

### 1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

#### 1.1 Product identifiers

Product name : Potassium cyanate  
  
Product Number : 215074  
Brand : Sigma-Aldrich  
Index-No. : 615-016-00-9  
  
CAS-No. : 590-28-3

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

Identified uses : Laboratory chemicals, Synthesis of substances

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

Company : Sigma-Aldrich  
3050 Spruce Street  
SAINT LOUIS MO 63103  
USA  
  
Telephone : +1 800-325-5832  
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#### 1.4 Emergency telephone number

Emergency Phone # : +1-703-527-3887 (CHEMTREC)

### 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

#### 2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture

##### GHS Classification in accordance with 29 CFR 1910 (OSHA HCS)

Acute toxicity, Oral (Category 4), H302  
Eye irritation (Category 2A), H319  
Acute aquatic toxicity (Category 3), H402

For the full text of the H-Statements mentioned in this Section, see Section 16.

#### 2.2 GHS Label elements, including precautionary statements

Pictogram



Signal word

Warning

Hazard statement(s)

H302 Harmful if swallowed.  
H319 Causes serious eye irritation.  
H402 Harmful to aquatic life.

Precautionary statement(s)

P264 Wash skin thoroughly after handling.  
P270 Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.  
P273 Avoid release to the environment.  
P280 Wear eye protection/ face protection.  
P301 + P312 + P330 IF SWALLOWED: Call a POISON CENTER/doctor if you feel unwell.  
Rinse mouth.  
P305 + P351 + P338 IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove

P337 + P313  
P501

contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.  
If eye irritation persists: Get medical advice/ attention.  
Dispose of contents/ container to an approved waste disposal plant.

## 2.3 Hazards not otherwise classified (HNOC) or not covered by GHS - none

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### 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

#### 3.1 Substances

Formula : CKNO  
Molecular weight : 81.12 g/mol  
CAS-No. : 590-28-3  
EC-No. : 209-676-3  
Index-No. : 615-016-00-9

#### Hazardous components

Component	Classification	Concentration
<b>Potassium cyanate</b>	Acute Tox. 4; Eye Irrit. 2A; Aquatic Acute 3; H302, H319, H402	90 - 100 %

For the full text of the H-Statements mentioned in this Section, see Section 16.

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### 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

#### 4.1 Description of first aid measures

##### General advice

Consult a physician. Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance. Move out of dangerous area.

##### If inhaled

If breathed in, move person into fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. Consult a physician.

##### In case of skin contact

Wash off with soap and plenty of water. Consult a physician.

##### In case of eye contact

Rinse thoroughly with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes and consult a physician.

##### If swallowed

Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Rinse mouth with water. Consult a physician.

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

The most important known symptoms and effects are described in the labelling (see section 2.2) and/or in section 11

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

No data available

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### 5. FIREFIGHTING MEASURES

#### 5.1 Extinguishing media

##### Suitable extinguishing media

Use water spray, alcohol-resistant foam, dry chemical or carbon dioxide.

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

No data available

#### 5.3 Advice for firefighters

Wear self-contained breathing apparatus for firefighting if necessary.

#### 5.4 Further information

No data available

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## 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

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

Use personal protective equipment. Avoid dust formation. Avoid breathing vapours, mist or gas. Ensure adequate ventilation. Avoid breathing dust.

For personal protection see section 8.

### 6.2 Environmental precautions

Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so. Do not let product enter drains. Discharge into the environment must be avoided.

### 6.3 Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up

Pick up and arrange disposal without creating dust. Sweep up and shovel. Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal.

### 6.4 Reference to other sections

For disposal see section 13.

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## 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

### 7.1 Precautions for safe handling

Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Avoid formation of dust and aerosols. Further processing of solid materials may result in the formation of combustible dusts. The potential for combustible dust formation should be taken into consideration before additional processing occurs.

Provide appropriate exhaust ventilation at places where dust is formed.

For precautions see section 2.2.

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

Keep container tightly closed in a dry and well-ventilated place.

Keep in a dry place.

### 7.3 Specific end use(s)

Apart from the uses mentioned in section 1.2 no other specific uses are stipulated

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## 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

### 8.1 Control parameters

#### Components with workplace control parameters

Contains no substances with occupational exposure limit values.

### 8.2 Exposure controls

#### Appropriate engineering controls

Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice. Wash hands before breaks and at the end of workday.

#### Personal protective equipment

##### Eye/face protection

Safety glasses with side-shields conforming to EN166 Use equipment for eye protection tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or EN 166(EU).

##### Skin protection

Handle with gloves. Gloves must be inspected prior to use. Use proper glove removal technique (without touching glove's outer surface) to avoid skin contact with this product. Dispose of contaminated gloves after use in accordance with applicable laws and good laboratory practices. Wash and dry hands.

##### Full contact

Material: Nitrile rubber

Minimum layer thickness: 0.11 mm

Break through time: 480 min

Material tested: Dermatril® (KCL 740 / Aldrich Z677272, Size M)

##### Splash contact

Material: Nitrile rubber

Minimum layer thickness: 0.11 mm

Break through time: 480 min

Material tested: Dermatrill® (KCL 740 / Aldrich Z677272, Size M)

data source: KCL GmbH, D-36124 Eichenzell, phone +49 (0)6659 87300, e-mail sales@kcl.de, test method: EN374

If used in solution, or mixed with other substances, and under conditions which differ from EN 374, contact the supplier of the CE approved gloves. This recommendation is advisory only and must be evaluated by an industrial hygienist and safety officer familiar with the specific situation of anticipated use by our customers. It should not be construed as offering an approval for any specific use scenario.

#### **Body Protection**

Complete suit protecting against chemicals, The type of protective equipment must be selected according to the concentration and amount of the dangerous substance at the specific workplace.

#### **Respiratory protection**

For nuisance exposures use type P95 (US) or type P1 (EU EN 143) particle respirator. For higher level protection use type OV/AG/P99 (US) or type ABEK-P2 (EU EN 143) respirator cartridges. Use respirators and components tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or CEN (EU).

#### **Control of environmental exposure**

Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so. Do not let product enter drains. Discharge into the environment must be avoided.

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## **9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES**

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

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| a) Appearance                                   | Form: powder, Chunks<br>Colour: white                 |
| b) Odour  | odourless   |
| c) Odour Threshold                              | No data available                                     |
| d) pH   | No data available                                     |
| e) Melting point/freezing point                 | No data available                                     |
| f) Initial boiling point and boiling range      | No data available                                     |
| g) Flash point                                  | No data available                                     |
| h) Evaporation rate                             | No data available                                     |
| i) Flammability (solid, gas)                    | The product is not flammable. - Flammability (solids) |
| j) Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits | No data available                                     |
| k) Vapour pressure                              | No data available                                     |
| l) Vapour density                               | No data available                                     |
| m) Relative density                             | 2.056 g/cm <sup>3</sup> at 25 °C (77 °F)              |
| n) Water solubility                             | No data available                                     |
| o) Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water       | No data available                                     |
| p) Auto-ignition temperature                    | No data available                                     |
| q) Decomposition temperature                    | No data available                                     |
| r) Viscosity                                    | No data available                                     |
| s) Explosive properties                         | No data available                                     |
| t) Oxidizing properties                         | No data available                                     |

## 9.2 Other safety information

No data available

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## 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

### 10.1 Reactivity

No data available

### 10.2 Chemical stability

Stable under recommended storage conditions.

### 10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions

No data available

### 10.4 Conditions to avoid

No data available

### 10.5 Incompatible materials

Strong oxidizing agents

### 10.6 Hazardous decomposition products

Hazardous decomposition products formed under fire conditions. - Carbon oxides, Nitrogen oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>), Potassium oxides

Other decomposition products - No data available

In the event of fire: see section 5

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## 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### 11.1 Information on toxicological effects

#### Acute toxicity

LD50 Oral - Rat - female - 567 mg/kg  
(Directive 67/548/EEC, Annex V, B.1.)

Inhalation: No data available

LD50 Dermal - Rat - male and female - > 2,000 mg/kg  
(OECD Test Guideline 402)

No data available

#### Skin corrosion/irritation

Skin - Rabbit

Result: No skin irritation - 4 h  
(OECD Test Guideline 404)

#### Serious eye damage/eye irritation

Eyes - Rabbit

Result: Irritating to eyes.  
(OECD Test Guideline 405)

#### Respiratory or skin sensitisation

No data available

#### Germ cell mutagenicity

Hamster

fibroblast

Result: negative

#### Carcinogenicity

IARC: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as probable, possible or confirmed human carcinogen by IARC.

ACGIH: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a carcinogen or potential carcinogen by ACGIH.

NTP: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a known or anticipated carcinogen by NTP.

OSHA: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a

carcinogen or potential carcinogen by OSHA.

**Reproductive toxicity**

No data available

No data available

**Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure**

No data available

**Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure**

No data available

**Aspiration hazard**

No data available

**Additional Information**

RTECS: GS6825000

To the best of our knowledge, the chemical, physical, and toxicological properties have not been thoroughly investigated.

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**12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

**12.1 Toxicity**

Toxicity to fish	static test LC50 - <i>Salmo gairdneri</i> - 15 mg/l - 96 h (Directive 67/548/EEC, Annex V, C.1.)
Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates	static test EC50 - <i>Daphnia magna</i> (Water flea) - 18 mg/l - 48 h
Toxicity to bacteria	Respiration inhibition EC50 - Sludge Treatment - > 1,000 mg/l - 3 h (OECD Test Guideline 209)

**12.2 Persistence and degradability**

No data available

**12.3 Bioaccumulative potential**

No data available

**12.4 Mobility in soil**

No data available

**12.5 Results of PBT and vPvB assessment**

PBT/vPvB assessment not available as chemical safety assessment not required/not conducted

**12.6 Other adverse effects**

An environmental hazard cannot be excluded in the event of unprofessional handling or disposal.  
Harmful to aquatic life.

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**13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS**

**13.1 Waste treatment methods**

**Product**

Offer surplus and non-recyclable solutions to a licensed disposal company. Contact a licensed professional waste disposal service to dispose of this material.

**Contaminated packaging**

Dispose of as unused product.

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**14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION**

**DOT (US)**

Not dangerous goods

**IMDG**

Not dangerous goods

**IATA**

Not dangerous goods

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**15. REGULATORY INFORMATION****SARA 302 Components**

No chemicals in this material are subject to the reporting requirements of SARA Title III, Section 302.

**SARA 313 Components**

This material does not contain any chemical components with known CAS numbers that exceed the threshold (De Minimis) reporting levels established by SARA Title III, Section 313.

**SARA 311/312 Hazards**

Acute Health Hazard

**Massachusetts Right To Know Components**

No components are subject to the Massachusetts Right to Know Act.

**Pennsylvania Right To Know Components**

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**New Jersey Right To Know Components**

	CAS-No.	Revision Date
Potassium cyanate	590-28-3	

**California Prop. 65 Components**

This product does not contain any chemicals known to State of California to cause cancer, birth defects, or any other reproductive harm.

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**16. OTHER INFORMATION****Full text of H-Statements referred to under sections 2 and 3.**

Acute Tox.	Acute toxicity
Aquatic Acute	Acute aquatic toxicity
Eye Irrit.	Eye irritation
H302	Harmful if swallowed.
H319	Causes serious eye irritation.
H402	Harmful to aquatic life.

**HMIS Rating**

Health hazard:	2
Chronic Health Hazard:	
Flammability:	0
Physical Hazard	0

**NFPA Rating**

Health hazard:	2
Fire Hazard:	0
Reactivity Hazard:	0

**Further information**

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