

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

## **Section 1 - Identification**

**Product Identifier** 

Product Name Sodium cyanide, granules, 98%

**CAS No** 143-33-9

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

Molecular Formula C N Na Molecular Weight 49

Recommended Use Laboratory chemicals.
Uses advised against No Information available

Product Code R21711

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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 HSR002740

**GHS Classification** 

Physical hazards

Substances/mixtures corrosive to metal Category 1

**Health hazards** 

Acute Oral Toxicity

Acute Dermal Toxicity

Acute Inhalation Toxicity - Dusts and Mists

Serious Eye Damage/Eye Irritation

Skin Sensitization

Reproductive Toxicity

Specific target organ toxicity - (repeated exposure)

Category 1

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**Environmental hazards** 

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Acute aquatic toxicity Chronic aquatic toxicity Category 1 Category 1

#### **Label Elements**



#### 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

H319 - Causes serious eye irritation

H317 - May cause an allergic skin reaction

H361 - Suspected of damaging fertility or the unborn child

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

### **Precautionary Statements**

### Prevention

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

P273 - Avoid release to the environment

#### Response

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

P391 - Collect spillage

#### Storage

P405 - Store locked up

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

## Disposal

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

## Other hazards which do not result in classification

Toxic to terrestrial invertebrates

Toxicity to Soil Dwelling Organisms

Toxic to terrestrial vertebrates

Contact with acids liberates very toxic gas

## **Section 3 - Composition and Information on Ingredients**

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

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.

**Skin Contact** Wash off immediately with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Immediate medical

attention is required.

**Ingestion** Do NOT induce vomiting. Call a physician or poison control center immediately.

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.

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

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

## **Hazardous Combustion Products**

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

## 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**

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## 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**

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

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

## 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. Keep locked up. Keep away from acids. Keep away from combustible material. Do not store in aluminum containers.

#### **Incompatible Materials**

Acids. Strong oxidizing agents. Carbon dioxide (CO2). Metals.

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

## **Section 8 - Exposure Controls and Personal Protection**

## **Control parameters**

#### **Exposure limits**

**NZ** - Workplace Exposure Standards and Biological Exposure Indices (6th edition). New Zealand Department of Labor **UK** - EH40/2005 Work Exposure Limits, Fourth edition. Published 2020.

**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.

Component	New Zealand WEL	Australia	ACGIH TLV	The United Kingdom
Sodium cyanide	TWA: 5 mg/m³ Skin		Ceiling: 5 mg/m <sup>3</sup> Skin	STEL: 5 mg/m <sup>3</sup> 15 min TWA: 1 mg/m <sup>3</sup> 8 hr Skin

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## **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**

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

#### 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
Butyl rubber, Viton (R).	> 480 minutes	0.35 mm	AS/NZS 2161	As tested under EN374-3 Determination of
	> 480 minutes	0.5mm		Resistance to Permeation by Chemicals
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

**Repiratory 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 repiratory 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

Physical State Solid

Appearance White

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

Flammability (liquid) Not applicable Solid

Flammability (solid, gas) No information available

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Explosion Limits No data available

Flash Point No information available Method - No information available

Solid

Solid

Autoignition Temperature No data available

Decomposition Temperature
Viscosity

No data available
Not applicable

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

Vapor Pressure 1 hPa @ 817 °C

**Density / Specific Gravity** 

Bulk Density 750 - 950 kg/m³ Vapor Density Not applicable

Particle characteristics No data available

Other information

Molecular FormulaC N NaMolecular Weight49

Evaporation Rate Not applicable - Solid

## Section 10 - Stability and Reactivity

Reactivity Yes Contact with acids liberates very toxic gas

**Stability** Stable under normal conditions. Hygroscopic.

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, Exposure to moist air or water.

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

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

## **Section 11 - Toxicological Information**

## **Acute Effects**

## Information on likely routes of exposure

### **Product Information**

InhalationToxic by inhalation. May be fatal if inhaled.EyesCauses severe eye irritation and possible burns.

Skin Very toxic in contact with skin. May be fatal if absorbed through skin. Contact causes

severe skin irritation and possible burns.

Ingestion Toxic if swallowed. May be fatal if swallowed.

### Numerical measures of toxicity

(a) acute toxicity;

Oral Category 1

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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

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

(d) respiratory or skin sensitization;

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

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

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

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

(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**

Very toxic to aquatic organisms, may cause long-term adverse effects in the aquatic **Aquatic ecotoxicity** 

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			

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Terrestrial ecotoxicity

There is no data for this product

Persistence and Degradability Expected to be biodegradable

**Persistence** Soluble in water, Persistence is unlikely, based on information available.

Degradability

Degradation in sewage treatment

plant

Not relevant for inorganic substances.

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

Other adverse effects

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

This product does not contain any known or suspected substance 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**

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

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### NZS 5433:2020

UN1689 **UN-No** 

**Proper Shipping Name** SODIUM CYANIDE, SOLID

**Hazard Class** 6.1 **Packing Group** 

IATA

UN1689 **UN-No** 

SODIUM CYANIDE, SOLID **Proper Shipping Name** 

**Hazard Class** 6.1 **Packing Group** 

IMDG/IMO

**UN-No** UN1689

**Proper Shipping Name** SODIUM CYANIDE, SOLID

**Hazard Class** 6.1 **Subsidiary Hazard Class** Р **Packing Group** 

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

**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

HSNO Approval Number	HSR002740

## **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

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**IECSC** 

**TCSI** 

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**Persistent Organic Pollutant** 

This product does not contain any known or suspected substance

Rotterdam Convention (PIC) Not applicable

Component	Seveso III Directive (2012/18/EC) - Qualifying Quantities for Major Accident Notification	Seveso III Directive (2012/18/EC) - Qualifying Quantities for Safety Report Requirements	IMDG Marine Pollutant
Sodium cyanide			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)

## Authorisation/Restrictions according to EU REACH

Component	,	REACH (1907/2006) - Annex XVII - Restrictions on Certain Dangerous Substances	ı
Sodium cyanide	-	Use restricted. See item 75. (see link for restriction details)	-

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

### **International Inventories**

Component

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

NZIoC

Sodium cyanide	143-33-9	X	X 205-599-	4 -	-	KE-31401	X	X	
Component	CAS No	TSCA	TSCA Inventory notification - Active-Inactive	DSL	NDSL	PICCS	ISHL	ENCS	
Sodium cyanide	143-33-9	X	ACTIVE	Х	-	X	Χ	Х	

Legend: X - Listed '-' - Not Listed

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

AICS EINECS ELINCS

## **Section 16 - Other Information**

CAS No

# 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

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

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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.

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### Disclaimer

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## **End of Safety Data Sheet**

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