

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

## Section 1 - Identification

### Product Identifier

**Product Name** Methylene blue C.I. 52015

**Molecular Formula** C16 H18 Cl N3 S  
**Molecular Weight** 319.85

**Recommended Use** Laboratory chemicals.  
**Uses advised against** No Information available

**Product Code** AJA1137, BSPMB151.025, BSPML394.100, CRM1B-429/10G, FNNJL673S, MER34048.4B, USP1428008

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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  
 Serious Eye Damage/Eye Irritation Category 2

#### Environmental hazards

Chronic aquatic toxicity Category 3

### Label Elements

**Signal Word****Warning****Hazard Statements**

H302 - Harmful if swallowed

H319 - Causes serious eye irritation

H412 - Harmful to aquatic life with long lasting effects

**Precautionary Statements****Prevention**

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

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

**Response**

P301 + P312 - IF SWALLOWED: Call a POISON CENTER or doctor if you feel unwell

P330 - Rinse mouth

**Storage**

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**

This product does not contain any known or suspected endocrine disruptors

## Section 3 - Composition and Information on Ingredients

Component	CAS No	Weight %
Methylene blue	61-73-4	>95

## Section 4 - First Aid Measures

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

If symptoms persist, call a physician.

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Remove to fresh air. Get medical attention. If not breathing, give artificial respiration.

**Eye Contact**

Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids, for at least 15 minutes. Get medical attention.

**Skin Contact**

Wash off immediately with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Get medical attention.

**Ingestion**

Clean mouth with water and drink afterwards plenty of water. Get medical attention if symptoms occur.

**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.

**Notes to Physician** 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**

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. Use personal protective equipment as required. Avoid dust formation.

#### **Environmental Precautions**

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

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

Sweep up and shovel into suitable containers for disposal. Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal.

#### **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. Ensure adequate ventilation. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Avoid ingestion and inhalation. Avoid dust formation.

#### **Hygiene Measures**

Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.

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

#### **Storage Conditions**

Keep containers tightly closed in a dry, cool 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

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. 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

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
Nitrile rubber, Neoprene, Natural rubber, 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:

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

No information available.

## Section 9 - Physical and Chemical Properties

### Information on basic physical and chemical properties

#### Physical State

Solid

#### Appearance

Dark green

Odor	No information available	
Odor Threshold	No data available	
pH	3	
Melting Point/Range	190 °C / 374 °F	
Softening Point	No data available	
Boiling Point/Range	No information available	
Flammability (liquid)	Not applicable	Solid
Flammability (solid,gas)	No information available	
Explosion Limits	No data available	
Flash Point	No information available	<b>Method -</b> No information available
Autoignition Temperature	Not applicable	
Decomposition Temperature	No data available	
Viscosity	Not applicable	Solid
Water Solubility	Moderately soluble	
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	
<b><u>Other information</u></b>		
Molecular Formula	C16 H18 Cl N3 S	
Molecular Weight	319.85	
Evaporation Rate	Not applicable - Solid	

## Section 10 - Stability and Reactivity

Reactivity	None known, based on information available
Stability	Stable under normal conditions.
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.
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	Category 4
Dermal	No data available
Inhalation	No data available

Component	LD50 Oral	LD50 Dermal	LC50 Inhalation
Methylene blue	LD50 = 1180 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** Contains no substances known to be hazardous to the environment or that are not degradable in waste water treatment plants.

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

**Persistence and Degradability**

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

<b>Bioaccumulative Potential</b>	Bioaccumulation is unlikely
<b>Mobility</b>	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
<b><u>Other adverse effects</u></b>	
<b>Endocrine Disruptor Information</b>	This product does not contain any known or suspected endocrine disruptors
<b>Persistent Organic Pollutant</b>	This product does not contain any known or suspected substance
<b>Ozone Depletion Potential</b>	This product does not contain any known or suspected substance

## Section 13 - Disposal Considerations

### Waste treatment methods

<b>Waste from Residues/Unused Products</b>	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.
<b>Contaminated Packaging</b>	Dispose of this container to hazardous or special waste collection point.
<b>Other Information</b>	Disposal agencies or waste contractors must comply with the New Zealand Hazardous Substances (Disposal) Regulations . Waste codes should be assigned by the user based on the application for which the product was used. Do not empty into drains.

## Section 14 - Transport Information

<b><u>NZS 5433:2020</u></b>	Not regulated
<b><u>IATA</u></b>	Not regulated
<b><u>IMDG/IMO</u></b>	Not regulated
<b>Environmental hazards</b>	No hazards identified
<b>Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL 73/78 and the IBC Code</b>	Not applicable, packaged goods
<b>Special Precautions</b>	No special precautions required. Please refer to the applicable dangerous goods regulations for additional information.
<b>Additional information</b>	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**

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)
Methylene blue	-	Use restricted. See entry 75. (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
Methylene blue	61-73-4	X	X	200-515-2	-	-	KE-06942	X	X

Component	CAS No	TSCA	TSCA Inventory notification - Active-Inactive	DSL	NDSL	PICCS	ISHL	ENCS
Methylene blue	61-73-4	X	ACTIVE	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

**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



**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)

**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.  
Use of personal protective equipment, covering appropriate selection, compatibility, breakthrough thresholds, care, maintenance, fit and standards.  
First aid for chemical exposure, including the use of eye wash and safety showers.

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