

# SAFETY DATA SHEET

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## 1. Identification

**Product Name** Mercury(II) cyanide

**Cat No. :** AC196900000; AC196900050; AC196901000; AC196905000

**CAS No** 592-04-1  
**Synonyms** Mercuric cyanide

**Recommended Use** Laboratory chemicals.  
**Uses advised against** Food, drug, pesticide or biocidal product use.

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

**Company**

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## 2. Hazard(s) identification

**Classification**

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

Acute oral toxicity	Category 2
Acute dermal toxicity	Category 1
Acute Inhalation Toxicity - Dusts and Mists	Category 2
Specific target organ toxicity - (repeated exposure)	Category 2
Target Organs - Kidney, Central nervous system (CNS).	

**Label Elements****Signal Word**

Danger

**Hazard Statements**

May cause damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure

Fatal if swallowed, in contact with skin or if inhaled



### 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

#### 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

#### Storage

Store locked up  
Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed

#### 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  
WARNING. Reproductive Harm - <https://www.p65warnings.ca.gov/>.

## 3. Composition/Information on Ingredients

Component	CAS No	Weight %
Mercuric cyanide	592-04-1	99

## 4. First-aid measures

<b>Eye Contact</b>	Immediate medical attention is required. Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids, for at least 15 minutes.
<b>Skin Contact</b>	Wash off immediately with soap and plenty of water while removing all contaminated clothes and shoes. Immediate medical attention is required.
<b>Inhalation</b>	Remove from exposure, lie down. Remove to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. Immediate medical attention is required.
<b>Ingestion</b>	Call a physician immediately. Clean mouth with water.

<b>Most important symptoms and effects</b>	No information available.
<b>Notes to Physician</b>	Treat symptomatically

## 5. Fire-fighting measures

<b>Suitable Extinguishing Media</b>	Use extinguishing measures that are appropriate to local circumstances and the surrounding environment.
<b>Unsuitable Extinguishing Media</b>	No information available
<b>Flash Point</b>	No information available
<b>Method -</b>	No information available
<b>Autoignition Temperature</b>	No information available
<b>Explosion Limits</b>	
<b>Upper</b>	No data available
<b>Lower</b>	No data available
<b>Sensitivity to Mechanical Impact</b>	No information available
<b>Sensitivity to Static Discharge</b>	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).

### 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.

### NFPA

**Health**  
4

**Flammability**  
0

**Instability**  
1

**Physical hazards**  
N/A

## 6. Accidental release measures

<b>Personal Precautions</b>	Ensure adequate ventilation. Use personal protective equipment as required.
<b>Environmental Precautions</b>	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** Avoid dust formation. Sweep up and shovel into suitable containers for disposal.

## 7. Handling and storage

<b>Handling</b>	Do not breathe dust. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Handle product only in closed system or provide appropriate exhaust ventilation. Minimize dust generation and accumulation.
<b>Storage.</b>	Keep in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed. Protect from direct sunlight. Keep locked up. Incompatible Materials. Strong oxidizing agents. Strong acids. Fluorine. Metals.

## 8. Exposure controls / personal protection

### Exposure Guidelines

Component	ACGIH TLV	OSHA PEL	NIOSH	Mexico OEL (TWA)
Mercuric cyanide	TWA: 0.025 mg/m <sup>3</sup> Skin	(Vacated) TWA: 5 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (Vacated) Ceiling: 0.1 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	IDLH: 10 mg/m <sup>3</sup> IDLH: 25 mg/m <sup>3</sup> TWA: 0.05 mg/m <sup>3</sup> Ceiling: 0.1 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	TWA: 0.025 mg/m <sup>3</sup>

Legend

ACGIH - American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists

OSHA - Occupational Safety and Health Administration

NIOSH: NIOSH - National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health

**Engineering Measures**

Ensure adequate ventilation, especially in confined areas.

**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**

Wear appropriate protective gloves and clothing to prevent skin exposure.

**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.

**Recommended Filter type:**

Particulates filter conforming to EN 143.

**Hygiene Measures**

Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.

**9. Physical and chemical properties**

Physical State	Powder Solid
Appearance	White
Odor	Odorless
Odor Threshold	No information available
pH	5 - 50 g/l aq.sol
Melting Point/Range	No data available
Boiling Point/Range	No information available
Flash Point	No information available
Evaporation Rate	Not applicable
Flammability (solid,gas)	No information available
Flammability or explosive limits	
Upper	No data available
Lower	No data available
Vapor Pressure	No information available
Vapor Density	Not applicable
Specific Gravity	3.996
Solubility	No information available
Partition coefficient; n-octanol/water	No data available
Autoignition Temperature	No information available
Decomposition Temperature	320 °C
Viscosity	Not applicable
Molecular Formula	C2 Hg N2
Molecular Weight	252.63

**10. Stability and reactivity****Reactive Hazard**

None known, based on information available

<b>Stability</b>	Hygroscopic. Light sensitive.
<b>Conditions to Avoid</b>	Exposure to light. Incompatible products. Exposure to moist air or water.
<b>Incompatible Materials</b>	Strong oxidizing agents, Strong acids, Fluorine, Metals
<b>Hazardous Decomposition Products</b>	Nitrogen oxides (NOx), Hydrogen cyanide (hydrocyanic acid)
<b>Hazardous Polymerization</b>	No information available.
<b>Hazardous Reactions</b>	None under normal processing.

## 11. Toxicological information

### Acute Toxicity

#### Product Information Component Information

Component	LD50 Oral	LD50 Dermal	LC50 Inhalation
Mercuric cyanide	LD50 = 26 mg/kg ( Rat )	Not listed	Not listed

**Toxicologically Synergistic Products** No information available

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

**Irritation** No information available

**Sensitization** No information available

**Carcinogenicity** The table below indicates whether each agency has listed any ingredient as a carcinogen.

Component	CAS No	IARC	NTP	ACGIH	OSHA	Mexico
Mercuric cyanide	592-04-1	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed

**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** Kidney Central nervous system (CNS)

**Aspiration hazard** No information available

**Symptoms / effects, both acute and delayed** No information available

**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.

**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.

**14. Transport information****DOT**

UN-No UN1636  
Hazard Class 6.1  
Packing Group II

**TDG**

UN-No UN1636  
Hazard Class 6.1  
Packing Group II

**IATA**

UN-No UN1636  
Proper Shipping Name MERCURY CYANIDE  
Hazard Class 6.1  
Packing Group II

**IMDG/IMO**

UN-No UN1636  
Proper Shipping Name MERCURY CYANIDE  
Hazard Class 6.1  
Packing Group II

**15. Regulatory information****United States of America Inventory**

Component	CAS No	TSCA	TSCA Inventory notification - Active-Inactive	TSCA - EPA Regulatory Flags
Mercuric cyanide	592-04-1	X	ACTIVE	-

**Legend:**

TSCA US EPA (TSCA) - Toxic Substances Control Act, (40 CFR Part 710)

X - Listed

- - Not Listed

**TSCA - Per 40 CFR 751, Regulation of Certain Chemical Substances & Mixtures, Under TSCA Section 6(h) (PBT)**

Not applicable

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

Not applicable

**International Inventories**

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

Component	CAS No	DSL	NDL	EINECS	PICCS	ENCS	ISHL	AICS	IECSC	KECL
Mercuric cyanide	592-04-1	-	X	209-741-6	X	X	X	X	-	KE-23123

KECL - NIER number or KE number (<http://ncis.nier.go.kr/en/main.do>)**U.S. Federal Regulations****SARA 313**

Section 313 of Title III of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA). This product contains a chemical

or chemicals which are subject to the reporting requirements of the Act and Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 372. Note that PBT chemicals are not eligible for the de minimis exemption. For these chemicals, supplier notification limits are provided.

> 0 % = no low concentration cut-off set, supplier notification limit applies.

Component	CAS No	Weight %	SARA 313 - Threshold Values %	SARA 313 - Reporting thresholds
Mercuric cyanide	592-04-1	99	> 0 %	RT = 10 lb

**SARA 311/312 Hazard Categories**

Should this product meet EPCRA 311/312 Tier reporting criteria at 40 CFR 370, refer to Section 2 of this SDS for appropriate classifications.

**CWA (Clean Water Act)**

Component	CWA - Hazardous Substances	CWA - Reportable Quantities	CWA - Toxic Pollutants	CWA - Priority Pollutants
Mercuric cyanide	X	1 lb	X	X

**Clean Air Act**

Component	HAPS Data	Class 1 Ozone Depletors	Class 2 Ozone Depletors
Mercuric cyanide	X		-

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) or the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) (40 CFR 355).

Component	Hazardous Substances RQs	CERCLA Extremely Hazardous Substances RQs	SARA Reportable Quantity (RQ)
Mercuric cyanide	1 lb	-	1 lb 0.454 kg

**California Proposition 65** This product contains the following Proposition 65 chemicals.

Component	CAS No	California Prop. 65	Prop 65 NSRL	Category
Mercuric cyanide	592-04-1	Developmental Male Reproductive	-	Developmental

**U.S. State Right-to-Know Regulations**

Component	Massachusetts	New Jersey	Pennsylvania	Illinois	Rhode Island
Mercuric cyanide	X	X	X	X	X

**U.S. Department of Transportation**

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

**U.S. Department of Homeland Security** This product does not contain any DHS chemicals.

**Other International Regulations**

**Mexico - Grade** No information available

## Authorisation/Restrictions according to EU REACH

Component	CAS No	REACH (1907/2006) - Annex XIV - Substances Subject to Authorization	REACH (1907/2006) - Annex XVII - Restrictions on Certain Dangerous Substances	REACH Regulation (EC 1907/2006) article 59 - Candidate List of Substances of Very High Concern (SVHC)
Mercuric cyanide	592-04-1	-	Use restricted. See item 18. (see link for restriction details) Use restricted. See item 75. (see link for restriction details)	-

## REACH links

<https://echa.europa.eu/substances-restricted-under-reach>

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

Component	CAS No	OECD HPV	Persistent Organic Pollutant	Ozone Depletion Potential	Restriction of Hazardous Substances (RoHS)
Mercuric cyanide	592-04-1	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable

## Contains component(s) that meet a 'definition' of per &amp; poly fluoroalkyl substance (PFAS)?

Not applicable

## Other International Regulations

Component	CAS No	Seveso III Directive (2012/18/EC) - Qualifying Quantities for Major Accident Notification	Seveso III Directive (2012/18/EC) - Qualifying Quantities for Safety Report Requirements	Rotterdam Convention (PIC)	Basel Convention (Hazardous Waste)
Mercuric cyanide	592-04-1	Not applicable	Not applicable	X	Annex I - Y29 Annex I - Y33

## 16. Other information

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## Revision Summary

This document has been updated to comply with the US OSHA HazCom 2012 Standard replacing the current legislation under 29 CFR 1910.1200 to align with the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labeling of Chemicals (GHS).

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