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**1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION****1.1 Product identifiers**

Product name : Methyl isothiocyanate

Product Number : 112771  
Brand : Aldrich  
Index-No. : 615-002-00-2

CAS-No. : 556-61-6

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

Identified uses : Laboratory chemicals, Manufacture of substances

**1.3 Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet**Company : Sigma-Aldrich  
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USATelephone : +1 800-325-5832  
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**2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION****2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture****GHS Classification in accordance with 29 CFR 1910 (OSHA HCS)**Acute toxicity, Oral (Category 3), H301  
Acute toxicity, Inhalation (Category 2), H330  
Acute toxicity, Dermal (Category 2), H310  
Skin corrosion (Category 1B), H314  
Serious eye damage (Category 1), H318  
Skin sensitisation (Category 1), H317  
Acute aquatic toxicity (Category 1), H400  
Chronic aquatic toxicity (Category 1), H410

For the full text of the H-Statements mentioned in this Section, see Section 16.

**2.2 GHS Label elements, including precautionary statements**

Pictogram



Signal word : Danger

Hazard statement(s)

H301 : Toxic if swallowed.  
H310 + H330 : Fatal in contact with skin or if inhaled  
H314 : Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.  
H317 : May cause an allergic skin reaction.  
H318 : Causes serious eye damage.  
H410 : Very toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects.

Precautionary statement(s)	
P260	Do not breathe dust/ fume/ gas/ mist/ vapours/ spray.
P262	Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing.
P264	Wash skin thoroughly after handling.
P270	Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.
P271	Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area.
P272	Contaminated work clothing should not be allowed out of the workplace.
P273	Avoid release to the environment.
P280	Wear protective gloves/ protective clothing/ eye protection/ face protection.
P284	Wear respiratory protection.
P301 + P310 + P330	IF SWALLOWED: Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/ physician. Rinse mouth.
P301 + P330 + P331	IF SWALLOWED: Rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting.
P303 + P361 + P353	IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/shower.
P304 + P340 + P310	IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing. Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/ physician.
P305 + P351 + P338 + P310	IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/ physician.
P333 + P313	If skin irritation or rash occurs: Get medical advice/ attention.
P362	Take off contaminated clothing and wash before reuse.
P391	Collect spillage.
P403 + P233	Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed.
P405	Store locked up.
P501	Dispose of contents/ container to an approved waste disposal plant.

### 2.3 Hazards not otherwise classified (HNOC) or not covered by GHS

Lachrymator.

## 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

### 3.1 Substances

Formula	:	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>3</sub> NS
Molecular weight	:	73.12 g/mol
CAS-No.	:	556-61-6
EC-No.	:	209-132-5
Index-No.	:	615-002-00-2

#### Hazardous components

Component	Classification	Concentration
<b>Methyl isothiocyanate</b>	Acute Tox. 3; Acute Tox. 2; Skin Corr. 1B; Eye Dam. 1; Skin Sens. 1; Aquatic Acute 1; Aquatic Chronic 1; H301, H310 + H330, H314, H317, H318, H410	<= 100 %

For the full text of the H-Statements mentioned in this Section, see Section 16.

## 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

### 4.1 Description of first aid measures

#### General advice

Move out of dangerous area. Consult a physician. Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance.

#### If inhaled

If breathed in, move person into fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. Consult a physician.

**In case of skin contact**

Take off contaminated clothing and shoes immediately. Wash off with soap and plenty of water. Take victim immediately to hospital. Consult a physician.

**In case of eye contact**

Continue rinsing eyes during transport to hospital. Rinse thoroughly with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes and consult a physician.

**If swallowed**

Do NOT induce vomiting. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Rinse mouth with water. Consult a physician.

**4.2 Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed**

The most important known symptoms and effects are described in the labelling (see section 2.2) and/or in section 11

**4.3 Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed**

No data available

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**5. FIREFIGHTING MEASURES****5.1 Extinguishing media****Suitable extinguishing media**

Use water spray, alcohol-resistant foam, dry chemical or carbon dioxide.

**5.2 Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture**

Carbon oxides, Nitrogen oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>), Sulphur oxides

**5.3 Advice for firefighters**

Wear self-contained breathing apparatus for firefighting if necessary.

**5.4 Further information**

No data available

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**6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES****6.1 Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures**

Wear respiratory protection. Avoid dust formation. Avoid breathing vapours, mist or gas. Ensure adequate ventilation. Evacuate personnel to safe areas. Avoid breathing dust.  
For personal protection see section 8.

**6.2 Environmental precautions**

Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so. Do not let product enter drains. Discharge into the environment must be avoided.

**6.3 Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up**

Pick up and arrange disposal without creating dust. Sweep up and shovel. Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal.

**6.4 Reference to other sections**

For disposal see section 13.

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**7. HANDLING AND STORAGE****7.1 Precautions for safe handling**

Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Avoid formation of dust and aerosols. Further processing of solid materials may result in the formation of combustible dusts. The potential for combustible dust formation should be taken into consideration before additional processing occurs.  
Provide appropriate exhaust ventilation at places where dust is formed.  
For precautions see section 2.2.

**7.2 Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities**

Keep container tightly closed in a dry and well-ventilated place.

Moisture sensitive.

Storage class (TRGS 510): Non-combustible, acute toxic Cat. 1 and 2 / very toxic hazardous materials

**7.3 Specific end use(s)**

Apart from the uses mentioned in section 1.2 no other specific uses are stipulated

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## 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

### 8.1 Control parameters

#### Components with workplace control parameters

Contains no substances with occupational exposure limit values.

### 8.2 Exposure controls

#### Appropriate engineering controls

Avoid contact with skin, eyes and clothing. Wash hands before breaks and immediately after handling the product.

#### Personal protective equipment

##### Eye/face protection

Face shield and safety glasses Use equipment for eye protection tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or EN 166(EU).

##### Skin protection

Handle with gloves. Gloves must be inspected prior to use. Use proper glove removal technique (without touching glove's outer surface) to avoid skin contact with this product. Dispose of contaminated gloves after use in accordance with applicable laws and good laboratory practices. Wash and dry hands.

##### Full contact

Material: Fluorinated rubber

Minimum layer thickness: 0.7 mm

Break through time: 480 min

Material tested: Vitoject® (KCL 890 / Aldrich Z677698, Size M)

##### Splash contact

Material: Nitrile rubber

Minimum layer thickness: 0.4 mm

Break through time: 30 min

Material tested: Camatril® (KCL 730 / Aldrich Z677442, Size M)

data source: KCL GmbH, D-36124 Eichenzell, phone +49 (0)6659 87300, e-mail sales@kcl.de, test method: EN374

If used in solution, or mixed with other substances, and under conditions which differ from EN 374, contact the supplier of the CE approved gloves. This recommendation is advisory only and must be evaluated by an industrial hygienist and safety officer familiar with the specific situation of anticipated use by our customers. It should not be construed as offering an approval for any specific use scenario.

##### Body Protection

Complete suit protecting against chemicals, The type of protective equipment must be selected according to the concentration and amount of the dangerous substance at the specific workplace.

##### Respiratory protection

Where risk assessment shows air-purifying respirators are appropriate use a full-face particle respirator type N100 (US) or type P3 (EN 143) respirator cartridges as a backup to engineering controls. If the respirator is the sole means of protection, use a full-face supplied air respirator. Use respirators and components tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or CEN (EU).

##### Control of environmental exposure

Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so. Do not let product enter drains. Discharge into the environment must be avoided.

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## 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

### 9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties

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|--------------------|---|
| a) Appearance      | Form: amorphous, solid, crystalline<br>Colour: colourless |
| b) Odour           | No data available   |
| c) Odour Threshold | No data available   |
| d) pH              | No data available   |

e) Melting point/freezing point	Melting point/range: 30 - 34 °C (86 - 93 °F) - lit.
f) Initial boiling point and boiling range	117 - 118 °C (243 - 244 °F) - lit.
g) Flash point	30 °C (86 °F) - closed cup
h) Evaporation rate	No data available
i) Flammability (solid, gas)	No data available
j) Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits	No data available
k) Vapour pressure	40 hPa (30 mmHg) at 30 °C (86 °F) 28 hPa (21 mmHg) at 20 °C (68 °F)
l) Vapour density	No data available
m) Relative density	1.069 g/mL at 25 °C (77 °F)
n) Water solubility	soluble
o) Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water	log Pow: 0.94
p) Auto-ignition temperature	No data available
q) Decomposition temperature	No data available
r) Viscosity	No data available
s) Explosive properties	No data available
t) Oxidizing properties	No data available

## 9.2 Other safety information

No data available

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## 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

### 10.1 Reactivity

No data available

### 10.2 Chemical stability

Stable under recommended storage conditions.

### 10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions

No data available

### 10.4 Conditions to avoid

Heat

### 10.5 Incompatible materials

Alcohols, Strong bases, Amines, Strong oxidizing agents

### 10.6 Hazardous decomposition products

Other decomposition products - No data available

In the event of fire: see section 5

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## 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### 11.1 Information on toxicological effects

#### Acute toxicity

LD50 Oral - Rat - 72 mg/kg

LC50 Inhalation - Rat - 1 h - 1,900 mg/m<sup>3</sup>

LD50 Dermal - Rat - 198 mg/kg

No data available

**Skin corrosion/irritation**

Skin - Rabbit

Result: Skin irritation - 24 h

**Serious eye damage/eye irritation**

Eyes - Rabbit

Result: Severe eye irritation

**Respiratory or skin sensitisation**

**Germ cell mutagenicity**

No data available

**Carcinogenicity**

IARC: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as probable, possible or confirmed human carcinogen by IARC.

ACGIH: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a carcinogen or potential carcinogen by ACGIH.

NTP: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a known or anticipated carcinogen by NTP.

OSHA: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a carcinogen or potential carcinogen by OSHA.

**Reproductive toxicity**

No data available

Reproductive toxicity - Rat - Oral

Maternal Effects: Other effects.

No data available

**Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure**

No data available

**Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure**

No data available

**Aspiration hazard**

No data available

**Additional Information**

RTECS: PA9625000

Cough, Shortness of breath, Headache, Nausea, Vomiting, Repeated exposure may cause asthma., Lung irritation

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**12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

**12.1 Toxicity**

Toxicity to fish LC50 - Oncorhynchus mykiss (rainbow trout) - 0.078 mg/l - 96.0 h

Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates EC50 - Daphnia magna (Water flea) - 0.18 - 0.56 mg/l - 48 h

**12.2 Persistence and degradability**

No data available

**12.3 Bioaccumulative potential**

No data available

**12.4 Mobility in soil**

No data available

## 12.5 Results of PBT and vPvB assessment

PBT/vPvB assessment not available as chemical safety assessment not required/not conducted

## 12.6 Other adverse effects

Very toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects.

An environmental hazard cannot be excluded in the event of unprofessional handling or disposal.

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## 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

### 13.1 Waste treatment methods

#### Product

Contact a licensed professional waste disposal service to dispose of this material. Dissolve or mix the material with a combustible solvent and burn in a chemical incinerator equipped with an afterburner and scrubber. Offer surplus and non-recyclable solutions to a licensed disposal company.

#### Contaminated packaging

Dispose of as unused product.

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## 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

### DOT (US)

UN number: 2477 Class: 6.1 (3) Packing group: I

Proper shipping name: Methyl isothiocyanate

Reportable Quantity (RQ):

Poison Inhalation Hazard: Hazard zone B

### IMDG

UN number: 2477 Class: 6.1 (3) Packing group: I EMS-No: F-E, S-D

Proper shipping name: METHYL ISOTHIOCYANATE

Marine pollutant:yes

### IATA

UN number: 2477 Class: 6.1 (3)

Proper shipping name: Methyl isothiocyanate

IATA Passenger: Not permitted for transport

IATA Cargo: Not permitted for transport

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## 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

### SARA 302 Components

The following components are subject to reporting levels established by SARA Title III, Section 302:

	CAS-No.	Revision Date
Methyl isothiocyanate	556-61-6	1993-04-24

### SARA 313 Components

The following components are subject to reporting levels established by SARA Title III, Section 313:

	CAS-No.	Revision Date
Methyl isothiocyanate	556-61-6	1993-04-24

### Massachusetts Right To Know Components

	CAS-No.	Revision Date
Methyl isothiocyanate	556-61-6	1993-04-24

### Pennsylvania Right To Know Components

	CAS-No.	Revision Date
Methyl isothiocyanate	556-61-6	1993-04-24

### New Jersey Right To Know Components

	CAS-No.	Revision Date
Methyl isothiocyanate	556-61-6	1993-04-24

### California Prop. 65 Components

This product does not contain any chemicals known to State of California to cause cancer, birth defects, or any other reproductive harm.

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## 16. OTHER INFORMATION

### Full text of H-Statements referred to under sections 2 and 3.

Acute Tox.	Acute toxicity
Aquatic Acute	Acute aquatic toxicity
Aquatic Chronic	Chronic aquatic toxicity
Eye Dam.	Serious eye damage
H301	Toxic if swallowed.
H310	Fatal in contact with skin.
H310 + H330	Fatal in contact with skin or if inhaled
H314	Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.
H317	May cause an allergic skin reaction.
H318	Causes serious eye damage.
H330	Fatal if inhaled.
H400	Very toxic to aquatic life.

### HMIS Rating

Health hazard:	4
Chronic Health Hazard:	
Flammability:	0
Physical Hazard	0

### NFPA Rating

Health hazard:	3
Fire Hazard:	3
Reactivity Hazard:	0

### Further information

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