

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

## Section 1 - Identification

**Product Name** Cobalt foil

**CAS No** 7440-48-4

**Product Code** 11455

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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

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**Physical hazards**  
No hazards identified

### **Health hazards**

Acute Oral Toxicity	Category 4
Respiratory Sensitization	Category 1 Sub-category 1B
Skin Sensitization	Category 1
Germ Cell Mutagenicity	Category 2
Carcinogenicity	Category 1B
Reproductive Toxicity	Category 1B

### **Environmental hazards**

Chronic aquatic toxicity	Category 3
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### **Label Elements**



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Health Hazard

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

H302 - Harmful if swallowed  
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  
H360 - May damage fertility or the unborn child  
H412 - Harmful to aquatic life with long lasting effects

**Precautionary Statements**

P201 - Obtain special instructions before use  
P202 - Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood  
P261 - Avoid breathing dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray  
P264 - Wash face, hands and any exposed skin thoroughly after handling  
P270 - Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product  
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  
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  
P304 + P340 - IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing  
P403 - Store in a well-ventilated place  
P501 - Dispose of contents/ container to an approved waste disposal plant

**Other information**

No information available

## Section 3 - Composition and Information on Ingredients

Component	CAS No	Weight %
Cobalt, massive	7440-48-4	<=100

## Section 4 - First Aid Measures

**Inhalation**

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

**Ingestion**

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

**Skin Contact**

Wash off immediately with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. If skin irritation persists,

	call a physician.
<b>Eye Contact</b>	Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids, for at least 15 minutes. Get medical attention.
<b>General Advice</b>	If symptoms persist, call a physician.
<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>	Treat symptomatically.

## Section 5 - Fire Fighting Measures

**Suitable Extinguishing Media**  
approved class D extinguishers.

**Extinguishing media which must not be used for safety reasons**  
Water may be ineffective.

**Hazardous Decomposition Products**  
Cobalt oxides.

**Specific Hazards Arising from the Chemical**  
Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating gases and vapors.

**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

**Emergency procedures**  
Ensure adequate ventilation. Use personal protective equipment as required. Avoid dust formation. No special precautions required.

**Environmental Precautions**  
Should not be released into the environment. Do not flush into surface water or sanitary sewer system. Do not allow material to contaminate ground water system.

### Methods for Containment and Clean Up

**Clean-up methods - small spillage**  
Sweep up and shovel into suitable containers for disposal. Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal. Pick up and transfer to properly labelled containers.

**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**

Ensure adequate ventilation. Wear personal protective equipment/face protection. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Avoid ingestion and inhalation. Avoid dust formation.

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

Keep in a dry place. Keep away from acids.

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
Cobalt, massive	TWA: 0.05 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	TWA: 0.02 mg/m <sup>3</sup> Skin	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

**Biological limit values**

**NZ** - Substances assigned Biological Exposure Indices in the New Zealand Workplace Exposure Standards and Biological Exposure Indices (6th edition). New Zealand Department of Labor

Component	Australia	New Zealand	European Union	United Kingdom	Germany
Cobalt, massive		15 µg/L (urine) end of shift at end of work week (Cobalt)			

**Exposure Controls****Engineering Measures**

Ensure that eyewash stations and safety showers are close to the workstation location. Ensure adequate ventilation, especially in confined areas. None under normal use conditions.

**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**

No special protective equipment required

Glove material	Breakthrough time	Glove thickness	AUS/NZ Standard	Glove comments
Disposable gloves	See manufacturers recommendations	-	AS/NZS 2161	(minimum requirement)

**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 (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.

## Section 9 - Physical and Chemical Properties

### Information on basic physical and chemical properties

<b>Appearance</b>	Grey	
<b>Physical State</b>	Solid	
<b>Odor</b>	Odorless	
<b>Odor Threshold</b>	No data available	
<b>pH</b>	No information available	4444
<b>Melting Point/Range</b>	1495 °C / 2723 °F	
<b>Softening Point</b>	No data available	
<b>Boiling Point/Range</b>	2870 °C / 5198 °F	
<b>Flash Point</b>	Not applicable	<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>	No information available	
<b>Vapor Density</b>	Not applicable	Solid
<b>Specific Gravity / Density</b>	8.92	
<b>Bulk Density</b>	No data available	
<b>Water Solubility</b>	Insoluble	
<b>Solubility in other solvents</b>	No information available	
<b>Partition Coefficient (n-octanol/water)</b>		
<b>Component</b>	<b>log Pow</b>	
Cobalt, massive	5	
<b>Autoignition Temperature</b>	No data available	
<b>Decomposition Temperature</b>	No data available	
<b>Viscosity</b>	Not applicable	Solid
<b>Explosive Properties</b>	No information available	
<b>Oxidizing Properties</b>	No information available	
<b>Other information</b>		
<b>Molecular Formula</b>	Co	
<b>Molecular Weight</b>	58.9332	

## Section 10 - Stability and Reactivity

<b>Reactivity</b>	None known, based on information available
<b>Stability</b>	Stable under normal conditions.
<b>Conditions to Avoid</b>	Heat, flames and sparks.
<b>Incompatible Materials</b>	None known.
<b>Hazardous Decomposition Products</b>	Cobalt oxides.
<b>Hazardous Polymerization</b>	No information available.

## Section 11 - Toxicological Information

### Information on Toxicological Effects

#### Product Information

##### (a) acute toxicity;

Oral	Category 4
Dermal	No data available
Inhalation	No data available

Component	LD50 Oral	LD50 Dermal	LC50 Inhalation
Cobalt, massive	6171 mg/kg (Rat) 550 mg/kg (Rat)		LC50 < 0.05 mg/L ( Rat ) 4 h

(b) skin corrosion/irritation; No data available

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

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

Respiratory	Sub Category 1B
Skin	Category 1
Sensitization	No information available

(e) germ cell mutagenicity; Category 2

(f) carcinogenicity; No data available

This product contains one or more substances which are classified by IARC as carcinogenic to humans (Group I), probably carcinogenic to humans (Group 2A) or possibly carcinogenic to humans (Group 2B) 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, massive		Suspected carcinogen			Group 2A	Carc Cat. 1B		Cat. 2

(g) reproductive toxicity;  
Reproductive Effects Category 1B  
Product is or contains a chemical which is a known or suspected reproductive hazard

(h) STOT-single exposure; No data available

(i) STOT-repeated exposure; No data available

Target Organs None known.

(j) aspiration hazard; Not applicable  
Solid

Symptoms / effects, both acute and delayed 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

Ecotoxicity effects May cause long-term adverse effects in the environment. Do not allow material to

contaminate ground water system. Harmful 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
Cobalt, massive	LC50: > 100 mg/L, 96h static (Brachydanio rerio)			

<b>Persistence and Degradability</b>	Product contains heavy metals. Discharge into the environment must be avoided. Special pre-treatment is necessary
<b>Persistence</b>	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>	Product has a high potential to bioconcentrate

Component	log Pow	Bioconcentration factor (BCF)
Cobalt, massive	5	No data available

<b>Mobility</b>	Spillage unlikely to penetrate soil. Is not likely mobile in the environment due its low water solubility Is not likely mobile in the environment due its low water solubility and propensity to bind to soil particles
<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. 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 flush to sewer. Do not let this chemical enter the environment.

## Section 14 - Transport Information

IMDG/IMO Not regulated

ADG Not regulated

IATA Not regulated

**Environmental hazards** No hazards identified

**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
Cobalt, massive - 7440-48-4	Schedule 4 listed - for human therapeutic use except as Dicobalt edentate in preparations for the treatment of Cyanide poisoning

**Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme (AICIS)**

Component	Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme (AICIS)	Additional information
Cobalt, massive - 7440-48-4	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**

Subject to reporting requirements

Component	National pollutant inventory
Cobalt, massive - 7440-48-4	10 tonne/yr. Threshold category 1

**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.

Component	Australia	New South Wales	Western Australia	New Zealand
Cobalt, massive - 7440-48-4				Suspected carcinogen

**International Inventories**

Component	AICS	NZIoC	EINECS	ELINCS	TSCA	DSL	NDSL	PICCS	ENCS	ISHL	IECSC	KECL
Cobalt, massive	X	X	231-158-0	-	X	X	-	X	X		X	KE-06060

**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, massive	7440-48-4	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, massive	-	Use restricted. See item 30. (see link for restriction details) Use restricted. See item 28. (see link for restriction details) 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

**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 hazard awareness training, incorporating labelling, Safety Data Sheets (SDS), Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and hygiene.

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