



## Safety Data Sheet according to Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006 (REACH)

### 1. Identification of the substance/mixture and of the company/undertaking

#### 1.1 Product identifier

Trade name/designation	Potassium thiocyanate
Product No.	PRD5452
Substance name	Potassium thiocyanate
CAS No.	333-20-0
INDEX no.	615-004-00-3
REACH registration No.	Not yet communicated down the supply chain.
other means of identification	Potassium rhodanide

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

Relevant identified uses for laboratory use and chemical production.

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

Supplier (manufacturer/importer/only representative/downstream user/distributor)

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#### 1.4 Emergency telephone

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### 2. Hazards identification

#### 2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture

##### 2.1.1 Classification according to Regulation (EC) No. 1272/2008 [CLP]

hazard classes and hazard categories	Hazard Statements	classification procedure	remark
Acute toxicity, category 4, oral	H302		
Acute toxicity, category 4, dermal	H312		

Acute toxicity, category 4, inhalation	H332		
Hazardous to the aquatic environment, chronic, category 3	H412		

## 2.1.2 Classification according to Directive 67/548/EEC or 1999/45/EC

Hazard symbols:	R-phrases
Xn	R20/21/22
	R32
	R52/53

## 2.2 Label elements

### 2.2.1 Labelling according to Regulation (EC) No. 1272/2008 [CLP]



Signal word

Warning

#### Hazard Statements

H302+H312+H332	Harmful if swallowed, in contact with skin or if inhaled.
H412	Harmful to aquatic life with long lasting effects.
EUH032	Contact with acids liberates very toxic gas.

#### Precautionary statements

P261	Avoid breathing dust/fume/gas/mist/vapours/spray.
P273	Avoid release to the environment.
P302+P352	IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water.
P304+P340	IF INHALED: Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing.
P309+P311	IF exposed or if you feel unwell: Call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician.

### 2.2.2 Labelling (67/548/EEC or 1999/45/EC)

Hazard symbols:

Xn

#### R-phrases

R20/21/22	Harmful by inhalation, in contact with skin and if swallowed.
R32	Contact with acids liberates very toxic gas.
R52/53	Harmful to aquatic organisms, may cause long-term adverse effects in the aquatic environment.

#### S-phrases

S13	Keep away from food, drink and animal feedingstuffs.
S61	Avoid release to the environment. Refer to special instructions/safety data sheets.

## 2.3 Other hazards

SVHC

No

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## 3. Composition/ Information on ingredients

Molecular formula	CKNS
Molecular weight (g/mol)	97.18 g/mol
CAS No.	333-20-0
EC No	206-370-1
INDEX no.	615-004-00-3

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## 4. First-aid measures

### 4.1 General information

IF exposed or if you feel unwell: Call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician. If unconscious place in recovery position and seek medical advice. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person or a person with cramps. Change contaminated, saturated clothing. Do not leave affected person unattended.

### 4.2 After inhalation

Call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician. Remove casualty to fresh air and keep warm and at rest. If breathing is irregular or stopped, administer artificial respiration.

### 4.3 In case of skin contact

After contact with skin, wash immediately with plenty of water and soap. Remove contaminated, saturated clothing immediately. In case of skin reactions, consult a physician.

### 4.4 After eye contact

In case of contact with eyes flush immediately with plenty of flowing water for 10 to 15 minutes holding eyelids apart and consult an ophthalmologist. Protect uninjured eye. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.

### 4.5 After ingestion

If accidentally swallowed rinse the mouth with plenty of water (only if the person is conscious) and obtain immediate medical attention. Do not induce vomiting. Give nothing to eat or drink.

### 4.6 Self-protection of the first aider

First aider: Pay attention to self-protection!

### 4.7 Information to physician:

Symptoms	No data available
Hazards	No data available
Treatment	No data available

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## 5. Firefighting measures

### 5.1 Suitable extinguishing media

The product itself does not burn. Co-ordinate fire-fighting measures to the fire surroundings.

### 5.2 Extinguishing media which must not be used for safety reasons:

no restriction

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

In case of fire may be liberated: Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) Carbon monoxide Nitrogen oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>) Sulphur oxides

### 5.4 Advice for firefighters

DO NOT fight fire when fire reaches explosives. In case of fire: Wear self-contained breathing apparatus.

### 5.5 Additional information

Do not allow run-off from fire-fighting to enter drains or water courses. Do not inhale explosion and combustion gases. Use caution when applying carbon dioxide in confined spaces. Carbon dioxide can displace oxygen. Use water spray jet to protect personnel and to cool endangered containers.

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## 6. Accidental release measures

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

Avoid generation of dust. Do not breathe dust. Provide adequate ventilation. Avoid contact with skin, eyes and clothes.

### 6.2 Environmental precautions

Do not allow to enter into surface water or drains.

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

Spilled product must never be returned to the original container for recycling. Take up carefully when dry. Avoid generation of dust. Clean contaminated objects and areas thoroughly observing environmental regulations. Collect in closed and suitable containers for disposal.

### 6.4 Additional information

Clear spills immediately.

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## 7. Handling and storage

### 7.1 Precautions for safe handling

Avoid: Inhalation. Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Use extractor hood (laboratory). If handled uncovered, arrangements with local exhaust ventilation have to be used. If local exhaust ventilation is not possible or not sufficient, the entire working area must be ventilated by technical means. Usual measures for fire prevention.

## 7.2 Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

storage temperature 15-25°C

Keep container tightly closed in a cool, well-ventilated place. Keep in a cool place away from acids.

## 7.3 Specific end use(s)

No data available

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## 8. Exposure controls / Personal protection

### 8.1 Control parameters

Does not contain substances above concentration limits fixing an occupational exposure limit.

### 8.2 Appropriate engineering controls

Technical measures and the application of suitable work processes have priority over personal protection equipment. If handled uncovered, arrangements with local exhaust ventilation have to be used.

### 8.3 Personal protective equipment

Wear suitable protective clothing. When handling with chemical substances, protective clothing with CE-labels including the four control digits must be worn.

#### 8.3.1 Eye / face protection

Eye glasses with side protection DIN-/EN-Norms: DIN EN 166

#### 8.3.2 Skin protection

When handling with chemical substances, protective gloves must be worn with the CE-label including the four control digits. Recommended glove articles DIN-/EN-Norms: DIN EN 374 In the case of wanting to use the gloves again, clean them before taking off and air them well.

By short-term hand contact

Suitable material:	NBR (Nitrile rubber)
Thickness of the glove material	0,12 mm
Breakthrough time (maximum wearing time)	>480 min
Recommended glove articles	VWR 112-0998

By long-term hand contact

Suitable material:	NBR (Nitrile rubber)
Thickness of the glove material	0,38 mm
Breakthrough time (maximum wearing time)	>480 min
Recommended glove articles	VWR 112-3717 / 112-1381

### 8.3.3 Protective clothing

Wash hands before breaks and after work. Avoid contact with skin and eyes. When using do not eat, drink or smoke. Provide eye shower and label its location conspicuously.

### 8.3.4 Respiratory protection

Respiratory protection necessary at: aerosol or mist formation

Suitable respiratory protection apparatus:	Filtering Half-face mask (DIN EN 149)
Recommendation	VWR 111-0451
Suitable material:	P3
Recommendation	No data available

### 8.4 Additional information

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## 9. Physical and chemical properties

### 9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties

(a) Appearance	
Physical state	solid
Colour	white
(b) Odour	No data available
(c) Odour threshold	No data available

#### **Safety relevant basic data**

(d) pH	No data available
(e) Melting point/freezing point	175°C
(f) Initial boiling point and boiling range	500°C (1013 hPa)
(g) Flash point	No data available
(h) Evaporation rate	No data available
(i) Flammability (solid, gas)	not applicable
(j) Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits	
Lower explosion limit (Vol-%)	No data available
Upper explosion limit (Vol-%)	No data available
(k) Vapour pressure	No data available
(l) Vapour density	No data available
(m) Relative density	1.61 g/cm <sup>3</sup> (20°C)
(n) Solubility(ies)	
Water solubility (g/l)	208 g/l (20°C)
at °C:	20
Soluble (g/l) in	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	
Kinematic viscosity	No data available
Dynamic viscosity	No data available

(s) Explosive properties  
(t) Oxidising properties

not applicable  
not applicable

## 9.2 Other information

Bulk density	No data available
refraction index	1.558 (589 nm, 174°C)
dissociation constant	No data available
Surface tension	No data available
Henry constant	No data available

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## 10. Stability and reactivity

### 10.1 Reactivity

No data available

### 10.2 Chemical stability

No data available

### 10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions

No data available

### 10.4 Conditions to avoid

No data available

### 10.5 Incompatible materials

No data available

### 10.6 Hazardous decomposition products

No data available

### 10.7 Additional information

No data available

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## 11. Toxicological information

### 11.1 Information on toxicological effects

#### **Acute effects**

Acute oral toxicity

Effective dose

species:

LDLo: 80 mg/kg

human

Exposure time	
remark	
source	Merck KGaA
Acute dermal toxicity	
Effective dose	No data available
species:	No data available
Exposure time	
remark	
source	
Acute inhalation toxicity	
Effective dose	No data available
species:	No data available
Exposure time	
remark	
source	

**Irritant and corrosive effects**

Primary irritation to the skin  
 Exposure time  
 species:  
 Result

Irritation to eyes  
 Exposure time  
 species:  
 Result

Irritation to respiratory tract  
 Exposure time  
 species:  
 Result

**Sensitisation**

In case of skin contact	not sensitising.
After inhalation	not sensitising.

**Specific target organ toxicity (single exposure)**

not relevant

**Specific target organ toxicity (repeated exposure)**

not relevant

**CMR effects (carcinogenicity, mutagenicity and toxicity for reproduction)**



## **Carcinogenicity**

No indication of human carcinogenicity.

## **Germ cell mutagenicity/Genotoxicity**

No indications of human germ cell mutagenicity exist.

## **Reproductive toxicity**

No indications of human reproductive toxicity exist.

## **Aspiration hazard**

not relevant

### 11.2 Other adverse effects

No data available

### 11.3 Additional information

No data available

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## 12. Ecological information

### 12.1 Ecotoxicity

#### **Acute (short-term) fish toxicity**

LC50: No data available  
EC50:  
species:  
Exposure time

#### **Chronic (long-term) fish toxicity**

LC50: No data available  
EC50:  
species:  
Exposure time

#### **Acute (short-term) daphnia toxicity**

LC50: No data available  
EC50:  
species:  
Exposure time

#### **Chronic (long-term) daphnia toxicity**

LC50: No data available  
EC50:  
species:  
Exposure time

#### **Acute (short-term) algae toxicity**

LC50: No data available  
EC50  
species:  
Exposure time

**Chronic (long-term) algae toxicity**

LC50: No data available  
EC50  
species:  
Exposure time

12.2 Persistence and degradability

No data available

12.3 Bioaccumulative potential

(o) Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water No data available

12.4 Mobility in soil

No data available

12.5 Results of PBT assessment

No data available

12.6 Other adverse effects

No data available

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13. Disposal considerations

13.1 Waste treatment methods

**Appropriate disposal / Product**

Dispose according to legislation. Consult the appropriate local waste disposal expert about waste disposal.

Waste code product No data available

**Appropriate disposal / Package**

13.2 Additional information

No data available

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14. Transport information

14.1 Land transport (ADR/RID)

No dangerous good in sense of these transport regulations.

14.2 Sea transport (IMDG)

No dangerous good in sense of these transport regulations.

14.3 Air transport (ICAO-TI / IATA-DGR)

No dangerous good in sense of these transport regulations.

14.4 Additional information

No data available

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15. Regulatory information

15.1 Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture

Water hazard class (WGK) 1

15.2 Chemical Safety Assessment

No data available

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16. Other information

16.1 Relevant R-, H- and EUH-phrases (Number and full text)

R20/21/22	Harmful by inhalation, in contact with skin and if swallowed.
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H302+H312+H332	Harmful if swallowed, in contact with skin or if inhaled.
H412	Harmful to aquatic life with long lasting effects.

EUH032	Contact with acids liberates very toxic gas.
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16.2 Additional information

Indication of changes

general update

*The above information describes exclusively the safety requirements of the product and is based on our present-day knowledge. The information is intended to give you advice about the safe handling of the product named in this safety data sheet, for storage, processing, transport and disposal. The information cannot be transferred to other products. In the case of mixing the product with other products or in the case of processing, the information on this safety data sheet is not necessarily valid for the new made-up material.*