

## SAFETY DATA SHEET

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### 1. Identification

<b>Product Name</b>	<b>Sodium thiocyanate</b>
<b>Cat No. :</b>	<b>S441-500</b>
<b>CAS No</b>	540-72-7
<b>Synonyms</b>	Sodium rhodanate; Sodium sulfocyanate; Thiocyanic acid sodium salt; Sodium isothiocyanate
<b>Recommended Use</b>	Laboratory chemicals.
<b>Uses advised against</b>	Food, drug, pesticide or biocidal product use.

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

##### Company

Fisher Scientific Company  
One Reagent Lane  
Fair Lawn, NJ 07410  
Tel: (201) 796-7100

<b>Emergency Telephone Number</b>	CHEMTREC®, Inside the USA: 800-424-9300 CHEMTREC®, Outside the USA: 001-703-527-3887
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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 4
Acute dermal toxicity	Category 4
Acute Inhalation Toxicity - Dusts and Mists	Category 4
Specific target organ toxicity - (repeated exposure)	Category 2
Target Organs - Liver, Blood, Thyroid.	

#### Label Elements

**Signal Word**  
Warning

**Hazard Statements**

May cause damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure  
Harmful if swallowed, in contact with skin or if inhaled

**Precautionary Statements****Prevention**

Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray  
Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area  
Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection  
Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product  
Wash face, hands and any exposed skin thoroughly after handling

**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

**Skin**

IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water  
Take off contaminated clothing and wash before reuse

**Ingestion**

Rinse mouth

**Storage**

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

**Disposal**

Dispose of contents/container to an approved waste disposal plant

**Hazards not otherwise classified (HNOC)**

Contact with acids liberates very toxic gas

Harmful to aquatic life with long lasting effects

**Other hazards**

Harmful to aquatic life with long lasting effects.

### 3. Composition/Information on Ingredients

Component	CAS No	Weight %
Sodium thiocyanate	540-72-7	>95

### 4. First-aid measures

**Eye Contact**

Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids, for at least 15 minutes.  
Immediate medical attention is required.

**Skin Contact**

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

**Inhalation**

Remove to fresh air. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. 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.

<b>Ingestion</b>	Do NOT induce vomiting. Call a physician or poison control center immediately.
<b>Most important symptoms and effects</b>	None reasonably foreseeable.
<b>Notes to Physician</b>	Treat symptomatically

## 5. Fire-fighting measures

<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

Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating gases and vapors. Keep product and empty container away from heat and sources of ignition.

### Hazardous Combustion Products

Nitrogen oxides (NOx). Sulfur 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.

### NFPA

**Health**  
2

**Flammability**  
1

**Instability**  
1

**Physical hazards**  
N/A

## 6. Accidental release measures

<b>Personal Precautions</b>	Use personal protective equipment as required. Ensure adequate ventilation. Avoid dust formation. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing.
<b>Environmental Precautions</b>	Should not be released into the environment. Do not flush into surface water or sanitary sewer system.

**Methods for Containment and Clean Up** Sweep up and shovel into suitable containers for disposal. Avoid dust formation.

## 7. Handling and storage

<b>Handling</b>	Use only under a chemical fume hood. Wear personal protective equipment/face protection. Avoid dust formation. Do not breathe (dust, vapor, mist, gas). Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Do not ingest. If swallowed then seek immediate medical assistance. Keep away from acids.
<b>Storage.</b>	Keep containers tightly closed in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place. Protect from light. Keep away from acids. Incompatible Materials. Strong oxidizing agents. Acids. Strong bases.

## 8. Exposure controls / personal protection

### Exposure Guidelines

Component	ACGIH TLV	OSHA PEL	NIOSH IDLH	Mexico OEL (TWA)
Sodium thiocyanate		(Vacated) TWA: 5 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	IDLH: 25 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	

Legend

OSHA - Occupational Safety and Health Administration

NIOSH IDLH: NIOSH - National Institute for Occupational Safety and 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**

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.

**Hygiene Measures**

Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.

## 9. Physical and chemical properties

Physical State	Solid
Appearance	White
Odor	Odorless
Odor Threshold	No information available
pH	5.5-7.5 5% aq.sol. 20°C
Melting Point/Range	287 °C / 548.6 °F
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	> 1.0
Solubility	Soluble in water
Partition coefficient; n-octanol/water	No data available
Autoignition Temperature	No information available
Decomposition Temperature	No information available
Viscosity	Not applicable
Molecular Formula	NaSCN
Molecular Weight	81.07

## 10. Stability and reactivity

**Reactive Hazard**

No

**Stability**

Hygroscopic. Light sensitive.

**Conditions to Avoid**

Avoid dust formation. Incompatible products. Excess heat. Exposure to light. Exposure to moist air or water.

**Incompatible Materials** Strong oxidizing agents, Acids, Strong bases

**Hazardous Decomposition Products** Nitrogen oxides (NOx), Sulfur oxides

**Hazardous Polymerization** Hazardous polymerization does not occur.

**Hazardous Reactions** Contact with acids liberates very toxic gas.

## 11. Toxicological information

### Acute Toxicity

#### Product Information Component Information

Component	LD50 Oral	LD50 Dermal	LC50 Inhalation
Sodium thiocyanate	LD50 = 764 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
Sodium thiocyanate	540-72-7	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** Liver Blood Thyroid

**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. See actual entry in RTECS for complete information.

## 12. Ecological information

### Ecotoxicity

Harmful to aquatic organisms, may cause long-term adverse effects in the aquatic 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** Not regulated  
**TDG** Not regulated  
**IATA** Not regulated  
**IMDG/IMO** Not regulated

### 15. Regulatory information

#### United States of America Inventory

Component	CAS No	TSCA	TSCA Inventory notification - Active-Inactive	TSCA - EPA Regulatory Flags
Sodium thiocyanate	540-72-7	X	ACTIVE	-

#### Legend:

**TSCA** US EPA (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/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
Sodium thiocyanate	540-72-7	X	-	208-754-4	X	X	X	X	X	KE-31631

**KECL** - NIER number or KE number (<http://ncis.nier.gov.kr/en/main.do>)

#### U.S. Federal Regulations

##### SARA 313

Component	CAS No	Weight %	SARA 313 - Threshold Values %
Sodium thiocyanate	540-72-7	>95	1.0

**SARA 311/312 Hazard Categories** See section 2 for more information

##### CWA (Clean Water Act)

Component	CWA - Hazardous Substances	CWA - Reportable Quantities	CWA - Toxic Pollutants	CWA - Priority Pollutants
Sodium thiocyanate	-	-	X	X

##### Clean Air Act

Component	HAPS Data	Class 1 Ozone Depleters	Class 2 Ozone Depleters
Sodium thiocyanate	X		-

**OSHA** - Occupational Safety and Health Administration Not applicable

**CERCLA** Not applicable

**California Proposition 65**

This product does not contain any Proposition 65 chemicals.

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

Component	Massachusetts	New Jersey	Pennsylvania	Illinois	Rhode Island
Sodium thiocyanate	-	X	X	X	X

**U.S. Department of Transportation**

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

**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****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)
Sodium thiocyanate	540-72-7	Listed	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable

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)
Sodium thiocyanate	540-72-7	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable

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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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