equipment changes to minimise release or contact, and the use of properly designed ventilation systems, should be adopted to control hazardous materials at source

**Individual protection measures, such as personal protective equipment****Eye Protection**

Goggles (Australian/New Zealand Standard AS/NZS 1337 - Eye protectors for Industrial applications)

**Hand Protection**

Protective gloves

Glove material	Breakthrough time	Glove thickness	AUS/NZ Standard	Glove comments
Nitrile rubber.	> 480 minutes	> 0.1 mm	AS/NZS 2161	As tested under EN374-3 Determination of Resistance to Permeation by Chemicals

Inspect gloves before use.

Please observe the instructions regarding permeability and breakthrough time which are provided by the supplier of the gloves.  
(Refer to manufacturer/supplier for information)

Ensure gloves are suitable for the task: Chemical compatability, Dexterity, Operational conditions, User susceptibility, e.g. sensitisation effects, also take into consideration the specific local conditions under which the product is used, such as the danger of cuts, abrasion.

Remove gloves with care avoiding skin contamination.

**Skin and body protection** Long sleeved clothing

**Respiratory Protection** Use an AS/NZS 1716 approved respirator if exposure limits are exceeded or if irritation or other symptoms are experienced. To protect the wearer, respiratory protective equipment must be the correct fit and be used and maintained in line with AS/NZS 1715 on the use and maintenance of respiratory protective devices

**Recommended Filter type:** Particulates filter conforming to EN 143 (or AUS/NZ equivalent)

**Recommended half mask:-** Particle filtering: EN149:2001 (or AUS/NZ equivalent)

When RPE is used a face piece Fit Test should be conducted

**Hygiene Measures** Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.

**Environmental exposure controls** Prevent product from entering drains. Do not allow material to contaminate ground water system. Local authorities should be advised if significant spillages cannot be contained.

## Section 9 - Physical and Chemical Properties

### Information on basic physical and chemical properties

<b>Physical State</b>	Solid	
<b>Appearance</b>	Off-white	
<b>Odor</b>	Characteristic	
<b>Odor Threshold</b>	No data available	
<b>pH</b>	5.9	1000g/L (20°C)
<b>Melting Point/Range</b>	51 - 53 °C / 123.8 - 127.4 °F	
<b>Softening Point</b>	No data available	
<b>Boiling Point/Range</b>	253 - 254 °C / 487.4 - 489.2 °F	@ 760 mmHg
<b>Flammability (liquid)</b>	Not applicable	Solid
<b>Flammability (solid,gas)</b>	No information available	
<b>Explosion Limits</b>	No data available	
<b>Flash Point</b>	136 °C / 276.8 °F	<b>Method -</b> No information available
<b>Autoignition Temperature</b>	No data available	
<b>Decomposition Temperature</b>	> 253°C	
<b>Viscosity</b>	Not applicable	Solid
<b>Water Solubility</b>	2.80 g/L (25°C)	
<b>Solubility in other solvents</b>	No information available	
<b>Partition Coefficient (n-octanol/water)</b>		
<b>Component</b>	<b>log Pow</b>	
Indole	2.14	
<b>Vapor Pressure</b>	0.012 mmHg @ 25 °C	
<b>Density / Specific Gravity</b>	1.220	
<b>Bulk Density</b>	No data available	
<b>Vapor Density</b>	Not applicable	Solid
<b>Particle characteristics</b>	No data available	

### Other information

<b>Molecular Formula</b>	C8 H7 N
<b>Molecular Weight</b>	117.15
<b>Evaporation Rate</b>	Not applicable - Solid

## Section 10 - Stability and Reactivity

Reactivity	None known, based on information available
Stability	Sensitivity to light.
Sensitivity to Mechanical Impact	No information available
Sensitivity to Static Discharge	No information available
Hazardous Polymerization	Hazardous polymerization does not occur.
Hazardous Reactions	None under normal processing.
Conditions to Avoid	Incompatible products, Excess heat, Avoid dust formation, Exposure to light.
Incompatible Materials	Strong oxidizing agents.
Hazardous Decomposition Products	Carbon monoxide (CO). Carbon dioxide (CO <sub>2</sub> ).

## Section 11 - Toxicological Information

### Acute Effects

#### Information on likely routes of exposure

#### Product Information

Inhalation	Harmful by inhalation. Irritating to respiratory system.
Eyes	Irritating to eyes.
Skin	Harmful in contact with skin. Irritating to skin.
Ingestion	Harmful if swallowed. Ingestion may cause gastrointestinal irritation, nausea, vomiting and diarrhea.

#### Numerical measures of toxicity

(a) acute toxicity;	
Oral	Category 4
Dermal	Category 3
Inhalation	Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

Component	LD50 Oral	LD50 Dermal	LC50 Inhalation
Indole	LD50 = 1 g/kg ( Rat )	LD50 = 790 mg/kg ( Rabbit )	

(b) skin corrosion/irritation; No data available

(c) serious eye damage/irritation; Category 1

(d) respiratory or skin sensitization;  
Respiratory No data available  
Skin Category 1

Sensitization No information available

(e) germ cell mutagenicity; No data available

(f) carcinogenicity;	No data available There are no known carcinogenic chemicals in this product
(g) reproductive toxicity;	No data available
(h) STOT-single exposure;	No data available
(i) STOT-repeated exposure;	No data available
Target Organs	No information available.
(j) aspiration hazard;	Not applicable Solid

**Symptoms / effects, both acute and delayed**

RAPIDLY ABSORBED THROUGH SKIN. May be harmful if absorbed through skin. Symptoms of allergic reaction may include rash, itching, swelling, trouble breathing, tingling of the hands and feet, dizziness, lightheadedness, chest pain, muscle pain or flushing.

## Section 12 - Ecological Information

### Ecotoxicity

**Aquatic ecotoxicity** Very toxic to aquatic organisms. The product contains following substances which are hazardous for the environment.

Component	Freshwater Fish	Water Flea	Freshwater Algae	Microtox
Indole	Onchorhynchus mykiss: LC50=10 mg/L 24h	1 mg/L 48h		

**Terrestrial ecotoxicity** There is no data for this product

**Persistence and Degradability** Readily biodegradable

**Persistence** Persistence is unlikely.

**Degradation in sewage treatment plant** Contains substances known to be hazardous to the environment or not degradable in waste water treatment plants.

**Bioaccumulative Potential** Bioaccumulation is unlikely

Component	log Pow	Bioconcentration factor (BCF)
Indole	2.14	No data available

**Mobility** The product is water soluble, and may spread in water systems. Will likely be mobile in the environment due to its water solubility. Highly mobile in soils

### Other adverse effects

**Endocrine Disruptor Information** This product does not contain any known or suspected endocrine disruptors  
**Persistent Organic Pollutant** This product does not contain any known or suspected substance  
**Ozone Depletion Potential** This product does not contain any known or suspected substance

## Section 13 - Disposal Considerations

### Waste treatment methods

**Waste from Residues/Unused Products**

Do not allow into drains or watercourses or dispose of where ground or surface waters may be affected. Wastes, including emptied containers, are controlled wastes and should be disposed of in accordance with all federal, E.P.A., state and local regulations. Assure conformity with all applicable regulations.

**Contaminated Packaging**

Dispose of this container to hazardous or special waste collection point.

**Other Information**

Disposal agencies or waste contractors must comply with the New Zealand Hazardous Substances (Disposal) Regulations. Do not flush to sewer. Waste codes should be assigned by the user based on the application for which the product was used. Do not empty into drains. Do not let this chemical enter the environment.

## Section 14 - Transport Information

### NZS 5433:2020

UN-No	UN2811
Proper Shipping Name	Toxic solid, organic, n.o.s.
Technical Shipping Name	Indole
Hazard Class	6.1
Packing Group	III

### IATA

UN-No	UN2811
Proper Shipping Name	TOXIC SOLID, ORGANIC, N.O.S.*
Technical Shipping Name	Indole
Hazard Class	6.1
Packing Group	III

### IMDG/IMO

UN-No	UN2811
Proper Shipping Name	Toxic solid, organic, n.o.s.
Technical Shipping Name	Indole
Hazard Class	6.1
Packing Group	III

**Environmental hazards**

Dangerous for the environment  
Product is a marine pollutant according to the criteria set by IMDG/IMO

**Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL 73/78 and the IBC Code**

Not applicable, packaged goods

**Special Precautions**

No special precautions required. Please refer to the applicable dangerous goods regulations for additional information.

**Additional information**

None known

## Section 15 - Regulatory Information

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

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**National Regulations**

There are no applicable tolerable exposure limits or environmental exposure limits according to the EPA Controls for Hazardous Substances

**Certified handlers, tracking and controlled substance license requirements**

Certified handlers are required for some substances. This includes substances requiring a controlled substance license, and most explosives, vertebrates toxic agents, and certain fumigants. Acutely toxic substances which are a Category 1 or 2, such as pesticides also require Certified handlers. Please check the Health and Safety at Work Act 2015 for further information. Tracking is required for some highly hazardous substances. These substances need to be under the control of an appropriately trained person or appropriately secured. Please check the Health and Safety at Work Act 2015 for further information.

**Prohibition or notification/licensing requirements**

Shown below are details of specific prohibition/notifications or licensing requirements when they apply.

**International Regulations**

**Ozone Depletion Potential** This product does not contain any known or suspected substance

**Persistent Organic Pollutant** This product does not contain any known or suspected substance

**Rotterdam Convention (PIC)** Not applicable

**Authorisation/Restrictions according to EU REACH** Not applicable

**International Inventories**

New Zealand (NZIoC), Australia (AICS), Europe (EINECS/ELINCS/NLP), Korea (KECL), China (IECSC), Taiwan (TCSI), Japan (ENCS), Japan (ISHL), Canada (DSL/NDSL), Philippines (PICCS). US EPA (TSCA) - Toxic Substances Control Act, (40 CFR Part 710)

Component	CAS No	NZIoC	AICS	EINECS	ELINCS	NLP	KECL	IECSC	TCSI
Indole	120-72-9	X	X	204-420-7	-	-	KE-21007	X	X

Component	CAS No	TSCA	TSCA Inventory notification - Active-Inactive	DSL	NDSL	PICCS	ISHL	ENCS
Indole	120-72-9	X	ACTIVE	X	-	X	X	X

**Legend:** X - Listed '-' - Not Listed

**KECL** - NIER number or KE number (<http://ncis.nier.go.kr/en/main.do>)

**Section 16 - Other Information**

**This safety data sheet complies with the requirements of the EPA Hazardous Substances (Hazard Classification) Notice 2020 and WorkSafe New Zealand Regulations**

**Legend**

**NZIoC** - New Zealand Inventory of Chemicals

**TSCA** - United States Toxic Substances Control Act Section 8(b) Inventory

**DSL/NDSL** - Canadian Domestic Substances List/Non-Domestic Substances List

**IECSC** - Chinese Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances

**PICCS** - Philippines Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances

**TWA** - Time Weighted Average

**IARC** - International Agency for Research on Cancer

**NZS 5433:2020** - Transport of Dangerous Goods on Land

**ICAO/IATA** - International Civil Aviation Organization/International Air Transport Association

**AICS** - Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances

**EINECS/ELINCS** - European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances/EU List of Notified Chemical Substances

**ENCS** - Japanese Existing and New Chemical Substances

**KECL** - Korean Existing and Evaluated Chemical Substances

**CAS** - Chemical Abstracts Service

**ACGIH** - American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists

**PNEC** - Predicted No Effect Concentration

**OECD** - Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development

**IMO/IMDG** - International Maritime Organization/International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code

**MARPOL** - International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships

**LD50** - Lethal Dose 50%

**EC50** - Effective Concentration 50%

**WEL** - Workplace Exposure Limit

**DNEL** - Derived No Effect Level

**POW** - Partition coefficient Octanol:Water

**vPvB** - very Persistent, very Bioaccumulative

**VOC** - (Volatile Organic Compound)

**ADG** - Australian Code for the Transport of Dangerous Goods by Road and Rail

**LC50** - Lethal Concentration 50%

**ATE** - Acute Toxicity Estimate

**RPE** - Respiratory Protective Equipment

**NOEC** - No Observed Effect Concentration

**BCF** - Bioconcentration factor

**PBT** - Persistent, Bioaccumulative, Toxic

#### Key literature references and sources for data

HSNO classifications provided in the New Zealand Chemical Classification Information Database (CCID).

<https://echa.europa.eu/information-on-chemicals>

Suppliers safety data sheet, Chemadvisor - LOLI, Merck index, RTECS

EPA Guide to classifying hazardous substances in New Zealand

EPA - Assigning a product to an existing HSNO approval guide

#### Training Advice

Chemical incident response training.

#### Revision Date

12-Mar-2025

#### Revision Summary

Update to GHS format

#### Disclaimer

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