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

Product name : Methyl thiocyanate

Product Number : 722197  
Brand : Aldrich

CAS-No. : 556-64-9

**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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Emergency Phone # : +1-703-527-3887 (CHEMTREC)

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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)**Flammable liquids (Category 3), H226  
Acute toxicity, Oral (Category 3), H301  
Acute toxicity, Inhalation (Category 3), H331  
Acute toxicity, Dermal (Category 3), H311  
Eye irritation (Category 2A), H319  
Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure (Category 3), Respiratory system, H335

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)

H226 : Flammable liquid and vapour.  
H301 + H311 + H331 : Toxic if swallowed, in contact with skin or if inhaled  
H319 : Causes serious eye irritation.  
H335 : May cause respiratory irritation.

Precautionary statement(s)

P210 : Keep away from heat/sparks/open flames/hot surfaces. - No smoking.  
P233 : Keep container tightly closed.  
P240 : Ground/bond container and receiving equipment.  
P241 : Use explosion-proof electrical/ ventilating/ lighting/ equipment.

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| P242               | Use only non-sparking tools.   |
| P243               | Take precautionary measures against static discharge.  |
| P261               | Avoid breathing dust/ fume/ gas/ mist/ vapours/ spray.   |
| 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.  |
| P280               | Wear protective gloves/ protective clothing/ eye protection/ face protection.  |
| P301 + P310        | IF SWALLOWED: Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/ physician.   |
| P303 + P361 + P353 | IF ON SKIN (or hair): Remove/ Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/ shower.                     |
| P304 + P340        | IF INHALED: Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing.                                 |
| P305 + P351 + P338 | IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. |
| P312               | Call a POISON CENTER or doctor/ physician if you feel unwell.  |
| P322               | Specific measures (see supplemental first aid instructions on this label).   |
| P330               | Rinse mouth.   |
| P337 + P313        | If eye irritation persists: Get medical advice/ attention.   |
| P361               | Remove/Take off immediately all contaminated clothing.   |
| P363               | Wash contaminated clothing before reuse.   |
| P370 + P378        | In case of fire: Use dry sand, dry chemical or alcohol-resistant foam for extinction.  |
| P403 + P233        | Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed.   |
| P403 + P235        | Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep cool.   |
| 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 - none

## 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.          | : 556-64-9                         |
| EC-No.           | : 209-134-6                        |

#### Hazardous components

| Component                 | Classification   | Concentration |
|---------------------------|--|---------------|
| <b>Methyl thiocyanate</b> |  |               |
|                           | Flam. Liq. 3; Acute Tox. 3; Eye Irrit. 2A; STOT SE 3; H226, H301 + H311 + H331, H319, H335 | -             |

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

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

#### If inhaled

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

#### In case of skin contact

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

#### In case of eye contact

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**

Use water spray to cool unopened containers.

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

Wear respiratory protection. Avoid breathing vapours, mist or gas. Ensure adequate ventilation. Remove all sources of ignition. Evacuate personnel to safe areas. Beware of vapours accumulating to form explosive concentrations. Vapours can accumulate in low areas. 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.

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

Contain spillage, and then collect with an electrically protected vacuum cleaner or by wet-brushing and place in container for disposal according to local regulations (see section 13).

**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 inhalation of vapour or mist. Keep away from sources of ignition - No smoking. Take measures to prevent the build up of electrostatic charge. 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. Containers which are opened must be carefully resealed and kept upright to prevent leakage.

**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.

Splash contact

Material: Fluorinated rubber

Minimum layer thickness: 0.7 mm

Break through time: 30 min

Material tested: Vitoject® (KCL 890 / Aldrich Z677698, 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, Flame retardant antistatic protective clothing., 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 respirator with multi-purpose combination (US) or type ABEK (EN 14387) 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.

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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: liquid                            |
| b) Odour  | No data available                       |
| c) Odour Threshold                              | No data available                       |
| d) pH   | No data available                       |
| e) Melting point/freezing point                 | Melting point/range: -5 °C (23 °F)      |
| f) Initial boiling point and boiling range      | 131 °C (268 °F) at 1,013 hPa (760 mmHg) |
| g) Flash point                                  | 43.3 °C (109.9 °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                              | No data available                       |
| l) Vapour density                               | No data available                       |
| m) Relative density                             | 1.052 g/cm <sup>3</sup>                 |

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|---|-------------------|
| n) Water solubility                       | 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                              | 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, flames and sparks.

### 10.5 Incompatible materials

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 - 60 mg/kg

Inhalation: No data available

Dermal: No data available

LD50 Intravenous - Mouse - 18 mg/kg

#### Skin corrosion/irritation

No data available

#### Serious eye damage/eye irritation

No data available

#### 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

No data available

**Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure**

Inhalation - May cause respiratory irritation.

**Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure**

No data available

**Aspiration hazard**

No data available

**Additional Information**

RTECS: XL1575000

burning sensation, Cough, wheezing, laryngitis, Shortness of breath, Headache, Nausea, Vomiting, Repeated exposure may cause asthma., prolonged or repeated exposure can cause:, Dizziness

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**12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

**12.1 Toxicity**

No data available

**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**

No data available

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**13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS**

**13.1 Waste treatment methods**

**Product**

Burn in a chemical incinerator equipped with an afterburner and scrubber but exert extra care in igniting as this material is highly flammable. Offer surplus and non-recyclable solutions to a licensed disposal company. Contact a licensed professional waste disposal service to dispose of this material.

**Contaminated packaging**

Dispose of as unused product.

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**14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION**

**DOT (US)**

UN number: 2929      Class: 6.1 (3)      Packing group: II  
Proper shipping name: Toxic liquids, flammable, organic, n.o.s. (Methyl thiocyanate)  
Reportable Quantity (RQ):  
Marine pollutant: No  
Poison Inhalation Hazard: No

**IMDG**

UN number: 2929      Class: 6.1 (3)      Packing group: II      EMS-No: F-E, S-D

Proper shipping name: TOXIC LIQUID, FLAMMABLE, ORGANIC, N.O.S. (Methyl thiocyanate)  
Marine pollutant: No

**IATA**

UN number: 2929      Class: 6.1 (3)      Packing group: II  
Proper shipping name: Toxic liquid, flammable, organic, n.o.s. (Methyl thiocyanate)

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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 thiocyanate | 556-64-9 | 2007-07-01    |

**SARA 313 Components**

This material does not contain any chemical components with known CAS numbers that exceed the threshold (De Minimis) reporting levels established by SARA Title III, Section 313.

**SARA 311/312 Hazards**

Fire Hazard, Acute Health Hazard

**Massachusetts Right To Know Components**

|                    | CAS-No.  | Revision Date |
|--------------------|----------|---------------|
| Methyl thiocyanate | 556-64-9 | 2007-07-01    |

**Pennsylvania Right To Know Components**

|                    | CAS-No.  | Revision Date |
|--------------------|----------|---------------|
| Methyl thiocyanate | 556-64-9 | 2007-07-01    |

**New Jersey Right To Know Components**

|                    | CAS-No.  | Revision Date |
|--------------------|----------|---------------|
| Methyl thiocyanate | 556-64-9 | 2007-07-01    |

**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   |
| Eye Irrit.         | Eye irritation   |
| Flam. Liq.         | Flammable liquids                                      |
| H226               | Flammable liquid and vapour.                           |
| H301               | Toxic if swallowed.                                    |
| H301 + H311 + H331 | Toxic if swallowed, in contact with skin or if inhaled |
| H311               | Toxic in contact with skin.                            |
| H319               | Causes serious eye irritation.                         |

**HMIS Rating**

|                        |   |
|------------------------|---|
| Health hazard:         | 2 |
| Chronic Health Hazard: |   |
| Flammability:          | 2 |
| Physical Hazard        | 0 |

**NFPA Rating**

|                    |   |
|--------------------|---|
| Health hazard:     | 2 |
| Fire Hazard:       | 2 |
| Reactivity Hazard: | 0 |

**Further information**

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