

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

Section 1 - Identification

Product Identifier

Product Name Ammonium thiocyanate

Molecular Formula NH₄SCN
Molecular Weight 76.12

Recommended Use Laboratory chemicals.
Uses advised against No Information available

Product Code	AJA58, AJA59, BSPAL050
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Section 2 - Hazard(s) Identification

Classification under Work Safe New Zealand

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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 4
Acute Inhalation Toxicity - Dusts and Mists	Category 4
Skin Corrosion/Irritation	Category 2
Serious Eye Damage/Eye Irritation	Category 1
Respiratory Sensitization	Category 1
Skin Sensitization	Category 1
Carcinogenicity	Category 2
Specific target organ toxicity - (single exposure)	Category 3

Environmental hazards

Chronic aquatic toxicity

Category 3

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

H317 - May cause an allergic skin reaction
 H334 - May cause allergy or asthma symptoms or breathing difficulties if inhaled
 H351 - Suspected of causing cancer
 H315 - Causes skin irritation
 H335 - May cause respiratory irritation
 H318 - Causes serious eye damage
 H412 - Harmful to aquatic life with long lasting effects
 H302 + H312 + H332 - Harmful if swallowed, in contact with skin or if inhaled

Precautionary Statements**Prevention**

P201 - Obtain special instructions before use
 P202 - Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood
 P264 - Wash face, hands and any exposed skin thoroughly after handling
 P270 - Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product
 P280 - Wear eye protection/ face protection
 P261 - Avoid breathing dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray
 P271 - Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area
 P280 - Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection

Response

P305 + P351 + P338 - IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing
 P330 - Rinse mouth
 P302 + P352 - IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water
 P304 + P340 - IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing
 P310 - Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor
 P363 - Wash contaminated clothing before reuse
 P362 + P364 - Take off contaminated clothing and wash it before reuse

Storage

P403 + P233 - Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed
 P403 - Store in a well-ventilated place

Disposal

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

Other hazards which do not result in classification

Toxic to terrestrial vertebrates
 This product does not contain any known or suspected endocrine disruptors

Section 3 - Composition and Information on Ingredients

Component	CAS No	Weight %
Ammonium thiocyanate	1762-95-4	100

Section 4 - First Aid Measures

Description of first aid measures

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Inhalation	Remove to fresh air.
Eye Contact	Rinse thoroughly with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes, lifting lower and upper eyelids. Consult a physician.
Skin Contact	Wash off immediately with soap and plenty of water while removing all contaminated clothes and shoes.
Ingestion	Clean mouth with water and drink afterwards plenty of water.
Self-Protection of the First Aider	No special precautions required.
First Aid Facilities	Eyewash, safety shower and washroom.
Most important symptoms and effects	Causes eye burns.
Notes to Physician	Treat symptomatically.

Section 5 - Fire Fighting Measures

Suitable Extinguishing Media

Use extinguishing measures that are appropriate to local circumstances and the surrounding environment.

Extinguishing media which must not be used for safety reasons

No information available.

Specific Hazards Arising from the Chemical

Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating gases and vapors.

Hazardous Combustion Products

None under normal use conditions.

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.

Section 6 - Accidental Release Measures

Personal Precautions, Protective Equipment and Emergency Procedures

Emergency procedures

Ensure adequate ventilation.

Environmental Precautions

See Section 12 for additional Ecological Information. Avoid release to the environment. Collect spillage.

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

Ensure adequate ventilation.

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 container tightly closed in a dry and well-ventilated place.

Incompatible Materials

None known.

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

Section 8 - Exposure Controls and Personal Protection

Control parameters

Exposure limits

UK - EH40/2005 Work Exposure Limits, Fourth edition. Published 2020.

Component	New Zealand WEL	Australia	ACGIH TLV	The United Kingdom
Ammonium thiocyanate				STEL: 15 mg/m ³ 15 min TWA: 5 mg/m ³ 8 hr Skin

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

None under normal use conditions.

Individual protection measures, such as personal protective equipment

Eye Protection

Wear safety glasses with side shields (or 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
Natural rubber, Nitrile rubber, Neoprene, PVC.	See manufacturers recommendations	-	AS/NZS 2161	(minimum requirement)

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 compatibility, 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:	Particle filter (or AUS/NZ equivalent)
Hygiene Measures	Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.
Environmental exposure controls	No information available.

Section 9 - Physical and Chemical Properties

Information on basic physical and chemical properties

Physical State	Powder Solid	
Appearance	White	
Odor	No information available	
Odor Threshold	No data available	
pH	Not applicable	
Melting Point/Range	55555 - °C / 233.6 - 239 °F	
Softening Point	No data available	
Boiling Point/Range	Not applicable	
Flammability (liquid)	Not applicable	Solid
Flammability (solid,gas)	No information available	
Explosion Limits	No data available	
Flash Point	Not applicable	Method - No information available
Autoignition Temperature	No data available	
Decomposition Temperature	No data available	
Viscosity	Not applicable	Solid
Water Solubility	No information available	
Solubility in other solvents	No information available	
Partition Coefficient (n-octanol/water)		
Vapor Pressure	No data available	
Density / Specific Gravity	No data available	
Bulk Density	No data available	
Vapor Density	Not applicable	Solid
Particle characteristics	No data available	
Other information		
Molecular Formula	NH4SCN	
Molecular Weight	76.12	
Evaporation Rate	Not applicable - Solid	

Section 10 - Stability and Reactivity

Reactivity	Yes Contact with acids liberates very toxic gas
Stability	Stable under normal conditions.
Sensitivity to Mechanical Impact	No information available
Sensitivity to Static Discharge	No information available
Hazardous Polymerization	No information available.

Hazardous Reactions No information available.

Conditions to Avoid Heat, flames and sparks.

Incompatible Materials None known.

Hazardous Decomposition Products None under normal use conditions.

Section 11 - Toxicological Information

Acute Effects

Information on likely routes of exposure

Product Information

Inhalation Not an expected route of exposure.
Eyes Not an expected route of exposure.
Skin No known effect based on information supplied.
Ingestion Not an expected route of exposure.

Numerical measures of toxicity

(a) acute toxicity;

Oral Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met
Dermal No data available
Inhalation No data available

Component	LD50 Oral	LD50 Dermal	LC50 Inhalation
Ammonium thiocyanate	LD50 = 750 mg/kg (Rat)		

(b) skin corrosion/irritation; No data available

(c) serious eye damage/irritation; No data available

(d) respiratory or skin sensitization;

Respiratory No data available
Skin No data 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
No information available.

Section 12 - Ecological Information

Ecotoxicity

Aquatic ecotoxicity

Component	Freshwater Fish	Water Flea	Freshwater Algae	Microtox
Ammonium thiocyanate	LC50: = 65 mg/L, 96h static (Oncorhynchus mykiss)			

Terrestrial ecotoxicity There is no data for this product

Persistence and Degradability No information available

Degradability Not relevant for inorganic substances.

Bioaccumulative Potential No information available

Mobility No information available.

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 Empty remaining contents. Dispose of in accordance with local regulations. Do not re-use empty containers.

Other Information Disposal agencies or waste contractors must comply with the New Zealand Hazardous Substances (Disposal) Regulations .

Section 14 - Transport Information

NZS 5433:2020 Not regulated

IATA	Not regulated
IMDG/IMO	Not regulated
Environmental hazards	No hazards identified
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 licencing 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

Component	REACH (1907/2006) - Annex XIV - Substances Subject to Authorization	REACH (1907/2006) - Annex XVII - Restrictions on Certain Dangerous Substances	REACH Regulation (EC 1907/2006) article 59 - Candidate List of Substances of Very High Concern (SVHC)
Ammonium thiocyanate	-	Use restricted. See entry 65. (see link for restriction details)	-

<https://echa.europa.eu/substances-restricted-under-reach>

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
Ammonium thiocyanate	1762-95-4	X	X	217-175-6	-	-	KE-01750	X	X

Component	CAS No	TSCA	TSCA Inventory notification - Active-Inactive	DSL	NDSL	PICCS	ISHL	ENCS
Ammonium thiocyanate	1762-95-4	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**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)**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**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 hazard awareness training, incorporating labelling, Safety Data Sheets (SDS), Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and hygiene.

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Revision Summary

Update to GHS format

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