1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

Product name : Sodium cyanide
Product Number : 380970
Brand : Sigma-Aldrich
Supplier : Sigma-Aldrich
            3050 Spruce Street
            SAINT LOUIS MO  63103
            USA
Telephone : +1 800-325-5832
Fax : +1 800-325-5052
Emergency Phone # (For both supplier and manufacturer) : (314) 776-6555
Preparation Information : Sigma-Aldrich Corporation
            Product Safety - Americas Region
            1-800-521-8956

2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

Emergency Overview

OSHA Hazards
Target Organ Effect, Highly toxic by inhalation, Highly toxic by ingestion, Highly toxic by skin absorption

Target Organs
Central nervous system, Blood, Lungs, Cardiovascular system., Thyroid

Other hazards which do not result in classification
Rapidly absorbed through skin.

GHS Classification
Acute toxicity, Oral (Category 1)
Acute toxicity, Inhalation (Category 2)
Acute toxicity, Dermal (Category 1)
Acute aquatic toxicity (Category 1)

GHS Label elements, including precautionary statements

Pictogram

Signal word Danger

Hazard statement(s)
H300 + H310 Fatal if swallowed or in contact with skin
H330 Fatal if inhaled.
H400 Very toxic to aquatic life.

Precautionary statement(s)
P260 Do not breathe dust/ fume/ gas/ mist/ vapours/ spray.
P264 Wash hands thoroughly after handling.
P273 Avoid release to the environment.
P280 Wear protective gloves/ protective clothing.
P284 Wear respiratory protection.
P302 + P350 IF ON SKIN: Gently wash with plenty of soap and water.
P310

Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician.

Other hazards
Contact with acids liberates very toxic gas.

HMIS Classification
- Health hazard: 4
- Chronic Health Hazard: *
- Flammability: 0
- Physical hazards: 0

NFPA Rating
- Health hazard: 4
- Fire: 0
- Reactivity Hazard: 0

Potential Health Effects
- Inhalation: May be fatal if inhaled. May cause respiratory tract irritation.
- Skin: May be fatal if absorbed through skin. May cause skin irritation.
- Eyes: May cause eye irritation.
- Ingestion: May be fatal if swallowed.

3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Formula: CNNa
Molecular Weight: 49.01 g/mol

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4. 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. Take victim immediately to hospital. Consult a physician.

In case of eye contact
Flush eyes with water as a precaution.

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

5. FIREFIGHTING MEASURES

Conditions of flammability
Not flammable or combustible.

Suitable extinguishing media
Dry powder

Special protective equipment for firefighters
Wear self-contained breathing apparatus for fire fighting if necessary.

Hazardous combustion products

6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES
**Personal precautions**
Wear respiratory protection. Avoid dust formation. Avoid breathing vapors, mist or gas. Ensure adequate ventilation. Evacuate personnel to safe areas. Avoid breathing dust.

**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.

**Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up**
Pick up and arrange disposal without creating dust. Sweep up and shovel. Do not flush with water. Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal.

### 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

**Precautions for safe handling**
Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Avoid formation of dust and aerosols. Provide appropriate exhaust ventilation at places where dust is formed.

**Conditions for safe storage**
Keep container tightly closed in a dry and well-ventilated place. Never allow product to get in contact with water during storage. Do not store near acids.

### 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

**Components with workplace control parameters**

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Upper Respiratory Tract irritation Headache Nausea Thyroid effects Danger of cutaneous absorption varies

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**Personal protective equipment**

**Respiratory protection**
Where risk assessment shows air-purifying respirators are appropriate use a full-face particle respirator type N100 (US) or type P3 (EN 143) respirator cartridges as a backup to engineering controls. If the respirator is the sole means of protection, use a full-face supplied air respirator. Use respirators and components tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or CEN (EU).

**Hand 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.

**Immersion protection**
Material: Nitrile rubber
Minimum layer thickness: 0.11 mm
Break through time: > 480 min
Material tested: Dermatril® (Aldrich Z677272, Size M)

**Splash protection**
Material: Nitrile rubber
Minimum layer thickness: 0.11 mm
Break through time: > 30 min
Material tested: Dermatril® (Aldrich Z677272, Size M)
data source: KCL GmbH, D-36124 Eichenzell, phone +49 (0)6659 873000, 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 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.

**Eye protection**
Face shield and safety glasses Use equipment for eye protection tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or EN 166(EU).

**Skin and 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.

**Hygiene measures**
Avoid contact with skin, eyes and clothing. Wash hands before breaks and immediately after handling the product.

### 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

**Appearance**

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### 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

**Chemical stability**
Stable under recommended storage conditions.
Possibility of hazardous reactions
no data available

Conditions to avoid
no data available

Materials to avoid
Do not store near acids., Strong oxidizing agents, Carbon dioxide (CO2)

Hazardous decomposition products
Other decomposition products - no data available

11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Acute toxicity

Oral LD50
LD50 Oral - rat - 4.8 mg/kg

Inhalation LC50
no data available

Dermal LD50
LD50 Dermal - rabbit - 10.4 mg/kg

Other information on acute toxicity
LD50 Intramuscular - rabbit - 1.666 mg/kg
LD50 Intraperitoneal - rat - 4.3 mg/kg
LD50 Intraperitoneal - mouse - 4.9 mg/kg

Skin corrosion/irritation
no data available

Serious eye damage/eye irritation
no data available

Respiratory or skin sensitization
no data available

Germ cell mutagenicity
no data available

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
Reproductive toxicity - rat - Oral

Reproductive toxicity - Hamster - Implant
Effects on Fertility: Post-implantation mortality (e.g., dead and/or resorbed implants per total number of implants).
Specific Developmental Abnormalities: Central nervous system.

no data available
Teratogenicity
Developmental Toxicity - Hamster - Implant
Effects on Embryo or Fetus: Fetotoxicity (except death, e.g., stunted fetus). Specific Developmental Abnormalities: Musculoskeletal system. Specific Developmental Abnormalities: Cardiovascular (circulatory) system.

no data available

**Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure (Globally Harmonized System)**
no data available

**Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure (Globally Harmonized System)**
no data available

**Aspiration hazard**
no data available

**Potential health effects**

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**Signs and Symptoms of Exposure**
Material is extremely destructive to tissue of the mucous membranes and upper respiratory tract, eyes, and skin., Cough, Shortness of breath, Headache, Nausea

**Synergistic effects**
no data available

**Additional Information**
RTECS: VZ7525000

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12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

**Toxicity**

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<th>LC50 - Oncorhynchus mykiss (rainbow trout) - 0.05 mg/l - 96 h</th>
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<td>Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates</td>
<td>LC50 - Daphnia magna (Water flea) - 0.09 mg/l - 96 h</td>
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<td>Toxicity to algae</td>
<td>EC50 - Nitzschia closterium - 0.051 mg/l - 72 h</td>
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**Persistence and degradability**
no data available

**Bioaccumulative potential**
no data available

**Mobility in soil**
no data available

**PBT and vPvB assessment**
no data available

**Other adverse effects**
An environmental hazard cannot be excluded in the event of unprofessional handling or disposal.

Very toxic to aquatic life.

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13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS
Product
Offer surplus and non-recyclable solutions to a licensed disposal company. Contact a licensed professional waste disposal service to dispose of this material. Dissolve or mix the material with a combustible solvent and burn in a chemical incinerator equipped with an afterburner and scrubber.

Contaminated packaging
Dispose of as unused product.

14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

DOT (US)
UN number: 1689  Class: 6.1  Packing group: I
Proper shipping name: Sodium cyanide, solid
Reportable Quantity (RQ): 10 lbs
Marine pollutant: No
Poison Inhalation Hazard: No

IMDG
UN number: 1689  Class: 6.1  Packing group: I  EMS-No: F-A, S-A
Proper shipping name: SODIUM CYANIDE, SOLID
Marine pollutant: Marine pollutant

IATA
UN number: 1689  Class: 6.1  Packing group: I
Proper shipping name: Sodium cyanide, solid

15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

OSHA Hazards
Target Organ Effect, Highly toxic by inhalation, Highly toxic by ingestion, Highly toxic by skin absorption

SARA 302 Components
The following components are subject to reporting levels established by SARA Title III, Section 302:

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SARA 313 Components
SARA 313: 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, Chronic Health Hazard

Massachusetts Right To Know Components

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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.

16. OTHER INFORMATION

Further information
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