

**SAFETY DATA SHEET**

according to Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006

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GENERIC EU MSDS - NO COUNTRY SPECIFIC DATA - NO OEL DATA

**SECTION 1: Identification of the substance/mixture and of the company/undertaking****1.1 Product identifiers**

Product name : Potassium cyanide

Product Number : 207810

Brand : SIGALD

Index-No. : 006-007-00-5

REACH No. : A registration number is not available for this substance as the substance or its uses are exempted from registration, the annual tonnage does not require a registration or the registration is envisaged for a later registration deadline.

CAS-No. : 151-50-8

**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 :

**1.4 Emergency telephone**

Emergency Phone # : +(44)-870-8200418 (CHEMTREC (GB))  
+(353)-19014670 (CHEMTREC Ireland)  
001-803-017-9114 (CHEMTREC India)

**SECTION 2: Hazards identification****2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture**

Corrosive to Metals, (Category 1) H290: May be corrosive to metals.

Acute toxicity, (Category 1) H300: Fatal if swallowed.

Acute toxicity, (Category 2) H330: Fatal if inhaled.

Acute toxicity, (Category 2) H310: Fatal in contact with skin.

Specific target organ toxicity - H372: Causes damage to organs through



repeated exposure, (Category 1), prolonged or repeated exposure.  
Thyroid

Short-term (acute) aquatic hazard, (Category 1) H400: Very toxic to aquatic life.

Long-term (chronic) aquatic hazard, (Category 1) H410: Very toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects.

## 2.2 Label elements

### Labelling according Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008

Pictogram



Signal Word

Danger

Hazard Statements

H290

May be corrosive to metals.

H300 + H310 + H330

Fatal if swallowed, in contact with skin or if inhaled.

H372

Causes damage to organs (Thyroid) through prolonged or repeated exposure.

H410

Very toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects.

Precautionary Statements

P262

Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing.

P273

Avoid release to the environment.

P280

Wear protective gloves/ protective clothing.

P302 + P352 + P310

IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of water. Immediately call a POISON CENTER/ doctor.

P304 + P340 + P310

IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing. Immediately call a POISON CENTER/ doctor.

P314

Get medical advice/ attention if you feel unwell.

Supplemental Hazard information (EU)

EUH032

Contact with acids liberates very toxic gas.

### Reduced Labeling (<= 125 ml)

Pictogram



Signal Word

Danger

Hazard Statements

H372

Causes damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure.

H300 + H310 + H330

Fatal if swallowed, in contact with skin or if inhaled.

Precautionary Statements

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P314 for breathing. Immediately call a POISON CENTER/ doctor.  
Get medical advice/ attention if you feel unwell.  
Supplemental Hazard information (EU)  
EUH032 Contact with acids liberates very toxic gas.

### 2.3 Other hazards

This substance/mixture contains no components considered to be either persistent, bioaccumulative and toxic (PBT), or very persistent and very bioaccumulative (vPvB) at levels of 0.1% or higher.

Ecological information:

The substance/mixture does not contain components considered to have endocrine disrupting properties according to REACH Article 57(f) or Commission Delegated regulation (EU) 2017/2100 or Commission Regulation (EU) 2018/605 at levels of 0.1% or higher.

Toxicological information:

The substance/mixture does not contain components considered to have endocrine disrupting properties according to REACH Article 57(f) or Commission Delegated regulation (EU) 2017/2100 or Commission Regulation (EU) 2018/605 at levels of 0.1% or higher.

## SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients

### 3.1 Substances

Formula : KCN  
Molecular weight : 65.12 g/mol  
CAS-No. : 151-50-8  
EC-No. : 205-792-3  
Index-No. : 006-007-00-5

Component		Classification	Concentration
<b>Potassium cyanide</b>			
CAS-No.	151-50-8	Met. Corr. 1; Acute Tox. 1; Acute Tox. 2; STOT RE 1; Aquatic Acute 1; Aquatic Chronic 1; H290, H300, H330, H310, H372, H400, H410 M-Factor - Aquatic Acute: 10 - Aquatic Chronic: 1	<= 100 %
EC-No.	205-792-3		
Index-No.	006-007-00-5		

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

## SECTION 4: First aid measures

### 4.1 Description of first-aid measures

#### General advice

First aiders need to protect themselves. Show this material safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance.



**If inhaled**

After inhalation: fresh air. Immediately call in physician. If breathing stops: immediately apply artificial respiration, if necessary also oxygen.

**In case of skin contact**

In case of skin contact: Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/ shower. Call a physician immediately.

**In case of eye contact**

After eye contact: rinse out with plenty of water. Call in ophthalmologist. Remove contact lenses.

**If swallowed**

If swallowed: give water to drink (two glasses at most). Seek medical advice immediately. In exceptional cases only, if medical care is not available within one hour, induce vomiting (only in persons who are wide awake and fully conscious), administer activated charcoal (20 - 40 g in a 10% slurry) and consult a doctor as quickly as possible.

**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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**SECTION 5: Firefighting measures****5.1 Extinguishing media****Suitable extinguishing media**

Use extinguishing measures that are appropriate to local circumstances and the surrounding environment.

**Unsuitable extinguishing media**

Water Foam Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>)

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

Carbon oxides  
Nitrogen oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>)  
Potassium oxides  
Not combustible.  
Ambient fire may liberate hazardous vapours.

**5.3 Advice for firefighters**

Stay in danger area only with self-contained breathing apparatus. Prevent skin contact by keeping a safe distance or by wearing suitable protective clothing.

**5.4 Further information**

Suppress (knock down) gases/vapors/mists with a water spray jet. Prevent fire extinguishing water from contaminating surface water or the ground water system.



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## SECTION 6: Accidental release measures

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

Advice for non-emergency personnel: Avoid generation and inhalation of dusts in all circumstances. Avoid substance contact. Ensure adequate ventilation. Evacuate the danger area, observe emergency procedures, consult an expert.  
For personal protection see section 8.

### 6.2 Environmental precautions

Do not let product enter drains.

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

Cover drains. Collect, bind, and pump off spills. Observe possible material restrictions (see sections 7 and 10). Take up carefully. Dispose of properly. Clean up affected area. Avoid generation of dusts.

### 6.4 Reference to other sections

For disposal see section 13.

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## SECTION 7: Handling and storage

### 7.1 Precautions for safe handling

#### Advice on safe handling

Work under hood. Do not inhale substance/mixture.

#### Hygiene measures

Immediately change contaminated clothing. Apply preventive skin protection. Wash hands and face after working with substance.  
For precautions see section 2.2.

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

#### Storage conditions

No metal containers.  
Tightly closed. Dry. Keep in a well-ventilated place. Keep locked up or in an area accessible only to qualified or authorized persons.  
Do not store near acids.

#### Storage class

Storage class (TRGS 510): 6.1A: 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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## **SECTION 8: Exposure controls/personal protection**

### **8.1 Control parameters**

#### **Ingredients with workplace control parameters**

### **8.2 Exposure controls**

#### **Personal protective equipment**

##### **Eye/face protection**

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

##### **Skin protection**

This recommendation applies only to the product stated in the safety data sheet, supplied by us and for the designated use. When dissolving in or mixing with other substances and under conditions deviating from those stated in EN 16523-1 please contact the supplier of CE-approved gloves (e.g. KCL GmbH, D-36124 Eichenzell, Internet: [www.kcl.de](http://www.kcl.de)).

Full contact

Material: Nitrile rubber

Minimum layer thickness: 0.11 mm

Break through time: 480 min

Material tested: KCL 741 Dermatril® L

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Splash contact

Material: Nitrile rubber

Minimum layer thickness: 0.11 mm

Break through time: 480 min

Material tested: KCL 741 Dermatril® L

##### **Body Protection**

protective clothing

##### **Respiratory protection**

Recommended Filter type: Filter B-(P3)

The entrepreneur has to ensure that maintenance, cleaning and testing of respiratory protective devices are carried out according to the instructions of the producer. These measures have to be properly documented.

##### **Control of environmental exposure**

Do not let product enter drains.



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## SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties

### 9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties

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|---|--|
| a) Physical state                               | solid  |
| b) Color  | white  |
| c) Odor   | No data available  |
| d) Melting point/freezing point                 | Melting point/range: 634 °C - lit.   |
| e) Initial boiling point and boiling range      | 1,625 °C at 1,013 hPa  |
| f) Flammability (solid, gas)                    | No data available  |
| g) Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits | No data available  |
| h) Flash point                                  | Not applicable   |
| i) Autoignition temperature                     | No data available  |
| j) Decomposition temperature                    | No data available  |
| k) pH   | No data available  |
| l) Viscosity                                    | Viscosity, kinematic: No data available<br>Viscosity, dynamic: No data available |
| m) Water solubility                             | No data available  |
| n) Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water       | Not applicable for inorganic substances  |
| o) Vapor pressure                               | No data available  |
| p) Density                                      | 1.55 g/cm <sup>3</sup> at 20 °C  |
| Relative density                                | No data available  |
| q) Relative vapor density                       | No data available  |
| r) Particle characteristics                     | No data available  |
| s) Explosive properties                         | No data available  |
| t) Oxidizing properties                         | none   |

### 9.2 Other safety information

No data available



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## SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity

### 10.1 Reactivity

Contact with acids liberates very toxic gas.

### 10.2 Chemical stability

The product is chemically stable under standard ambient conditions (room temperature) .

### 10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions

Exothermic reaction with:

Fluorine

magnesium

sodium hypochlorite

Risk of explosion with:

chlorates

nitrites

nitrates

Strong oxidizing agents

permanganates

anhydrides

mercury(II) nitrate

nitrogen trichloride

Peroxides

perchloryl fluoride

A risk of explosion and/or of toxic gas formation exists with the following substances:

Water

Hydrogen fluoride

Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>)

Generates dangerous gases or fumes in contact with:

Acids

### 10.4 Conditions to avoid

Avoid moisture.

no information available

### 10.5 Incompatible materials

No data available

### 10.6 Hazardous decomposition products

In the event of fire: see section 5

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## SECTION 11: Toxicological information

### 11.1 Information on toxicological effects

#### Acute toxicity

Acute toxicity estimate Oral - 0.51 mg/kg

(Expert judgment)

Remarks: Classified according to Regulation (EU) 1272/2008, Annex VI (Table 3.1/3.2)

Acute toxicity estimate Inhalation - 0.051 mg/l - dust/mist

(Expert judgment)

Remarks: Classified according to Regulation (EU) 1272/2008, Annex VI (Table 3.1/3.2)





Acute toxicity estimate Dermal - 50.1 mg/kg  
(Expert judgment)

Remarks: Classified according to Regulation (EU) 1272/2008, Annex VI (Table 3.1/3.2)

**Skin corrosion/irritation**

No data available

**Serious eye damage/eye irritation**

No data available

**Respiratory or skin sensitization**

No data available

**Germ cell mutagenicity**

Test Type: In vitro mammalian cell gene mutation test

Test system: Chinese hamster lung cells

Metabolic activation: with and without metabolic activation

Method: Regulation (EC) No. 440/2008, Annex, B.17

Result: negative

**Carcinogenicity**

No data available

**Reproductive toxicity**

No data available

**Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure**

No data available

**Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure**

Causes damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure.

- Thyroid

**Aspiration hazard**

No data available

**11.2 Additional Information**

**Endocrine disrupting properties**

**Product:**

Assessment

The substance/mixture does not contain components considered to have endocrine disrupting properties according to REACH Article 57(f) or Commission Delegated regulation (EU) 2017/2100 or Commission Regulation (EU) 2018/605 at levels of 0.1% or higher.

RTECS: TS8750000

To the best of our knowledge, the chemical, physical, and toxicological properties have not been thoroughly investigated.

Lung irritation, Cyanosis, Central nervous system depression, May cause argyria (a slate-gray or bluish discoloration of the skin and deep tissues due to the deposit of insoluble albuminate of silver)., Material is extremely destructive to tissue of the mucous membranes and upper respiratory tract, eyes, and skin., Inhalation may provoke the following symptoms:, spasm, inflammation and edema of the bronchi, Aspiration or inhalation may cause chemical pneumonitis., pulmonary edema, Lungs, CNS depression with hypertension or circulatory failure, and respiratory depression



To the best of our knowledge, the chemical, physical, and toxicological properties have not been thoroughly investigated.

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## SECTION 12: Ecological information

### 12.1 Toxicity

Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates	static test EC50 - Daphnia pulex (Water flea) - 0.11 mg/l - 48 h Remarks: (ECHA)
Toxicity to bacteria	static test EC50 - activated sludge - 2.3 mg/l - 30 min Remarks: (IUCLID)
Toxicity to fish(Chronic toxicity)	NOEC - Oncorhynchus mykiss (rainbow trout) - 0.01 mg/l - 20 d Remarks: (ECOTOX Database) The value is given in analogy to the following substances: hydrogen cyanide

### 12.2 Persistence and degradability

The methods for determining biodegradability are not applicable to inorganic substances.

### 12.3 Bioaccumulative potential

No data available

### 12.4 Mobility in soil

No data available

### 12.5 Results of PBT and vPvB assessment

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### 12.6 Endocrine disrupting properties

#### Product:

Assessment : The substance/mixture does not contain components considered to have endocrine disrupting properties according to REACH Article 57(f) or Commission Delegated regulation (EU) 2017/2100 or Commission Regulation (EU) 2018/605 at levels of 0.1% or higher.

### 12.7 Other adverse effects

No data available



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## SECTION 13: Disposal considerations

### 13.1 Waste treatment methods

No data available

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## SECTION 14: Transport information

### 14.1 UN number

ADR/RID: 1680

IMDG: 1680

IATA: 1680

### 14.2 UN proper shipping name

ADR/RID: POTASSIUM CYANIDE, SOLID

IMDG: POTASSIUM CYANIDE, SOLID

IATA: Potassium cyanide, solid

### 14.3 Transport hazard class(es)

ADR/RID: 6.1

IMDG: 6.1

IATA: 6.1

### 14.4 Packaging group

ADR/RID: I

IMDG: I

IATA: I

### 14.5 Environmental hazards

ADR/RID: yes

IMDG Marine pollutant: yes

IATA: no

### 14.6 Special precautions for user

Further information : No data available

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## SECTION 15: Regulatory information

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

This material safety data sheet complies with the requirements of Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006.

#### Authorisations and/or restrictions on use

##### National legislation

Seveso III: Directive 2012/18/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council on the control of major-accident hazards involving dangerous substances.

H1 ACUTE TOXIC

E1 ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS

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##### Other regulations

Observe work restrictions regarding maternity protection in accordance to Dir 92/85/EEC or stricter national regulations where applicable.



Take note of Dir 94/33/EC on the protection of young people at work.

## 15.2 Chemical Safety Assessment

For this product a chemical safety assessment was not carried out

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### SECTION 16: Other information

#### Full text of H-Statements

H290	May be corrosive to metals.
H300	Fatal if swallowed.
H310	Fatal in contact with skin.
H330	Fatal if inhaled.
H372	Causes damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure.
H400	Very toxic to aquatic life.
H410	Very toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects.
EUH032	Contact with acids liberates very toxic gas.

#### Full text of other abbreviations

ADN - European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterways; ADR - Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road; AIIC - Australian Inventory of Industrial Chemicals; ASTM - American Society for the Testing of Materials; bw - Body weight; CMR - Carcinogen, Mutagen or Reproductive Toxicant; DIN - Standard of the German Institute for Standardisation; DSL - Domestic Substances List (Canada); ECx - Concentration associated with x% response; ELx - Loading rate associated with x% response; EmS - Emergency Schedule; ENCS - Existing and New Chemical Substances (Japan); ErCx - Concentration associated with x% growth rate response; GHS - Globally Harmonized System; GLP - Good Laboratory Practice; IARC - International Agency for Research on Cancer; IATA - International Air Transport Association; IBC - International Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships carrying Dangerous Chemicals in Bulk; IC50 - Half maximal inhibitory concentration; ICAO - International Civil Aviation Organization; IECSC - Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances in China; IMDG - International Maritime Dangerous Goods; IMO - International Maritime Organization; ISHL - Industrial Safety and Health Law (Japan); ISO - International Organisation for Standardization; KECI - Korea Existing Chemicals Inventory; LC50 - Lethal Concentration to 50 % of a test population; LD50 - Lethal Dose to 50% of a test population (Median Lethal Dose); MARPOL - International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships; n.o.s. - Not Otherwise Specified; NO(A)EC - No Observed (Adverse) Effect Concentration; NO(A)EL - No Observed (Adverse) Effect Level; NOELR - No Observable Effect Loading Rate; NZIoC - New Zealand Inventory of Chemicals; OECD - Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development; OPPTS - Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention; PBT - Persistent, Bioaccumulative and Toxic substance; PICCS - Philippines Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances; (Q)SAR - (Quantitative) Structure Activity Relationship; REACH - Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals; RID - Regulations concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Rail; SADT - Self-Accelerating Decomposition Temperature; SDS - Safety Data Sheet; TCSI - Taiwan Chemical Substance Inventory; TECI - Thailand Existing Chemicals Inventory; TSCA - Toxic Substances Control Act (United States); UN - United Nations; UNRTDG - United Nations Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods; vPvB - Very Persistent and Very Bioaccumulative



**Further information**

The information is believed to be correct but is not exhaustive and will be used solely as a guideline, which is based on current knowledge of the chemical substance or mixture and is applicable to appropriate safety precautions for the product. It does not represent any guarantee of the properties of the product. Sigma-Aldrich Corporation and its Affiliates shall not be held liable for any damage resulting from handling or from contact with the above product. See [www.sigma-aldrich.com](http://www.sigma-aldrich.com) and/or the reverse side of invoice or packing slip for additional terms and conditions of sale.

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