1 Identification

Product identifier

Product name: Mercury (II) cyanide

Stock number: 37109
CAS Number:
592-04-1
EC number:
209-741-6
Index number:
080-002-00-6
Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against.
Identified use: SU24 Scientific research and development

Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet
Manufacturer/Supplier:
Alfa Aesar
Thermo Fisher Scientific Chemicals, Inc.
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Ward Hill, MA 01835-8099
Tel: 800-343-0660
Fax: 800-322-4757
Email: tech@alfa.com
www.alfa.com
Information Department: Health, Safety and Environmental Department
Emergency telephone number:
During normal business hours (Monday-Friday, 8am-7pm EST), call (800) 343-0660. After normal business hours, call Carechem 24 at (866) 928-0789.

2 Hazard(s) identification

Classification of the substance or mixture in accordance with 29 CFR 1910 (OSHA HCS)

GHS06 Skull and crossbones

Acute Tox. 2 H300 Fatal if swallowed.
Acute Tox. 1 H310 Fatal in contact with skin.
Acute Tox. 2 H330 Fatal if inhaled.

GHS08 Health hazard

STOT RE 2 H373 May cause damage to the central nervous system, the kidneys, the reproductive system and the brain through prolonged or repeated exposure.
Route of exposure: Oral, Inhalative.
Hazards not otherwise classified No information known.

Label elements
GHS label elements The product is classified and labeled in accordance with 29 CFR 1910 (OSHA HCS)
Hazard pictograms

GHS06 GHS08

Signal word Danger
Hazard statements
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Precautionary statements
P260 Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/vapours/spray.
P301+P310 IF SWALLOWED: Immediately call a POISON CENTER/ doctor/…
P320 Specific treatment is urgent (see on this label).
P361 Take off immediately all contaminated clothing.
P405 Store locked up.
P501 Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local/regional/national/international regulations.
WHMIS classification
D1A - Very toxic material causing immediate and serious toxic effects

Classification system
HMIS ratings (scale 0-4)
(Hazardous Materials Identification System)

Health (acute effects) = 3
Flammability = 0
Physical Hazard = 0

Other hazards
Results of PBT and vPvB assessment
PBT: Not applicable.
vPvB: Not applicable.

3 Composition/information on ingredients

Chemical characterization: Substances
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4 First-aid measures

Description of first aid measures
General information
Immediately remove any clothing soiled by the product.
Remove breathing apparatus only after contaminated clothing has been completely removed.
In case of irregular breathing or respiratory arrest provide artificial respiration.
After inhalation
Supply fresh air. If required, provide artificial respiration. Keep patient warm.
Seek immediate medical advice.
After skin contact
Immediately wash with water and soap and rinse thoroughly.
Seek immediate medical advice.
After eye contact Rinse opened eye for several minutes under running water. Then consult a doctor.
After swallowing Do not induce vomiting; immediately call for medical help.
Information for doctor
Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed No further relevant information available.
Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed No further relevant information available.

5 Fire-fighting measures

Extinguishing media
Suitable extinguishing agents Product is not flammable. Use fire-fighting measures that suit the surrounding fire.
Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture
If this product is involved in a fire, the following can be released:
Hydrogen cyanide (HCN)
Toxic metal oxide fume
Advice for firefighters
Protective equipment:
Wear self-contained respirator.
Wear fully protective impervious suit.

6 Accidental release measures

Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures
Mount respiratory protective device.
Wear protective equipment. Keep unprotected persons away.
Ensure adequate ventilation
Environmental precautions: Do not allow material to be released to the environment without proper governmental permits.
Methods and material for containment and cleaning up:
Dispose of contaminated material as waste according to section 13.
Ensure adequate ventilation.
Prevention of secondary hazards: No special measures required.
Reference to other sections
See Section 7 for information on safe handling
See Section 8 for information on personal protection equipment.
See Section 13 for disposal information.

7 Handling and storage

Handling
Precautions for safe handling
Keep container tightly sealed.
Store in cool, dry place in tightly closed containers.
Ensure good ventilation at the workplace.
Open and handle container with care.
Information about protection against explosions and fires: The product is not flammable

Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities
Storage
Requirements to be met by storerooms and receptacles: No special requirements.
Information about storage in one common storage facility:
Store away from oxidizing agents.
Do not store together with acids.
Store in the dark.
Further information about storage conditions:
Keep container tightly sealed.
Store in cool, dry conditions in well sealed containers.
Protect from exposure to light.
Specific end use(s) No further relevant information available.

8 Exposure controls/personal protection

Additional information about design of technical systems:
Properly operating chemical fume hood designed for hazardous chemicals and having an average face velocity of at least 100 feet per minute.

Control parameters
Components with limit values that require monitoring at the workplace:

Cyanides (as CN)

	mg/m3
Austria MAK	5 (skin)
Denmark TWA	5 (skin)
Finland TWA	5; 10-STEL
France VME	5 (skin)
Germany MAK	5 (skin)
Hungary TWA	0.3; 0.6-STEL (skin)
Netherlands MAC-TGG	5 (skin)
Poland TWA	0.3; 10-Ceiling
Sweden	5-Ceiling (skin)
Switzerland MAK-W	5; 10-STEL (skin)
United Kingdom	5-LTEL (skin)
OSHA PEL	5 (skin)

Mercury, inorganic compounds (as Hg)

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mg/m3
ACGIH TLV 0.025 (skin)
Not classified as a human carcinogen
Austria MAK 0.05
Belgium TWA 0.1 (skin)
Denmark TWA 0.05 (skin)
Finland TWA 0.05
France VME 0.05 (skin)(vapor)
Germany MAK 0.1
Hungary TWA 0.02; 0.04-STEL
Japan OEL 0.05
Korea TLV 0.025 (vapor) (skin)
Netherlands MAC-TGG 0.05; 0.5-MAC-K
Norway TWA 0.05
Poland TWA 0.025 (vapors); 0.2-STEL (vapors)
Sweden NGV 0.05
Switzerland MAK-W 0.01 (skin)
United Kingdom TWA 0.025
USA PEL 0.1-Ceiling

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PEL (USA)	Long-term value: 0.1 mg/m³ as Hg; see OSHA standard interpretation memo
REL (USA)	Long-term value: 0.05* mg/m³ Ceiling limit value: 0.1 mg/m³ as Hg; *Vapor; Skin
TLV (USA)	Long-term value: 0.025 mg/m³ as Hg; Skin; BEI
EL (Canada)	Long-term value: 0.025 mg/m³ as Hg; Skin, R
EV (Canada)	Long-term value: 0.025 mg/m³ as Hg, Skin

Ingredients with biological limit values:

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BEI (USA)	35 µg/L Medium: urine Time: prior to shift Parameter: Total inorganic mercury (background) 15 µg/L Medium: blood Time: end of shift at end of workweek Parameter: Total inorganic mercury (background)

Additional information: No data

Exposure controls
Personal protective equipment
General protective and hygienic measures
The usual precautionary measures for handling chemicals should be followed.
Keep away from foodstuffs, beverages and feed.
Remove all soiled and contaminated clothing immediately.
Wash hands before breaks and at the end of work.
Store protective clothing separately.
Avoid contact with the eyes and skin.
Maintain an ergonomically appropriate working environment.
Breathing equipment: Use self-contained respiratory protective device in emergency situations.
Protection of hands:
Impervious gloves
Check protective gloves prior to each use for their proper condition.
The selection of suitable gloves not only depends on the material, but also on quality. Quality will vary from manufacturer to manufacturer.
Eye protection: Safety glasses
Body protection: Protective work clothing.

9 Physical and chemical properties

Information on basic physical and chemical properties
General Information
Appearance:

Form:	Powder
Color:	White
Odor:	Odorless
Odor threshold:	Not determined.
pH-value:	Not applicable.
Change in condition	
Melting point/Melting range:	320 °C (608 °F) ((dec))
Boiling point/Boiling range:	Not determined
Sublimation temperature / start:	Not determined
Flash point:	Not applicable
Flammability (solid, gaseous)	Not determined.
Ignition temperature:	Not determined
Decomposition temperature:	Not determined
Auto igniting:	Not determined.
Danger of explosion:	Product does not present an explosion hazard.
Explosion limits:	
Lower:	Not determined
Upper:	Not determined
Vapor pressure:	Not applicable.
Density at 20 °C (68 °F):	3.996 g/cm³ (33.347 lbs/gal)
Relative density	Not determined.
Vapor density	Not applicable.
Evaporation rate	Not applicable.

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Solubility in / Miscibility with
Water: Soluble
Partition coefficient (n-octanol/water): Not determined.
Viscosity:
dynamic: Not applicable.
kinematic: Not applicable.
Other information No further relevant information available.

10 Stability and reactivity

Reactivity Contact with acids liberates very toxic gas.
Chemical stability Stable under recommended storage conditions.
Thermal decomposition / conditions to be avoided: Decomposition will not occur if used and stored according to specifications.
Possibility of hazardous reactions Contact with acids liberates very toxic gas.
Conditions to avoid No further relevant information available.
Incompatible materials:
Oxidizing agents
Acids
Light
Hazardous decomposition products:
Hydrogen cyanide
Toxic metal oxide fume

11 Toxicological information

Information on toxicological effects
Acute toxicity:
Fatal if inhaled.
Fatal in contact with skin.
Fatal if swallowed.
Danger through skin absorption.
The Registry of Toxic Effects of Chemical Substances (RTECS) contains acute toxicity data for this substance.

LD/LC50 values that are relevant for classification:

Oral	LD50	26 mg/kg (rat)

Skin irritation or corrosion: Irritant to skin and mucous membranes.
Eye irritation or corrosion: Irritating effect.
Sensitization: No sensitizing effects known.
Germ cell mutagenicity: No effects known.
Carcinogenicity:
EPA-D: Not classifiable as to human carcinogenicity: inadequate human and animal evidence of carcinogenicity or no data are available.
IARC-3: Not classifiable as to carcinogenicity to humans.
ACGIH A4: Not classifiable as a human carcinogen: Inadequate data on which to classify the agent in terms of its carcinogenicity in humans and/or animals.
Reproductive toxicity: No effects known.
Specific target organ system toxicity - repeated exposure:
May cause damage to the central nervous system, the kidneys, the reproductive system and the brain through prolonged or repeated exposure. Route of exposure: Oral, Inhalative.
Specific target organ system toxicity - single exposure: No effects known.
Aspiration hazard: No effects known.
Subacute to chronic toxicity:
Acute and chronic exposure to inorganic mercury can cause salivation with metallic taste, pain on chewing, gingevitis, colitis, stomatitis, kidney damage, and central nervous system damage. The latter can cause tremors, convulsive or shaking movements and psychic disturbances such as memory loss, insomnia, loss of confidence, irritability and depression. Excessive exposure may result in death.
Cyanides may cause symptoms of salivation, nausea without vomiting, anxiety, confusion, vertigo, giddiness, lower jaw stiffness, convulsions, opisthotonos, paralysis, coma, cardiac arrhythmias and respiratory failure. They typically cause death through asphyxia. Skin contact may cause itching, macular, papular and vesicular eruptions.
Subacute to chronic toxicity: No effects known.
Additional toxicological information: To the best of our knowledge the acute and chronic toxicity of this substance is not fully known.

12 Ecological information

Toxicity
Aquatic toxicity: No further relevant information available.
Persistence and degradability No further relevant information available.
Bioaccumulative potential No further relevant information available.
Mobility in soil No further relevant information available.
Ecotoxical effects:
Remark: Very toxic for aquatic organisms
Additional ecological information:
General notes:
Do not allow material to be released to the environment without proper governmental permits.
Do not allow product to reach ground water, water course or sewage system, even in small quantities.
Danger to drinking water if even extremely small quantities leak into the ground.
Also poisonous for fish and plankton in water bodies.
May cause long lasting harmful effects to aquatic life.
Avoid transfer into the environment.
Very toxic for aquatic organisms
Results of PBT and vPvB assessment
PBT: Not applicable.
vPvB: Not applicable.
Other adverse effects No further relevant information available.

13 Disposal considerations

Waste treatment methods
Recommendation Consult state, local or national regulations to ensure proper disposal.
Uncleaned packagings:
Recommendation: Disposal must be made according to official regulations.
Recommended cleansing agent: Water, if necessary with cleansing agents.

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14 Transport information

UN-Number **DOT, IMDG, IATA**	UN1636
UN proper shipping name **DOT** **IMDG, IATA**	Mercury cyanide MERCURY CYANIDE
Transport hazard class(es)	
DOT	
	
Class **Label**	6.1 Toxic substances. 6.1
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Packing group **DOT, IMDG, IATA**	II
Environmental hazards:	Environmentally hazardous substance, solid
Special precautions for user **Segregation groups**	Warning: Toxic substances Cyanides, heavy metals and their salts (including their organometallic compounds), mercury and mercury compounds
Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL73/78 and the IBC Code	Not applicable.
Transport/Additional information:	
DOT **Marine Pollutant (DOT):**	No
UN "Model Regulation":	UN1636, Mercury cyanide, 6.1, II

15 Regulatory information

Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture
GHS label elements The product is classified and labeled in accordance with 29 CFR 1910 (OSHA HCS)
Hazard pictograms

GHS06 GHS08

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National regulations
All components of this product are listed in the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Toxic Substances Control Act Chemical substance Inventory.
All components of this product are listed on the Canadian Non-Domestic Substances List (NDSL).

SARA Section 313 (specific toxic chemical listings)	
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California Proposition 65
Prop 65 - Chemicals known to cause cancer Substance is not listed.
Prop 65 - Developmental toxicity Substance is not listed.
Prop 65 - Developmental toxicity, female Substance is not listed.

Prop 65 - Developmental toxicity, male	
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Information about limitation of use:
For use only by technically qualified individuals.
This product contains mercury and is subject to the reporting requirements of section 313 of the Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act of 1986 and 40CFR372.
This product contains a cyanide compound and is subject to the reporting requirements of section 313 of the Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act of 1986 and 40CFR372.
Other regulations, limitations and prohibitive regulations
Substance of Very High Concern (SVHC) according to the REACH Regulations (EC) No. 1907/2006. Substance is not listed.
The conditions of restrictions according to Article 67 and Annex XVII of the Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 (REACH) for the manufacturing, placing on the market and use must be observed.
Substance is not listed.
Annex XIV of the REACH Regulations (requiring Authorisation for use) Substance is not listed.
Chemical safety assessment: A Chemical Safety Assessment has not been carried out.

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16 Other information

Employers should use this information only as a supplement to other information gathered by them, and should make independent judgement of suitability of this information to ensure proper use and protect the health and safety of employees. This information is furnished without warranty, and any use of the product not in conformance with this Material Safety Data Sheet, or in combination with any other product or process, is the responsibility of the user.

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Abbreviations and acronyms:
ADR: Accord européen sur le transport des marchandises dangereuses par Route (European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road)
IMDG: International Maritime Code for Dangerous Goods
DOT: US Department of Transportation
IATA: International Air Transport Association
EINECS: European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances
CAS: Chemical Abstracts Service (division of the American Chemical Society)
HMIS: Hazardous Materials Identification System (USA)
WHMIS: Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System (Canada)
LC50: Lethal concentration, 50 percent
LD50: Lethal dose, 50 percent
vPvB: very Persistent and very Bioaccumulative
ACGIH: American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists (USA)
OSHA: Occupational Safety and Health Administration (USA)
NTP: National Toxicology Program (USA)
IARC: International Agency for Research on Cancer
EPA: Environmental Protection Agency (USA)