

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

## Section 1 - Identification

**Product Name** Cobalt (II) chloride hexahydrate

**CAS No** 7791-13-1

**Synonyms** Cobalt muriate hexahydrate; Cobaltous chloride hexahydrate

**Product Code** C/6560/48, C/6560/53, C/6560/60, C/6560/65

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**Recommended Use** Laboratory chemicals.

**Uses advised against** This product does not contain any substance(s) on the Illicit Drug Precursors/Reagents list. This product does not contain any substance(s) subject to Prohibition, Authorization or Restriction. This product does not contain any 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

No hazards identified

#### Health hazards

Acute Oral Toxicity	Category 4
Acute Inhalation Toxicity - Dusts and Mists	Category 4
Respiratory Sensitization	Category 1
Skin Sensitization	Category 1
Germ Cell Mutagenicity	Category 2
Carcinogenicity	Category 1B
Reproductive Toxicity	Category 1B

#### Environmental hazards

Acute aquatic toxicity	Category 1
Chronic aquatic toxicity	Category 1

#### Label Elements



Exclamation Mark



Health Hazard



Environment

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

H360 - May damage fertility or the unborn child  
 H317 - May cause an allergic skin reaction  
 H334 - May cause allergy or asthma symptoms or breathing difficulties if inhaled  
 H341 - Suspected of causing genetic defects if inhaled  
 H350 - May cause cancer  
 H410 - Very toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects  
 H302 + H332 - Harmful if swallowed or if inhaled

**Precautionary Statements**

P270 - Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product  
 P271 - Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area  
 P201 - Obtain special instructions before use  
 P202 - Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood  
 P260 - Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray  
 P264 - Wash face, hands and any exposed skin thoroughly after handling  
 P272 - Contaminated work clothing should not be allowed out of the workplace  
 P280 - Wear protective gloves  
 P284 - In case of inadequate ventilation wear respiratory protection  
 P301 + P312 - IF SWALLOWED: Call a POISON CENTER or doctor if you feel unwell  
 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  
 P308 + P313 - IF exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/attention  
 P330 - Rinse mouth  
 P342 + P311 - If experiencing respiratory symptoms: Call a POISON CENTER or doctor  
 P363 - Wash contaminated clothing before reuse  
 P403 - Store in a well-ventilated place  
 P501 - Dispose of contents/ container to an approved waste disposal plant

**Other information**

Toxic to terrestrial vertebrates

## Section 3 - Composition and Information on Ingredients

Component	CAS No	Weight %
Cobalt(II) chloride hexahydrate	7791-13-1	>95
Cobalt(II) chloride	7646-79-9	-

## 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.

<b>Ingestion</b>	Do NOT induce vomiting. Call a physician or poison control center immediately.
<b>Skin Contact</b>	Wash off immediately with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. 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>General Advice</b>	Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance. Immediate medical attention is required.
<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>	None reasonably foreseeable. May cause allergy or asthma symptoms or breathing difficulties if inhaled. May cause allergic skin reaction. 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>	May cause sensitization of susceptible persons. Use of epinephrine may be indicated.

## 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.

### Hazardous Decomposition Products

Cobalt oxides, Hydrogen chloride gas.

### Decomposition Temperature

400 °C

### Specific Hazards Arising from the Chemical

Non-combustible, substance itself does not burn but may decompose upon heating to produce corrosive and/or toxic fumes. 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

Use personal protective equipment as required. Avoid dust formation. Ensure adequate ventilation. 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. Should not be released into the environment.

### Methods for Containment and Clean Up

**Clean-up methods - small spillage**

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

**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. Avoid dust formation. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. 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 containers tightly closed in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place.

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

## Section 8 - Exposure Controls and Personal Protection

**Exposure limits**

**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
Cobalt(II) chloride hexahydrate			TWA: 0.02 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	STEL: 0.3 mg/m <sup>3</sup> 15 min TWA: 0.1 mg/m <sup>3</sup> 8 hr Resp. Sens.	Haut
Cobalt(II) chloride			TWA: 0.02 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Capable of causing cancer and/or heritable genetic damage TWA: 0.1 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (As Co) STEL: 0.3 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (As Co)	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 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

**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
Natural rubber	See manufacturers	-	AS/NZS 2161	(minimum requirement)
Nitrile rubber	recommendations			
Neoprene				
PVC				

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**

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.

## Section 9 - Physical and Chemical Properties

**Information on basic physical and chemical properties**

<b>Appearance</b>	Reddish violet	
<b>Physical State</b>	Solid Crystalline	
<b>Odor</b>	Odorless	
<b>Odor Threshold</b>	No data available	
<b>pH</b>	4.6	50 g/l aq.sol
<b>Melting Point/Range</b>	86 °C / 186.8 °F	
<b>Softening Point</b>	No data available	
<b>Boiling Point/Range</b>	No information available	
<b>Flash Point</b>	No information available	<b>Method -</b> No information available
<b>Evaporation Rate</b>	Not applicable	Solid
<b>Flammability (solid,gas)</b>	No information available	
<b>Explosion Limits</b>	No data available	
<b>Vapor Pressure</b>	negligible	
<b>Vapor Density</b>	Not applicable	Solid
<b>Specific Gravity / Density</b>	No data available	
<b>Bulk Density</b>	1.92 g/cm <sup>3</sup>	
<b>Water Solubility</b>	970 g/L (20°C)	
<b>Solubility in other solvents</b>	No information available	
<b>Partition Coefficient (n-octanol/water)</b>		
<b>Component</b>	<b>log Pow</b>	
Cobalt(II) chloride	0.85	
<b>Autoignition Temperature</b>	No data available	
<b>Decomposition Temperature</b>	400 °C	
<b>Viscosity</b>	Not applicable	Solid
<b>Explosive Properties</b>	No information available	

**Oxidizing Properties** No information available

**Other information**

**Molecular Formula** Cl<sub>2</sub> Co . 6 H<sub>2</sub> O  
**Molecular Weight** 237.93

## Section 10 - Stability and Reactivity

**Reactivity** None known, based on information available

**Stability** Stable under normal conditions.

**Conditions to Avoid** Avoid dust formation, Incompatible products, Exposure to moisture, Excess heat.

**Incompatible Materials** Strong oxidizing agents, Metals.

**Hazardous Decomposition Products** Cobalt oxides. Hydrogen chloride gas.

**Hazardous Polymerization** No information available.

## Section 11 - Toxicological Information

### Information on Toxicological Effects

#### Product Information

**(a) acute toxicity;**

**Oral** Category 4  
**Dermal** Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met  
**Inhalation** Category 4

Component	LD50 Oral	LD50 Dermal	LC50 Inhalation
Cobalt(II) chloride hexahydrate	766 mg/kg ( Rat )		
Cobalt(II) chloride	586 mg/kg ( Rat )		

**(b) skin corrosion/irritation;** No data available

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

**(d) respiratory or skin sensitization;**

**Respiratory** Category 1  
**Skin** Category 1

**Sensitization** May cause sensitization by skin contact

**(e) germ cell mutagenicity;** Category 2

Mutagenic effects have occurred in humans; Possible risk of irreversible effects

**(f) carcinogenicity;**

Category 1B

The table below indicates whether each agency has listed any ingredient as a carcinogen

Component	Australia	New Zealand	New South Wales	Western Australia	IARC	EU	UK	Germany
Cobalt(II) chloride hexahydrate					Group 2B			

Cobalt(II) chloride					Group 2B	Carc Cat. 1B		
<b>(g) reproductive toxicity; Reproductive Effects</b>	Category 1B Experiments have shown reproductive toxicity effects on laboratory animals May impair fertility							
<b>Developmental Effects Teratogenicity</b>	Developmental effects have occurred in experimental animals Teratogenic effects have occurred in experimental animals.							
<b>(h) STOT-single exposure;</b>	No data available							
<b>(i) STOT-repeated exposure;</b>	No data available							
<b>Target Organs</b>	No information available.							
<b>(j) aspiration hazard;</b>	Not applicable Solid							
<b>Other Adverse Effects</b>	Tumorigenic effects have been reported in experimental animals.							
<b>Symptoms / effects,both acute and delayed</b>	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

<b>Ecotoxicity effects</b>		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. May cause long-term adverse effects in the environment. Do not allow material to contaminate ground water system.		
<b>Component</b>	<b>Freshwater Fish</b>	<b>Water Flea</b>	<b>Freshwater Algae</b>	<b>Microtox</b>
Cobalt(II) chloride hexahydrate				= 16 mg/L EC50 Photobacterium phosphoreum 15 min as Co++ = 160 mg/L EC50 Photobacterium phosphoreum 5 min as Co++ = 2.8 mg/L EC50 Photobacterium phosphoreum 30 min as Co++
Cobalt(II) chloride	Cyprinus carpio: LC50=0.33 mg/L 96h	1.1-1.6 mg/L 48h		
<b>Persistence and Degradability</b>		Product contains heavy metals. Discharge into the environment must be avoided. Special pre-treatment is necessary		
<b>Persistence</b>		based on information available, May persist.		
<b>Degradability</b>		Not relevant for inorganic substances.		
<b>Degradation in sewage treatment plant</b>		Contains substances known to be hazardous to the environment or not degradable in waste water treatment plants.		
<b>Bioaccumulative Potential</b>		May have some potential to bioaccumulate		
<b>Component</b>	<b>log Pow</b>		<b>Bioconcentration factor (BCF)</b>	
Cobalt(II) chloride	0.85		No data available	
<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>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

<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>	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

<b>UN-No</b>	UN3077
<b>Proper Shipping Name</b>	Environmentally hazardous substances, solid, n.o.s.
<b>Technical Shipping Name</b>	Cobalt (II) chloride
<b>Hazard Class</b>	9
<b>Packing Group</b>	III

### ADG

<b>UN-No</b>	UN3077
<b>Proper Shipping Name</b>	Environmentally hazardous substances, solid, n.o.s.
<b>Technical Shipping Name</b>	Cobalt (II) chloride
<b>Hazard Class</b>	9
<b>Packing Group</b>	III

### IATA

<b>UN-No</b>	UN3077
<b>Proper Shipping Name</b>	Environmentally hazardous substances, solid, n.o.s.
<b>Technical Shipping Name</b>	Cobalt (II) chloride
<b>Hazard Class</b>	9
<b>Packing Group</b>	III

<b>Environmental hazards</b>	Dangerous for the environment Product is a marine pollutant according to the criteria set by IMDG/IMO
<b>Special Precautions</b>	No special precautions required
<b>Additional information</b>	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**

No poison schedule number allocated.



## Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme (AICIS)

Component	Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme (AICIS)	Additional information
Cobalt(II) chloride hexahydrate - 7791-13-1	Present	-
Cobalt(II) chloride - 7646-79-9	Present	-

## Australian - Illicit Drug Precursors/Reagents Substance List

This product does not contain any substance(s) on the Illicit Drug Precursors/Reagents list.

## Chemicals of Security Concern

This product does not contain any substance(s) listed on the voluntary National Code of Practice for Chemicals of Security Concern

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	NDSL	PICCS	ENCS	ISHL	IECSC	KECL
Cobalt(II) chloride hexahydrate	X	X	-	-	-	-	-	X	-		X	-
Cobalt(II) chloride	X	X	231-589-4	-	X	X	-	X	X	X	X	KE-06095

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

## Basel convention on the control of transboundary movements of hazardous wastes and their disposal

Not applicable.

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
Cobalt(II) chloride hexahydrate	7791-13-1	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
Cobalt(II) chloride	7646-79-9	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)
Cobalt(II) chloride	-	Use restricted. See item 28. (see link for restriction details) Use restricted. See item 30. (see link for restriction details) Use restricted. See item 75. (see link for restriction details)	SVHC Candidate list - 231-589-4 - Carcinogenic, Article 57a; Toxic for reproduction, Article 57c

After the sunset date the use of this substance requires either an authorization or can only be used for exempted uses, e.g. use in scientific research and development which includes routine analytics or use as intermediate.

<https://echa.europa.eu/authorisation-list>

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

<https://echa.europa.eu/candidate-list-table>

## 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

**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.

**Revision Date**

18-Nov-2022

**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).**

**Disclaimer**

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