SAFETY DATA SHEET

1. Identification

Product Name
Potassium cyanide

Cat No.: 12136

CAS-No 151-50-8

Synonyms Cyanide of potassium; Hydrocyanic acid, potassium salt; KCN.

Recommended Use Laboratory chemicals.

Uses advised against Food, drug, pesticide or biocidal product use

Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

Company
Alfa Aesar
Thermo Fisher Scientific Chemicals, Inc.
30 Bond Street
Ward Hill, MA 01835-8099
Tel: 800-343-0660
Fax: 800-322-4757
Email: tech@alfa.com
www.alfa.com

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
This chemical is considered hazardous by the 2012 OSHA Hazard Communication Standard (29 CFR 1910.1200)

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<td>Category 1</td>
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<td>Acute oral toxicity</td>
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<td>Acute dermal toxicity</td>
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<td>Acute Inhalation Toxicity - Dusts and Mists</td>
<td>Category 1</td>
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<td>Specific target organ toxicity - (repeated exposure)</td>
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<td>Target Organs - Heart, Cardiovascular system.</td>
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Label Elements

Signal Word Danger

Hazard Statements
May be corrosive to metals
Fatal if swallowed
Fatal in contact with skin
Fatal if inhaled
Causes damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure

Precautionary Statements
Prevention
Wash face, hands and any exposed skin thoroughly after handling
Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product
Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing
Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection
Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray
Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area
Wear respiratory protection
Keep only in original container
Response
Get medical attention/advice if you feel unwell
Inhalation
IF INHALED: Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing
Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician
Skin
Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician
IF ON SKIN: Gently wash with plenty of soap and water
Remove/Take off immediately all contaminated clothing
Wash contaminated clothing before reuse
Ingestion
IF SWALLOWED: Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician
Rinse mouth
Spills
Absorb spillage to prevent material damage
Storage
Store locked up
Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed
Store in corrosive resistant polypropylene container with a resistant inliner
Store in a dry place
Disposal
Dispose of contents/container to an approved waste disposal plant
Hazards not otherwise classified (HNOC)
Very toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects
Contact with acids liberates very toxic gas
WARNING. Reproductive Harm - https://www.p65warnings.ca.gov/

### 3. Composition/Information on Ingredients

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### 4. First-aid measures

General Advice
Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance. Immediate medical attention is required.
Eye Contact
In the case of contact with eyes, rinse immediately with plenty of water and seek medical advice. Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids, for at least 15 minutes.

Skin Contact
Wash off immediately with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Immediate medical attention is required.

Inhalation
Move to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. 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.

Ingestion
Do not induce vomiting. Call a physician or Poison Control Center immediately.

Most important symptoms and effects
Systemic Toxicity: Respiratory disorders: Symptoms may include tightness in the chest, flushing, headache, nausea, vomiting, respiratory depression, weakness, irregular heartbeat, abdominal pain, convulsions, and shock: May cause cyanosis (bluish discoloration of skin due to deficient oxygenation of the blood): Exposure may result in death

Notes to Physician
Treat symptomatically

5. Fire-fighting measures

Suitable Extinguishing Media
Use extinguishing measures that are appropriate to local circumstances and the surrounding environment. Dry powder.

Unsuitable Extinguishing Media
No information available

Flash Point
No information available

Method -
No information available

Autoignition Temperature
Not applicable

Explosion Limits
Not applicable

Upper
No data available

Lower
No data available

Sensitivity to Mechanical Impact
No information available

Sensitivity to Static Discharge
No information available

Specific Hazards Arising from the Chemical
Non-combustible. Do not allow run-off from fire fighting to enter drains or water courses.

Hazardous Combustion Products
Nitrogen oxides (NOx) Hydrogen cyanide (hydrocyanic acid) Potassium oxides

Protective Equipment and Precautions for Firefighters
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.

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<th>Instability</th>
<th>Physical hazards</th>
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<td>0</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>N/A</td>
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6. Accidental release measures

Personal Precautions
Ensure adequate ventilation. Use personal protective equipment. Avoid dust formation. Keep people away from and upwind of spill/leak. Evacuate personnel to safe areas.

Environmental Precautions
Do not flush into surface water or sanitary sewer system. Do not allow material to contaminate ground water system. Prevent product from entering drains. Local authorities should be advised if significant spillages cannot be contained.

Methods for Containment and Clean Up
Sweep up or vacuum up spillage and collect in suitable container for disposal. Avoid dust formation.
7. Handling and storage

Handling
Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Wear personal protective equipment. Avoid dust formation. Use only under a chemical fume hood. Do not breathe vapors/dust. Do not ingest.

Storage

8. Exposure controls / personal protection

Exposure Guidelines

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<tr>
<th>Component</th>
<th>ACGIH TLV</th>
<th>OSHA PEL</th>
<th>NIOSH IDLH</th>
<th>Mexico OEL (TWA)</th>
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<tr>
<td>Potassium cyanide</td>
<td>Ceiling: 5 mg/m³</td>
<td>(Vacated) TWA: 5 mg/m³</td>
<td>IDLH: 25 mg/m³</td>
<td>Ceiling: 5 mg/m³</td>
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<td>Skin</td>
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<td>Ceiling: 4.7 ppm</td>
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Legend
ACGIH - American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists
OSHA - Occupational Safety and Health Administration
NIOSH IDLH: The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health Immediately Dangerous to Life or Health

Engineering Measures
Use only under a chemical fume hood. Ensure that eyewash stations and safety showers are close to the workstation location.

Personal Protective Equipment

Eye/face Protection
Wear appropriate protective eyeglasses or chemical safety goggles as described by OSHA’s eye and face protection regulations in 29 CFR 1910.133 or European Standard EN166.

Skin and body protection
Long sleeved clothing.

Respiratory Protection
Follow the OSHA respirator regulations found in 29 CFR 1910.134 or European Standard EN 149. Use a NIOSH/MSHA or European Standard EN 149 approved respirator if exposure limits are exceeded or if irritation or other symptoms are experienced.

Hygiene Measures
Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.

9. Physical and chemical properties

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<tr>
<th>Property</th>
<th>Value</th>
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<td>Physical State</td>
<td>Powder Solid</td>
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<td>bitter almond</td>
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<td>pH</td>
<td>11-12 20 g/l aq.sol.(20°C)</td>
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<td>Melting Point/Range</td>
<td>634 °C / 1173.2 °F</td>
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<td>Boiling Point/Range</td>
<td>1625 °C / 2957 °F</td>
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<td>Evaporation Rate</td>
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<td>Flammability (solid,gas)</td>
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<td>Flammability or explosive limits</td>
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<td>Upper</td>
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<td>Lower</td>
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<td>Vapor Pressure</td>
<td>No information available</td>
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<td>Vapor Density</td>
<td>Not applicable</td>
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<tr>
<td>Specific Gravity</td>
<td>1.52 @ 16°C</td>
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Solubility: Soluble in water
Partition coefficient; n-octanol/water: No data available
Autoignition Temperature: Not applicable
Decomposition Temperature: No information available
Viscosity: Not applicable
Molecular Formula: C K N
Molecular Weight: 65.12

10. Stability and reactivity

Reactive Hazard: Yes
Stability: Moisture sensitive.
Incompatible Materials: Acids, Strong oxidizing agents, Bases, Powdered metal salts, Aldehydes, Peroxides, Metals
Hazardous Decomposition Products: Nitrogen oxides (NOx), Hydrogen cyanide (hydrocyanic acid), Potassium oxides
Hazardous Polymerization: Hazardous polymerization does not occur.
Hazardous Reactions: None under normal processing.

11. Toxicological information

Acute Toxicity

Product Information

Component Information

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Component</th>
<th>LD50 Oral</th>
<th>LD50 Dermal</th>
<th>LC50 Inhalation</th>
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<tr>
<td>Potassium cyanide</td>
<td>LD50 = 7.49 mg/kg (Rat)</td>
<td>LD50 = 5 mg/kg (Rat)</td>
<td>LC50 = 0.16 mg/L (Rat) 1 h</td>
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Toxicologically Synergistic Products: No information available

Delayed and immediate effects as well as chronic effects from short and long-term exposure

Irritation: Irritating to eyes, respiratory system and skin
Sensitization: No information available
Carcinogenicity: The table below indicates whether each agency has listed any ingredient as a carcinogen.

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<th>Component</th>
<th>CAS-No</th>
<th>IARC</th>
<th>NTP</th>
<th>ACGIH</th>
<th>OSHA</th>
<th>Mexico</th>
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Mutagenic Effects: No information available
Reproductive Effects: No information available.
Developmental Effects: No information available.
Teratogenicity: No information available.
STOT - single exposure: None known
STOT - repeated exposure: Heart Cardiovascular system
Aspiration hazard: No information available

Symptoms / effects, both acute and chronic: Systemic Toxicity: Respiratory disorders: Symptoms may include tightness in the chest,
delayed flushing, headache, nausea, vomiting, respiratory depression, weakness, irregular heartbeat, abdominal pain, convulsions, and shock. May cause cyanosis (bluish discoloration of skin due to deficient oxygenation of the blood): Exposure may result in death.

Endocrine Disruptor Information
No information available

Other Adverse Effects
The toxicological properties have not been fully investigated.

12. Ecological information

Ecotoxicity
Very toxic to aquatic organisms, may cause long-term adverse effects in the aquatic environment. The product contains following substances which are hazardous for the environment.

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<th>Component</th>
<th>Freshwater Algae</th>
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<th>Water Flea</th>
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<td>LC50: 0.0588 mg/L, 96h</td>
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<td>EC50: 0.53 mg/L, 24h Daphnia magna</td>
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<td>LC50: 0.31 - 0.37 mg/L, 96h static (Pimephales promelas)</td>
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<td>LC50: 0.45 - 0.57 mg/L, 96h flow-through (Lepomis macrochirus)</td>
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Persistence and Degradability
Soluble in water Persistence is unlikely based on information available.

Bioaccumulation/Accumulation
No information available.

Mobility
Will likely be mobile in the environment due to its water solubility.

13. Disposal considerations

Waste Disposal Methods
Chemical waste generators must determine whether a discarded chemical is classified as a hazardous waste. Chemical waste generators must also consult local, regional, and national hazardous waste regulations to ensure complete and accurate classification.

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<th>Component</th>
<th>RCRA - U Series Wastes</th>
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14. Transport information

DOT
UN-No: UN1680
Proper Shipping Name: POTASSIUM CYANIDE, SOLID
Hazard Class: 6.1
Packing Group: I

TDG
UN-No: UN1680
Proper Shipping Name: POTASSIUM CYANIDE, SOLID
Hazard Class: 6.1
Packing Group: I

IATA
### 15. Regulatory information

#### United States of America Inventory

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<th>Component</th>
<th>CAS-No</th>
<th>TSCA</th>
<th>TSCA Inventory notification - Active/Inactive</th>
<th>TSCA - EPA Regulatory Flags</th>
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Legend:
- TSCA - Toxic Substances Control Act, (40 CFR Part 710)
- ‘X’ - Listed
- ‘-’ - Not Listed

#### TSCA 12(b) - Notices of Export

- Not applicable

#### International Inventories

Canada (DSL/NDSL), Europe (EINECS/ELINCS/NLP), Philippines (PICCS), Japan (ENCS), Australia (AICS), China (IECSC), Korea (ECL).

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#### U.S. Federal Regulations

**SARA 313**

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**SARA 311/312 Hazard Categories**

See section 2 for more information

**CWA (Clean Water Act)**

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**Clean Air Act**

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**OSHA - Occupational Safety and Health Administration**

- Not applicable

**CERCLA**

This material, as supplied, contains one or more substances regulated as a hazardous substance under the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) (40 CFR 302)

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**California Proposition 65**

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Potassium cyanide

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U.S. State Right-to-Know Regulations

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U.S. Department of Transportation

Reportable Quantity (RQ): N
DOT Marine Pollutant: N
DOT Severe Marine Pollutant: N

U.S. Department of Homeland Security

Legend - STQs = Screening Threshold Quantities, APA = A placarded amount

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Other International Regulations

Mexico - Grade
No information available

16. Other information

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End of SDS