

# Safety Data Sheet

according to 1907/2006/EC, Article 31

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## 1 Identification of substance

### Product details

Trade name

**Potassium hexacyanocobaltate (III)**

Stock number:

23126

Manufacturer/Supplier:

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www.alfa-chemcat.com

Informing department:

Product safety department.

Emergency information:

Giftnotruf Universität Mainz / Poison Information Center Mainz  
www.giftinfo.uni-mainz.de Telefon: +49(0)6131/19240

## 2 Hazards identification

Hazard designation:



Xn Harmful

Information pertaining to particular dangers for man and environment

R 20/21/22 Harmful by inhalation, in contact with skin and if swallowed.  
R 40 Limited evidence of a carcinogenic effect.  
R 43 May cause sensitisation by skin contact.

GHS label elements

**Warning**

H351 - Suspected of causing cancer.

**Warning**H302 - Harmful if swallowed.  
H312 - Harmful in contact with skin.  
H332 - Harmful if inhaled.  
H317 - May cause an allergic skin reaction.  
P261 Avoid breathing dust/fume/gas/mist/vapours/spray.  
P280 Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection.  
P302+P352 IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water.  
P321 Specific treatment (see on this label).  
P405 Store locked up.  
P501 Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local/regional/national/international regulations.

Prevention:

Response:

Storage:

Disposal:

## 3 Composition/information on ingredients

Chemical characterization:

Designation: (CAS#)

Potassium hexacyanocobaltate (III), (CAS# 13963-58-1); 100%

Identification number(s):

237-742-1

EINECS Number:

## 4 First aid measures

After inhalation

Supply fresh air and call for doctor for safety reasons.  
Supply fresh air. If required, provide artificial respiration. Keep patient warm. Consult doctor if symptoms persist.  
Seek immediate medical advice.

After skin contact

Instantly wash with water and soap and rinse thoroughly.

After eye contact

Seek immediate medical advice.  
Rinse opened eye for several minutes under running water. Then consult doctor.

After swallowing

Seek immediate medical advice.

## 5 Fire fighting measures

Suitable extinguishing agents

Use fire fighting measures that suit the environment.

Special hazards caused by the material, its products of combustion or flue gases:

Can be released in case of fire:  
Hydrogen cyanide (HCN)  
Nitrogen oxides (NOx)  
Carbon monoxide and carbon dioxide  
Wear self-contained breathing apparatus.  
Wear full protective suit.

Protective equipment:

## 6 Accidental release measures

Person-related safety precautions:

Wear protective equipment. Keep unprotected persons away.

Measures for environmental protection:

Ensure adequate ventilation  
Do not allow material to be released to the environment without proper governmental permits.

Measures for cleaning/collecting:

Dispose of contaminated material as waste according to item 13.  
Ensure adequate ventilation.

Additional information:

See Section 7 for information on safe handling  
See section 8 for information on personal protection equipment.  
See Section 13 for information on disposal.

## 7 Handling and storage

Handling

Information for safe handling:

Keep containers tightly sealed.  
Store in cool, dry place in tightly closed containers.  
Ensure good ventilation/exhaustion at the workplace.

Information about protection against explosions and fires:

The product is not flammable

Storage  
Requirements to be met by storerooms and containers:  
Information about storage in one common storage facility:

No special requirements.

Store away from oxidizing agents.  
Do not store together with acids.

Further information about storage conditions:

Keep container tightly sealed.  
Store in cool, dry conditions in well sealed containers.

## 8 Exposure controls and 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.

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**Components with critical values that require monitoring at the workplace:**

Cyanides (as CN)  
mg/m<sup>3</sup>

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

Cobalt, elemental &amp; inorganic compounds, as Co

mg/m<sup>3</sup>

ACGIH TLV	0.02; Confirmed animal carcinogen
Austria	Carcinogen
Belgium TWA	0.05
Denmark TWA	0.05
Finland TWA	0.05 (skin)
Germany	Carcinogen
Hungary TWA	0.1; 0.2-STEEL
Japan OEL	0.05; 2B-Carcinogen
Korea TLV	0.02; Confirmed animal carcinogen
Netherlands MAC-TGG	0.05
Norway TWA	0.05
Poland TWA	0.05; 0.2-STEEL
Russia	0.5-STEEL
Sweden NGV	0.05
Switzerland MAK-W	0.1; Carcinogen
United Kingdom TWA	0.1
USA PEL	0.1 (dust and fume)
No data	

**Additional information:****Personal protective equipment****General protective and hygienic measures**

The usual precautionary measures should be adhered to in handling the chemicals.  
Keep away from foodstuffs, beverages and food.  
Instantly remove any soiled and impregnated garments.  
Wash hands during breaks and at the end of the work.  
Avoid contact with the eyes and skin.  
Use breathing protection with high concentrations.  
Safety glasses  
Protective work clothing.

**Breathing equipment:****Eye protection:****Body protection:****9 Physical and chemical properties:****General Information**

Form:	Powder
Colour:	Light yellow
Smell:	Odourless

Change in condition	
Melting point/Melting range:	Not determined
Boiling point/Boiling range:	Not determined
Sublimation temperature / start:	Not determined

Flash point:	Not applicable
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Ignition temperature:	Not determined
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Decomposition temperature:	Not determined
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Danger of explosion:	Product is not explosive.
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Critical values for explosion:	
Lower:	Not determined
Upper:	Not determined

Steam pressure:	Not determined
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Density at 20°C	1.906 g/cm <sup>3</sup>
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Solubility in / Miscibility with Water:	Soluble
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**10 Stability and reactivity**

Thermal decomposition / conditions to be avoided:	No decomposition if used and stored according to specifications.
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Materials to be avoided:	Acids Oxidizing agents Water/moisture
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Dangerous reactions:	No dangerous reactions known
Dangerous products of decomposition:	Hydrogen cyanide (prussic acid) Carbon monoxide and carbon dioxide Nitrogen oxides (NOx)

**11 Toxicological information****Acute toxicity:****LD/LC50 values that are relevant for classification:**

Oral LD50	1529 mg/kg (mouse)
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**Primary irritant effect:**

on the skin:	Irritant for skin and mucous membranes.
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on the eye:	Irritant effect.
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Sensitization:	Sensitization possible by skin contact.
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Additional toxicological information:	Danger by skin resorption.
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**Sensitisation**

To the best of our knowledge the acute and chronic toxicity of this substance is not fully known.  
No classification data on carcinogenic properties of this material is available from the EPA, IARC, NTP, OSHA or ACGIH.  
May cause sensitisation by skin contact.

**12 Ecological information:****Additional ecological information:  
General notes:**

Water hazard class 1 (Self-assessment): slightly hazardous for water.  
Do not allow undiluted product or large quantities of it to reach ground water, water bodies or sewage system.  
Do not allow material to be released to the environment without proper governmental permits.

**13 Disposal considerations****Product:  
Recommendation**

Consult state, local or national regulations for proper disposal.  
Hand over to disposers of hazardous waste.  
Must be specially treated under adherence to official regulations.

**Uncleaned packagings:  
Recommendation:  
Recommended cleaning agent:**

Disposal must be made according to official regulations.  
Water, if necessary with cleaning agent.

**14 Transport information****Land transport ADR/RID and GGVS/GGVE (cross-border/domestic)  
ADR/RID-GGVS/E Class:**

None

**Maritime transport IMDG/GGVSea:  
IMDG/GGVSea Class:  
Marine pollutant:**

None  
No

**Air transport ICAO-TI and IATA-DGR:  
ICAO/IATA Class:**

None

**Transport/Additional information:**

Not dangerous according to the above specifications.

**15 Regulatory information****Designation according to EC guidelines:****Code letter and hazard designation of product:**

Xn Harmful

**Risk phrases:**

20/21/22 Harmful by inhalation, in contact with skin and if swallowed.  
40 Limited evidence of a carcinogenic effect.  
43 May cause sensitisation by skin contact.

**Safety phrases:**

9 Keep container in a well-ventilated place.  
36/37 Wear suitable protective clothing and gloves.

**National regulations****Information about limitation of use:**

Employment restrictions concerning young persons must be observed.  
For use only by technically qualified individuals.

**Water hazard class:**

Water hazard class 1 (Self-assessment): slightly hazardous for water.

**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.

**Department issuing data specification sheet:** Health, Safety and Environmental Department.**Contact:** Zachariah Holt**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)  
RID: Règlement international concernant le transport des marchandises dangereuses par chemin de fer (Regulations Concerning the International Transport of Dangerous Goods by Rail)

IMDG: International Maritime Code for Dangerous Goods

IATA: International Air Transport Association

IATA-DGR: Dangerous Goods Regulations by the "International Air Transport Association" (IATA)

ICAO: International Civil Aviation Organization

ICAO-TI: Technical Instructions by the "International Civil Aviation Organization" (ICAO)

GHS: Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals

EINECS: European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances

CAS: Chemical Abstracts Service (division of the American Chemical Society)

LC50: Lethal concentration, 50 percent

LD50: Lethal dose, 50 percent