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## SECTION 1: IDENTIFICATION OF THE SUBSTANCE/MIXTURE AND OF THE COMPANY/UNDERTAKING

### 1.1. Product identifier

Product Description:	<u>Gold(I) cyanide</u>
Cat No. :	<b>32031</b>
Index No	006-007-00-5
CAS No	506-65-0
Molecular Formula	Au C N
REACH registration number	-

### 1.2. Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against

Recommended Use	Laboratory chemicals.
Uses advised against	No Information available

### 1.3. Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

Company	Avocado Research Chemicals Ltd. (Part of Thermo Fisher Scientific) Shore Road, Heysham Lancashire, LA3 2XY, United Kingdom Office Tel: +44 (0) 1524 850506 Office Fax: +44 (0) 1524 850608
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E-mail address	begel.sdsdesk@thermofisher.com
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### 1.4. Emergency telephone number

For information **US** call: 001-800-227-6701 / **Europe** call: +32 14 57 52 11  
Emergency Number **US**:001-201-796-7100 / **Europe**: +32 14 57 52 99  
**CHEMTREC** Tel. No. **US**:001-800-424-9300 / **Europe**:001-703-527-3887

## SECTION 2: HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

### 2.1. Classification of the substance or mixture

#### CLP Classification - According to GB-CLP Regulations UK SI 2019/720 and UK SI 2020/1567

#### Physical hazards

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

#### Health hazards

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Acute oral toxicity  
Acute dermal toxicity  
Acute Inhalation Toxicity - Dusts and Mists

Category 2 (H300)  
Category 1 (H310)  
Category 2 (H330)

## **Environmental hazards**

Acute aquatic toxicity  
Chronic aquatic toxicity

Category 1 (H400)  
Category 1 (H410)

Full text of Hazard Statements: see section 16

## **2.2. Label elements**



Signal Word

**Danger**

## **Hazard Statements**

H410 - Very toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects  
H300 + H310 + H330 - Fatal if swallowed, in contact with skin or if inhaled  
EUH032 - Contact with acids liberates very toxic gas

## **Precautionary Statements**

P301 + P310 - IF SWALLOWED: Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician  
P280 - Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection  
P361 - Remove/Take off immediately all contaminated clothing  
P302 + P350 - IF ON SKIN: Gently wash with plenty of soap and water  
P304 + P340 - IF INHALED: Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing  
P273 - Avoid release to the environment

## **2.3. Other hazards**

This product does not contain any known or suspected endocrine disruptors

## **SECTION 3: COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS**

### **3.1. Substances**

Component	CAS No	EC No	Weight %	CLP Classification - According to GB-CLP Regulations UK SI 2019/720 and UK SI 2020/1567
Gold cyanide (Au(CN))	506-65-0	EEC No. 208-049-1	100	Acute Tox. 2 (H300) Acute Tox. 1 (H310) Acute Tox. 2 (H330) (EUH032) Aquatic Acute 1 (H400) Aquatic Chronic 1 (H410)

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## SECTION 4: FIRST AID MEASURES

### 4.1. Description of first aid measures

<b>Eye Contact</b>	Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids, for at least 15 minutes. Immediate medical attention is required.
<b>Skin Contact</b>	Wash off immediately with soap and plenty of water while removing all contaminated clothes and shoes. Immediate medical attention is required.
<b>Ingestion</b>	Do NOT induce vomiting. Call a physician or poison control center immediately.
<b>Inhalation</b>	Remove to fresh air. 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. If not breathing, give artificial respiration.
<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.

### 4.2. Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed

No information available.

### 4.3. Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

**Notes to Physician** Treat symptomatically.

## SECTION 5: FIREFIGHTING MEASURES

### 5.1. Extinguishing media

#### **Suitable Extinguishing Media**

Substance is nonflammable; use agent most appropriate to extinguish surrounding fire.

#### **Extinguishing media which must not be used for safety reasons**

No information available.

### 5.2. Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture

Very toxic. Non-combustible, substance itself does not burn but may decompose upon heating to produce corrosive and/or toxic fumes. Keep product and empty container away from heat and sources of ignition. Do not allow run-off from fire-fighting to enter drains or water courses.

#### **Hazardous Combustion Products**

Nitrogen oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>), Hydrogen cyanide (hydrocyanic acid).

### 5.3. Advice for firefighters

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

### 6.1. Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

Wear self-contained breathing apparatus and protective suit. Evacuate personnel to safe areas. Ensure adequate ventilation. Avoid dust formation. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing.

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## 6.2. 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.

## 6.3. Methods and material for containment and cleaning up

Wear self-contained breathing apparatus and protective suit. Sweep up and shovel into suitable containers for disposal. Avoid dust formation.

## 6.4. Reference to other sections

Refer to protective measures listed in Sections 8 and 13.

## SECTION 7: HANDLING AND STORAGE

### 7.1. Precautions for safe handling

Use only under a chemical fume hood. Wear personal protective equipment/face protection. Do not breathe (dust, vapor, mist, gas). Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. 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.

### 7.2. Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Keep in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed. Keep under nitrogen.

**Technical Rules for Hazardous Substances (TRGS) 510**      Class 6.1B  
**Storage Class (LGK) (Germany)**

### 7.3. Specific end use(s)

Use in laboratories

## SECTION 8: EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

### 8.1. Control parameters

#### **Exposure limits**

List source(s): **UK** - EH40/2005 Work Exposure Limits, Fourth edition. Published 2020.

Component	The United Kingdom	European Union	Ireland
Gold cyanide (Au(CN))	STEL: 15 mg/m <sup>3</sup> 15 min TWA: 5 mg/m <sup>3</sup> 8 hr Skin		

#### **Biological limit values**

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

#### **Derived No Effect Level (DNEL) / Derived Minimum Effect Level (DMEL)**

No information available

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## Predicted No Effect Concentration (PNEC)

No information available.

## 8.2. 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 (European standard - EN 166)

#### Hand Protection

Protective gloves

Glove material	Breakthrough time	Glove thickness	EU standard	Glove comments
Natural rubber	See manufacturers	-	EN 374	(minimum requirement)
Nitrile rubber	recommendations			
Neoprene				
PVC				

#### Skin and body protection

Wear appropriate protective gloves and clothing to prevent skin exposure.

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.

#### Respiratory Protection

When workers are facing concentrations above the exposure limit they must use appropriate certified respirators.

To protect the wearer, respiratory protective equipment must be the correct fit and be used and maintained properly

#### Large scale/emergency use

Use a NIOSH/MSHA or European Standard EN 136 approved respirator if exposure limits are exceeded or if irritation or other symptoms are experienced

**Recommended Filter type:** Particulates filter conforming to EN 143

#### Small scale/Laboratory use

Use a NIOSH/MSHA or European Standard EN 149:2001 approved respirator if exposure limits are exceeded or if irritation or other symptoms are experienced.

**Recommended half mask:-** Particle filtering: EN149:2001

When RPE is used a face piece Fit Test should be conducted

#### 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

### 9.1. Information on basic physical and chemical properties

#### Physical State

Powder Solid

#### Appearance

Yellow

#### Odor

Odorless

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Odor Threshold	No data available	
Melting Point/Range	No data available	
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	Method - No information available
Autoignition Temperature	No data available	
Decomposition Temperature	No data available	
pH	No information available	
Viscosity	Not applicable	Solid
Water Solubility	negligible	
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	

## 9.2. Other information

Molecular Formula	Au C N
Molecular Weight	222.98
Evaporation Rate	Not applicable - Solid

## SECTION 10: STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

### 10.1. Reactivity

None known, based on information available

### 10.2. Chemical stability

Moisture sensitive.

### 10.3. Possibility of hazardous reactions

Hazardous Polymerization	Hazardous polymerization does not occur.
Hazardous Reactions	Contact with acids liberates very toxic gas.

### 10.4. Conditions to avoid

Avoid dust formation. Incompatible products. Excess heat. Exposure to moist air or water.

### 10.5. Incompatible materials

Acids. Strong oxidizing agents.

### 10.6. Hazardous decomposition products

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

## SECTION 11: TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### 11.1. Information on hazard classes as defined in Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008

#### Product Information

(a) acute toxicity;	
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Dermal	Category 1

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Inhalation	Category 2
(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
Other Adverse Effects	The toxicological properties have not been fully investigated.
Symptoms / effects, both acute and delayed	No information available.

## 11.2. Information on other hazards

Endocrine Disrupting Properties	Assess endocrine disrupting properties for human health. This product does not contain any known or suspected endocrine disruptors.
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## SECTION 12: ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### 12.1. Toxicity

#### 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.

### 12.2. Persistence and degradability

#### Persistence Degradability Degradation in sewage treatment plant

Soluble in water, Persistence is unlikely, based on information available.  
Not relevant for inorganic substances.  
Contains substances known to be hazardous to the environment or not degradable in waste water treatment plants.

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<b>12.3. Bioaccumulative potential</b>	Bioaccumulation is unlikely
<b>12.4. Mobility in soil</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>12.5. Results of PBT and vPvB assessment</b>	No data available for assessment.
<b>12.6. Endocrine disrupting properties</b> Endocrine Disruptor Information	
<b>12.7. Other adverse effects</b> Persistent Organic Pollutant Ozone Depletion Potential	This product does not contain any known or suspected substance This product does not contain any known or suspected substance

## SECTION 13: DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

### 13.1. Waste treatment methods

<b>Waste from Residues/Unused Products</b>	Should not be released into the environment. Waste is classified as hazardous. Dispose of in accordance with the European Directives on waste and hazardous waste. Dispose of in accordance with local regulations.
<b>Contaminated Packaging</b>	Dispose of this container to hazardous or special waste collection point.
<b>European Waste Catalogue (EWC)</b>	According to the European Waste Catalog, Waste Codes are not product specific, but application specific.
<b>Other Information</b>	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>14.1. UN number</b>	UN1588
<b>14.2. UN proper shipping name</b> Technical Shipping Name	Cyanides, inorganic, solid, n.o.s. Gold(I) cyanide
<b>14.3. Transport hazard class(es)</b>	6.1
<b>14.4. Packing group</b>	II

### ADR

<b>14.1. UN number</b>	UN1588
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<b>14.3. Transport hazard class(es)</b>	6.1
<b>14.4. Packing group</b>	II

### IATA

<b>14.1. UN number</b>	UN1588
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<b>14.2. UN proper shipping name</b>	CYANIDES, INORGANIC, SOLID, N.O.S.*
<b>Technical Shipping Name</b>	Gold(I) cyanide
<b>14.3. Transport hazard class(es)</b>	6.1
<b>14.4. Packing group</b>	II
<b>14.5. Environmental hazards</b>	Dangerous for the environment Product is a marine pollutant according to the criteria set by IMDG/IMO
<b>14.6. Special precautions for user</b>	No special precautions required.
<b>14.7. Maritime transport in bulk according to IMO instruments</b>	Not applicable, packaged goods

## SECTION 15: REGULATORY INFORMATION

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

#### International Inventories

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

Component	CAS No	EINECS	ELINCS	NLP	IECSC	TCSI	KECL	ENCS	ISHL
Gold cyanide (Au(CN))	506-65-0	208-049-1	-	-	-	X	KE-18088	X	X

Component	CAS No	TSCA	TSCA Inventory notification - Active-Inactive	DSL	NDSL	AICS	NZIoC	PICCS
Gold cyanide (Au(CN))	506-65-0	X	ACTIVE	X	-	-	-	X

**Legend:** X - Listed '-' - Not Listed

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

### Authorisation/Restrictions according to EU REACH

Component	CAS No	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)
Gold cyanide (Au(CN))	506-65-0	-	Use restricted. See item 75. (see link for restriction details)	-

#### REACH links

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

### Seveso III Directive (2012/18/EC)

Component	CAS No	Seveso III Directive (2012/18/EC) - Qualifying Quantities for Major Accident Notification	Seveso III Directive (2012/18/EC) - Qualifying Quantities for Safety Report Requirements
Gold cyanide (Au(CN))	506-65-0	Not applicable	Not applicable

### Regulation (EC) No 649/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 4 July 2012 concerning the export and import of dangerous chemicals

Not applicable

### Contains component(s) that meet a 'definition' of per & poly fluoroalkyl substance (PFAS)?

Not applicable

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Take note of Directive 98/24/EC on the protection of the health and safety of workers from the risks related to chemical agents at work .

## National Regulations

**UK** - Take note of Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations (COSHH) 2002 and 2005 Amendment

**WGK Classification** Water endangering class = 3 (self classification)

## 15.2. Chemical safety assessment

A Chemical Safety Assessment/Report (CSA/CSR) has not been conducted

## SECTION 16: OTHER INFORMATION

### Full text of H-Statements referred to under sections 2 and 3

H300 - Fatal if swallowed  
H310 - Fatal in contact with skin  
H330 - Fatal if inhaled  
H400 - Very toxic to aquatic life  
H410 - Very toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects  
EUH032 - Contact with acids liberates very toxic gas

### Legend

**CAS** - Chemical Abstracts Service

**EINECS/ELINCS** - European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances/EU List of Notified Chemical Substances

**PICCS** - Philippines Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances

**IECSC** - Chinese Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances

**KECL** - Korean Existing and Evaluated Chemical Substances

**TSCA** - United States Toxic Substances Control Act Section 8(b) Inventory

**DSL/NDSL** - Canadian Domestic Substances List/Non-Domestic Substances List

**ENCS** - Japanese Existing and New Chemical Substances

**AICS** - Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances

**NZIoC** - New Zealand Inventory of Chemicals

**WEL** - Workplace Exposure Limit

**ACGIH** - American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists

**DNEL** - Derived No Effect Level

**RPE** - Respiratory Protective Equipment

**LC50** - Lethal Concentration 50%

**NOEC** - No Observed Effect Concentration

**PBT** - Persistent, Bioaccumulative, Toxic

**TWA** - Time Weighted Average

**IARC** - International Agency for Research on Cancer  
Predicted No Effect Concentration (PNEC)

**LD50** - Lethal Dose 50%

**EC50** - Effective Concentration 50%

**POW** - Partition coefficient Octanol:Water

**vPvB** - very Persistent, very Bioaccumulative

**ADR** - European Agreement Concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road

**IMO/IMDG** - International Maritime Organization/International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code

**OECD** - Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development

**BCF** - Bioconcentration factor

### Key literature references and sources for data

<https://echa.europa.eu/information-on-chemicals>

Suppliers safety data sheet, Chemadvisor - LOLI, Merck index, RTECS

**ICAO/IATA** - International Civil Aviation Organization/International Air Transport Association

**MARPOL** - International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships

**ATE** - Acute Toxicity Estimate

**VOC** - (Volatile Organic Compound)

## 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.

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First aid for chemical exposure, including the use of eye wash and safety showers.  
Chemical incident response training.

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<b>Revision Summary</b>	New emergency telephone response service provider.

**This safety data sheet complies with Regulation UK SI 2019/758 and UK SI 2020/1577 as amended.**

## Disclaimer

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