

Occupational Safety and Health (Classification, Labelling and Safety Data Sheet of Hazardous Chemicals) Regulations 2013

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

Perihal Produk: **Potassium thiocyanate**
 Product Description: **Potassium thiocyanate**
 Cat No. : A13731
 Synonyms Potassium rhodanide
 CAS No 333-20-0
 Molecular Formula C K N S

Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against

Recommended Use Laboratory chemicals.
 Uses advised against No Information available

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SECTION 2: HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION
Classification of the substance or mixture

Acute oral toxicity	Category 4 (H302)
Acute dermal toxicity	Category 4 (H312)
Acute Inhalation Toxicity - Dusts and Mists	Category 4 (H332)
Chronic aquatic toxicity	Category 3 (H412)

Label Elements


Signal Word

Warning

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Hazard Statements

H412 - Harmful to aquatic life with long lasting effects

H302 + H312 + H332 - Harmful if swallowed, in contact with skin or if inhaled

Precautionary Statements

Prevention

P261 - Avoid breathing dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray

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

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

P271 - Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area

P280 - Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection

Response

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

P312 - Call a POISON CENTER or doctor if you feel unwell

P330 - Rinse mouth

P362 + P364 - Take off contaminated clothing and wash it before reuse

Storage

P403 - Store in a well-ventilated place

Disposal

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

Other Hazards

EUH032 - Contact with acids liberates very toxic gas

Toxic to terrestrial vertebrates

This product does not contain any known or suspected endocrine disruptors

SECTION 3: COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Component	CAS No	Weight %
Potassium thiocyanate	333-20-0	>95

SECTION 4: FIRST AID MEASURES

Description of first aid measures

Eye Contact

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

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.

Inhalation

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.

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.

Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed

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. Metabolism may release cyanide, which may result in headache, dizziness, weakness, collapse, unconsciousness, and possible death. May cause cyanosis (bluish discoloration of skin due to deficient oxygenation of the blood).

Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

Notes to Physician Treat symptomatically.

SECTION 5: FIREFIGHTING MEASURES

Extinguishing media

Suitable Extinguishing Media

Use extinguishing measures that are appropriate to local circumstances and the surrounding environment.

Extinguishing media which must not be used for safety reasons

No information available.

Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture

Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating gases and vapors.

Hazardous Combustion Products

Nitrogen oxides (NOx), Sulfur oxides, Potassium oxides.

Advice 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

Personal Precautions, Protective Equipment and Emergency Procedures

Ensure adequate ventilation. Use personal protective equipment as required. Avoid dust formation. Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Keep people away from and upwind of spill/leak.

Environmental precautions

Do not flush into surface water or sanitary sewer system. Avoid release to the environment. Collect spillage. See Section 12 for additional Ecological Information.

Methods and Material for Containment and Cleaning Up

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

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. Ensure adequate ventilation. 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 containers tightly closed in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place. Keep away from acids.

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Specific End Uses

Use in laboratories.

SECTION 8: EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

Control Parameters

Component	Malaysia	ACGIH TLV	OSHA PEL
Potassium thiocyanate			(Vacated) TWA: 5 mg/m ³

Component	European Union	The United Kingdom	Germany
Potassium thiocyanate		STEL: 15 mg/m ³ 15 min TWA: 5 mg/m ³ 8 hr Skin	TWA: 2 mg/m ³ (8 Stunden). MAK Höhepunkt: 2 mg/m ³ Haut

Exposure Controls

Engineering Measures

Ensure that eyewash stations and safety showers are close to the workstation location. 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

Personal protective equipment

Eye Protection

Wear safety glasses with side shields (or goggles)

Hand Protection

Protective gloves

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 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.

Respiratory Protection

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

Recommended Filter type:

Particulates filter conforming to EN 143

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

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

Appearance

Colorless - White

Physical State

Crystalline Solid

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Odor	Odorless	
Odor Threshold	No data available	
pH	5.3-8.7	5% aq.solution
Melting Point/Range	170 - 179 °C / 338 - 354.2 °F	
Softening Point	No data available	
Boiling Point/Range	Decomposes	
Flash Point	No information available	Method - No information available
Evaporation Rate	Not applicable	Solid
Flammability (solid,gas)	No information available	
Explosion Limits	No data available	
Vapor Pressure	<1 hPa @ 20 °C	
Vapor Density	Not applicable	Solid
Specific Gravity / Density	1.886	
Bulk Density	750 - 1000 kg/m ³	
Water Solubility	2170 g/L (20°C)	
Solubility in other solvents	No information available	
Partition Coefficient (n-octanol/water)		
Autoignition Temperature	No data available	
Decomposition Temperature	500 °C	
Viscosity	Not applicable	Solid
Explosive Properties	No information available	
Oxidizing Properties	Not oxidising	
Molecular Formula	C K N S	
Molecular Weight	97.18	

SECTION 10: STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Reactivity

Yes.

Chemical Stability

Light sensitive. Moisture sensitive. Air sensitive.

Possibility of Hazardous Reactions

Hazardous Polymerization Hazardous Reactions

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

Conditions to Avoid

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

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Incompatible Materials

Strong oxidizing agents. Acids. Strong bases.

Hazardous Decomposition Products

Nitrogen oxides (NOx). Sulfur oxides. Potassium oxides.

SECTION 11: TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Information on Toxicological Effects

Product Information

(a) acute toxicity;

Oral	Category 4
Dermal	Category 4
Inhalation	Category 4

Component	LD50 Oral	LD50 Dermal	LC50 Inhalation
Potassium thiocyanate	LD50 = 854 mg/kg (Rat)	LD50 > 2000 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 Metabolism may release cyanide, which may result in headache, dizziness, weakness, collapse, unconsciousness, and possible death. May cause cyanosis (bluish discoloration of skin due to deficient oxygenation of the blood).

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Endocrine Disrupting Properties Assess endocrine disrupting properties for human health. This product does not contain any known or suspected endocrine disruptors.

SECTION 12: ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Ecotoxicity effects 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
Potassium thiocyanate	Oncorhynchus mykiss: LC50: 11 mg/l/96h	Daphnia Magna: EC50: 2.8 mg/l/96h		

Persistence and degradability
Persistence Readily biodegradable
Degradability Soluble in water, Persistence is unlikely, based on information available.
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

Mobility in soil 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.

Endocrine Disruptor Information This product does not contain any known or suspected endocrine disruptors

Other adverse effects No information available

SECTION 13: DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Waste treatment methods
Waste from Residues/Unused Products 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

Contaminated Packaging Dispose of this container to hazardous or special waste collection point.

Other Information 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 Not regulated

Road and Rail Transport Not regulated

IATA Not regulated

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Special Precautions for User No special precautions required

SECTION 15: REGULATORY INFORMATION

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

International Inventories X = listed

Component	EINECS	TSCA	DSL	PICCS	ENCS	ISHL	IECSC	AICS	KECL
Potassium thiocyanate	206-370-1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	KE-29216

National Regulations

Persistent Organic Pollutant This product does not contain any known or suspected substance
Ozone Depletion Potential This product does not contain any known or suspected substance

SECTION 16: OTHER INFORMATION

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

RPE - Respiratory Protective Equipment

LC50 - Lethal Concentration 50%

POW - Partition coefficient Octanol:Water

TWA - Time Weighted Average

IARC - International Agency for Research on Cancer

LD50 - Lethal Dose 50%

EC50 - Effective Concentration 50%

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

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)

Key literature references and sources for data

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

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

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