

Australian statement of hazardous nature : Classified as hazardous according to criteria of Safe Work Australia

Section 1 - Identification

Product Name Sodium cyanide

CAS No 143-33-9

Synonyms Hydrocyanic acid, sodium salt; Prussiate of soda; Cyanide of sodium

Product Code 12137

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Recommended Use Laboratory chemicals.

Uses advised against This product contains one or more substance(s) on the Illicit Drug Precursors/Reagents list. Verify requirements related to using, handling and storing these substances. This product does not contain any substance(s) subject to Prohibition, Authorization or Restriction. This product contains one or more substance(s) listed on the voluntary National Code of Practice for Chemicals of Security Concern.

Section 2 - Hazard(s) Identification

Classification under Safe Work Australia

Classified as hazardous according to criteria of Safe Work Australia

Physical hazards

Substances/mixtures corrosive to metal Category 1

Health hazards

Acute Oral Toxicity Category 1
Acute Dermal Toxicity Category 1
Acute Inhalation Toxicity - Dusts and Mists Category 1
Specific target organ toxicity - (repeated exposure) Category 1

Environmental hazards

Acute aquatic toxicity Category 1
Chronic aquatic toxicity Category 1

Label Elements



Skull and Crossbones



Health Hazard



Corrosion



Environment

Signal Word**Danger****Hazard Statements**

H290 - May be corrosive to metals

H372 - Causes damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure

H410 - Very toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects

H300 + H310 + H330 - Fatal if swallowed, in contact with skin or if inhaled

AUH032 - Contact with acids liberates very toxic gas

Precautionary Statements

P234 - Keep only in original packaging

P262 - Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing

P264 - Wash face, hands and any exposed skin thoroughly after handling

P270 - Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product

P271 - Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area

P280 - Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection

P284 - Wear respiratory protection

P304 + P340 - IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing

P310 - Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor

P330 - Rinse mouth

P390 - Absorb spillage to prevent material damage

P302 + P352 - IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water

P361 + P364 - Take off immediately all contaminated clothing and wash it before reuse

P402 - Store in a dry place

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

P406 - Store in corrosion resistant polypropylene container with a resistant inliner

P405 - Store locked up

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

Other information

Toxic to terrestrial invertebrates

Toxicity to Soil Dwelling Organisms

Toxic to terrestrial vertebrates

Section 3 - Composition and Information on Ingredients

Component	CAS No	Weight %
Sodium cyanide	143-33-9	>95

Section 4 - First Aid Measures

Inhalation

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.

Ingestion	Do NOT induce vomiting. Call a physician or poison control center immediately.
Skin Contact	Wash off immediately with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Immediate medical attention is required.
Eye Contact	In the case of contact with eyes, rinse immediately with plenty of water and seek medical advice. Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids, for at least 15 minutes.
General Advice	Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance. Immediate medical attention is required.
Self-Protection of the First Aider	Ensure that medical personnel are aware of the material(s) involved, take precautions to protect themselves and prevent spread of contamination.
First Aid Facilities	Eyewash, safety shower and washroom.
Most important symptoms and effects	None reasonably foreseeable. Systemic Toxicity: Respiratory disorders: Symptoms may include tightness in the chest, flushing, headache, nausea, vomiting, respiratory depression, weakness, irregular heartbeat, abdominal pain, convulsions, and shock: May cause cyanosis (bluish discoloration of skin due to deficient oxygenation of the blood): Exposure may result in death
Notes to Physician	Symptoms may be delayed. Treat as cyanide poisoning. Exposure may result in death. The effects may be delayed therefore medical observation is essential.

Section 5 - Fire Fighting Measures

Suitable Extinguishing Media

Water spray, carbon dioxide (CO₂), dry chemical, alcohol-resistant foam.

Extinguishing media which must not be used for safety reasons

Do not use water or foam.

Hazardous Decomposition Products

Nitrogen oxides (NO_x), Hydrogen cyanide (hydrocyanic acid).

Specific Hazards Arising from the Chemical

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

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

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

Do not flush into surface water or sanitary sewer system. Do not allow material to contaminate ground water system. Prevent product from entering drains. Local authorities should be advised if significant spillages cannot be contained.

Methods for Containment and Clean Up

Clean-up methods - small spillage

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

Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal: Prevent contact with water. Do NOT use water for clean-up: Use personal protective equipment as required

Clean-up methods - large spillage

Typically only supplied in small quantities as packaged goods.

If extremely toxic or used in larger quantities ensure a spillage action plan is in place. Evacuate area. Control the source and/or contain the spill if safe and able to do so. Use temporary diking, sand bags, dry sand, earth or proprietary booms/absorbent pads if available. Obtain advice on containment, neutralisation and clean-up from local emergency responders.

Reference to Other Sections

Refer to protective measures listed in Sections 8 and 13.

Section 7 - Handling and Storage

Precautions for 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.

Conditions for Safe Storage, Including any Incompatibilities

Keep in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed. Keep locked up. Keep away from acids. Keep away from combustible material. Do not store in aluminum containers.

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

Section 8 - Exposure Controls and Personal Protection

Exposure limits

AUS - Exposure Standards for Atmospheric Contaminants in the Occupational Environment - Guidance Note on the Interpretation of Exposure Standards for Atmospheric Contaminants in the Occupational Environment [NOHSC:3008(1995)]

Adopted National Exposure Standards for Atmospheric Contaminants in the Occupational Environment [NOHSC:1003(1995)]

updated in August, 2005. Safe Work Australia **ACGIH** - Threshold Limit Values - Ceiling (TLV-C) guidelines by the American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists (ACGIH) for controlling worker exposure to airborne chemical concentrations in the workplace. **UK** - EH40/2005 Work Exposure Limits, Fourth edition. Published 2020. **DE** - MAK and BAT values of Hazardous Chemical Compounds in the Work Area. Published by German Research Foundation on July 1, 2011

Component	Australia	New Zealand WEL	ACGIH TLV	The United Kingdom	Germany
Sodium cyanide		TWA: 5 mg/m ³ Skin	Ceiling: 5 mg/m ³ Skin	STEL: 5 mg/m ³ 15 min TWA: 1 mg/m ³ 8 hr Skin	TWA: 1 mg/m ³ (8 Stunden). AGW - exposure factor 5 TWA: 3.8 mg/m ³ (8 Stunden). MAK TWA: 2 mg/m ³ (8 Stunden). MAK Höhepunkt: 3.8 mg/m ³ Höhepunkt: 2 mg/m ³ Haut

Biological limit values

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

Exposure Controls**Engineering Measures**

Use only under a chemical fume hood. 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

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
Butyl rubber	> 480 minutes	0.35 mm	AS/NZS 2161	As tested under EN374-3 Determination of Resistance to Permeation by Chemicals
Viton (R)	> 480 minutes	0.5mm		
Neoprene gloves	> 60 minutes	0.45mm		
PVC	< 60 minutes	0.18mm		

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:
Recommended half mask:-

Particulates filter conforming to EN 143 (or AUS/NZ equivalent)
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

Appearance	White	
Physical State	Solid	
Odor	bitter almonds	
Odor Threshold	No data available	
pH	11-12	20 g/l aq. sol
Melting Point/Range	562 °C / 1043.6 °F	
Softening Point	No data available	
Boiling Point/Range	1497 °C / 2726.6 °F	
Flash Point	No information available	Method - No information available
Evaporation Rate	Not applicable	Solid
Flammability (solid,gas)	No information available	
Explosion Limits	No data available	
Vapor Pressure	1 hPa @ 817 °C	
Vapor Density	Not applicable	Solid
Specific Gravity / Density		
Bulk Density	750 - 950 kg/m ³	
Water Solubility	370 g/l (20°C)	
Solubility in other solvents	No information available	
Partition Coefficient (n-octanol/water)		
Component	log Pow	
Sodium cyanide	-0.44	
Autoignition Temperature	No data available	
Decomposition Temperature	No data available	
Viscosity	Not applicable	Solid

Explosive Properties No information available
Oxidizing Properties No information available

Other information

Molecular Formula C N Na
Molecular Weight 49

Section 10 - Stability and Reactivity

Reactivity Yes Contact with acids liberates very toxic gas

Stability Stable under normal conditions. Hygroscopic.

Conditions to Avoid Incompatible products, Exposure to moist air or water.

Incompatible Materials Acids, Strong oxidizing agents, Carbon dioxide (CO₂), Metals.

Hazardous Decomposition Products Nitrogen oxides (NO_x). Hydrogen cyanide (hydrocyanic acid).

Hazardous Polymerization Hazardous polymerization does not occur.

Section 11 - Toxicological Information

Information on Toxicological Effects

Product Information

(a) acute toxicity;

Oral Category 1
Dermal Category 1
Inhalation Category 1

Component	LD50 Oral	LD50 Dermal	LC50 Inhalation
Sodium cyanide	LD50 = 5.733 mg/kg (Rat)	LD50 = 14.602 mg/kg (Rabbit)	LC50 = 0.16 mg/L (Rat) 1 h

(b) skin corrosion/irritation; Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

(c) serious eye damage/irritation; Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

(d) respiratory or skin sensitization;

Respiratory Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met
Skin Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

(e) germ cell mutagenicity; Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

Not mutagenic in AMES Test

(f) carcinogenicity; Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met
There are no known carcinogenic chemicals in this product

(g) reproductive toxicity; Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

(h) STOT-single exposure; Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

(i) STOT-repeated exposure; Category 1
Target Organs Thyroid, Blood.

(j) aspiration hazard; Not applicable
Solid

Symptoms / effects, both acute and delayed Systemic Toxicity: Respiratory disorders: Symptoms may include tightness in the chest, flushing, headache, nausea, vomiting, respiratory depression, weakness, irregular heartbeat, abdominal pain, convulsions, and shock: May cause cyanosis (bluish discoloration of skin due to deficient oxygenation of the blood): Exposure may result in death

Section 12 - Ecological Information

Ecotoxicity effects

Very toxic to aquatic organisms, may cause long-term adverse effects in the aquatic environment. The product contains following substances which are hazardous for the environment.

Component	Freshwater Fish	Water Flea	Freshwater Algae	Microtox
Sodium cyanide	LC50: = 0.17 mg/L, 96h static (Pimephales promelas) LC50: 0.0712 - 0.0936 mg/L, 96h flow-through (Pimephales promelas) LC50: 0.066 - 0.0852 mg/L, 96h flow-through (Lepomis macrochirus) LC50: = 0.15 mg/L, 96h static (Lepomis macrochirus) LC50: 0.0391 - 0.0548 mg/L, 96h static (Oncorhynchus mykiss) LC50: 0.0558 - 0.0586 mg/L, 96h flow-through (Oncorhynchus mykiss)			

Persistence and Degradability Expected to be biodegradable
Persistence Soluble in water, Persistence is unlikely, based on information available.
Degradability Not relevant for inorganic substances.
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)
Sodium cyanide	-0.44	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
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 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

Chemical wastes should be disposed through a licensed commercial waste collection service. 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

IMDG/IMO

UN-No UN1689
 Proper Shipping Name SODIUM CYANIDE, SOLID
 Hazard Class 6.1
 Subsidiary Hazard Class P
 Packing Group I

Component	IMDG Marine Pollutant
Sodium cyanide 143-33-9 (>95)	IMDG regulated marine pollutant (UN1689, listed under Sodium cyanide, solid); IMDG regulated marine pollutant (UN3414, listed under Sodium cyanide, solution) IMDG regulated marine pollutant (UN1588)

ADG

UN-No UN1689
 Proper Shipping Name SODIUM CYANIDE, SOLID
 Hazard Class 6.1
 Packing Group I

Component	Hazchem Code
Sodium cyanide 143-33-9 (>95)	2X

IATA

UN-No UN1689
 Proper Shipping Name SODIUM CYANIDE, SOLID
 Hazard Class 6.1
 Packing Group I

Environmental hazards

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

Special Precautions

No special precautions required

Additional information

None known

Section 15 - Regulatory Information

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

National Regulations

Australia

See section 8 for national exposure control parameters.

Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Medicines and Poisons

Classified as a scheduled poison according to the Standard for Uniform Scheduling of Medicines and Poisons.

Component	Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Medicines and Poisons
Sodium cyanide - 143-33-9	Scheduled S7

Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme (AICIS)

Component	Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme (AICIS)	Additional information
Sodium cyanide - 143-33-9	Present	Specific information requirement: Obligations to provide information apply. You must tell us within 28 days if the circumstances of your importation or manufacture (introduction) are different to those in our assessment.

Australian - Illicit Drug Precursors/Reagents Substance List

This product contains one or more substance(s) on the Illicit Drug Precursors/Reagents list. Verify requirements related to using, handling and storing these substances.

Chemicals of Security Concern

This product contains one or more substance(s) listed on the voluntary National Code of Practice for Chemicals of Security Concern

Component	Australian - Illicit Drug Precursors/Reagents Substance List	Chemicals of Security Concern
Sodium cyanide - 143-33-9	Category 3	Listed in Appendix A Toxic chemicals - concentration >=0%

Legend

Category 3 - Chemicals and apparatus that may be used in the illicit production of drugs. Purchases from this list should alert companies or organizations to seek further indicators of any suspicious orders or enquiries. No official reporting is required for items on this list unless considered warranted

Chemicals of Security Concern - for further information see <http://www.chemicalsecurity.gov.au/securityconcerns>

National pollutant inventory Not applicable

Prohibition or notification/licensing requirements

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

This product does not contain any substance(s) subject to Prohibition, Authorization or Restriction.

International Inventories

Component	AICS	NZIoC	EINECS	ELINCS	TSCA	DSL	NDL	PICCS	ENCS	ISHL	IECSC	KECL
Sodium cyanide	X	X	205-599-4	-	X	X	-	X	X	X	X	KE-31401

Legend: X - Listed. '-' - Not Listed. **KECL** - NIER number or KE number (<http://ncis.nier.go.kr/en/main.do>)

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

MARPOL - International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships

Component	IMDG Marine Pollutant
Sodium cyanide - 143-33-9	IMDG regulated marine pollutant (UN1689, listed under Sodium cyanide, solid); IMDG regulated

	marine pollutant (UN3414, listed under Sodium cyanide, solution) IMDG regulated marine pollutant (UN1588)
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Basel convention on the control of transboundary movements of hazardous wastes and their disposal

Take note that wastes may be subject to export, import, or transit controls pursuant to the Basel convention and/or local regulations implementing the Basel convention.

Component	Basel Convention (Hazardous Waste)	Australian Hazardous Waste Act - Categories of Wastes to Be Controlled
Sodium cyanide - 143-33-9	Annex I - Y33	Y33

Component	CAS No	OECD HPV	Restriction of Hazardous Substances (RoHS)	Seveso III Directive (2012/18/EC) - Qualifying Quantities for Major Accident Notification	Seveso III Directive (2012/18/EC) - Qualifying Quantities for Safety Report Requirements
Sodium cyanide	143-33-9	Listed	Not applicable	Not applicable	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)
Sodium cyanide	-	Use restricted. See item 75. (see link for restriction details)	-

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

Section 16 - Other Information**Legend**

AICS - Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances TSCA - United States Toxic Substances Control Act Section 8(b) Inventory DSL/NDL - 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 ICAO/IATA - International Civil Aviation Organization/International Air Transport Association MARPOL - International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships NZS 5433:2012 - Transport of Dangerous Goods on Land 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)	NZIoC - New Zealand Inventory of Chemicals 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 Predicted No Effect Concentration (PNEC) IMO/IMDG - International Maritime Organization/International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code ADG Australian Code for the Transport of Dangerous Goods by Road and Rail OECD - Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development LC50 - Lethal Concentration 50% ATE - Acute Toxicity Estimate RPE - Respiratory Protective Equipment NOEC - No Observed Effect Concentration BCF - Bioconcentration factor PBT - Persistent, Bioaccumulative, Toxic
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Key literature references and sources for data

<https://echa.europa.eu/information-on-chemicals>
 Suppliers safety data sheet, Chemadvisor - LOLI, Merck index, RTECS

Training Advice

Chemical incident response training.

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Revision Summary

Not applicable.

This Safety Data Sheet (SDS) is prepared in accordance to and complies with the requirements of Safe Work Australia - Work Health and Safety Regulations (WHS Regulations).

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