

# Safety Data Sheet

according to WHS Regulations

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## 1 Identification

- **Product identifier**
- **Trade name:** Potassium cyanide, EssentQ®, Reag. Ph Eur
- **Article number:** PO0180
- **CAS Number:**  
151-50-8
- **EC number:**  
205-792-3
- **Index number:**  
006-007-00-5
- **Registration number**  
A registration number is not available for this substance because the substance or its uses are exempted from registration, the annual tonnage does not require registration or the registration is planned for a later date.
- **Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against**  
No further relevant information available.
- **Application of the substance / the preparation:** Laboratory reagent
- **Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet**
- **Manufacturer/Supplier:**  
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ChemSupply Australia Pty Ltd  
38-50 Bedford Street  
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- **Further information obtainable from:** Technical Department
- **Emergency telephone number:**  
EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBER: +61 08 8440 2000  
Business hours: 8:30am to 5:00pm, Monday to Friday.

## 2 Hazard(s) Identification

- **Classification of the substance or mixture**



skull and crossbones

Acute Tox. 2 H300 Fatal if swallowed.  
Acute Tox. 1 H310 Fatal in contact with skin.  
Acute Tox. 2 H330 Fatal if inhaled.

- **Label elements**

- **GHS label elements**

The substance is classified and labelled according to the Globally Harmonised System (GHS).

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**Hazard pictograms**

GHS06

- **Signal word** Danger
- **Hazard statements**  
Fatal if swallowed.  
Fatal in contact with skin.  
Fatal if inhaled.
- **Precautionary statements**  
Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/vapours/spray.  
Wear respiratory protection.  
IF SWALLOWED: Immediately call a POISON CENTER/ doctor.  
Specific treatment is urgent (see on this label).  
Store locked up.  
Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local/regional/national/international regulations.
- **Additional information:**  
Contact with acids liberates very toxic gas.
- **Other hazards**
- **Results of PBT and vPvB assessment**
- **PBT:** Not applicable.
- **vPvB:** Not applicable.

**3 Composition and Information on Ingredients**

- **Chemical characterisation: Substances**
- **CAS No. Description**  
151-50-8 potassium cyanide
- **Identification number(s)**
- **EC number:** 205-792-3
- **Index number:** 006-007-00-5

**4 First Aid Measures**

- **General information:**  
Immediately remove any clothing soiled by the product.  
Remove breathing equipment only after contaminated clothing have been completely removed.  
In case of irregular breathing or respiratory arrest provide artificial respiration.
- **After inhalation:**  
Supply fresh air or oxygen; call for doctor.  
In case of unconsciousness place patient stably in side position for transportation.
- **After skin contact:** Immediately wash with water and soap and rinse thoroughly.
- **After eye contact:**  
Rinse opened eye for several minutes under running water. Then consult a doctor.
- **After swallowing:** Do not induce vomiting; call for medical help immediately.
- **Information for doctor:**
- **Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed**  
No further relevant information available.

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- **Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed**  
No further relevant information available.

### 5 Fire Fighting Measures

- **Suitable extinguishing agents:**  
CO<sub>2</sub>, powder or water spray. Fight larger fires with alcohol resistant foam.
- **Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture** No further relevant information available.
- **Protective equipment:** Mouth respiratory protective device.
- **Hazchem code:** 2X

### 6 Accidental Release Measures

- **Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures**  
Mount respiratory protective device.
- **Environmental precautions:**  
Do not allow product to reach sewage system or any water course.  
Inform respective authorities in case of seepage into water course or sewage system.  
Do not allow to enter sewers/ surface or ground water.
- **Methods and material for containment and cleaning up:**  
Dispose contaminated material as waste according to section 13.  
Ensure adequate ventilation.
- **Reference to other sections**  
See Section 7 for information on safe handling.  
See Section 8 for information on personal protection equipment.  
See Section 13 for disposal information.

### 7 Handling and Storage

- **Handling:**
- **Precautions for safe handling**  
Thorough dedusting.  
Ensure good ventilation/exhaustion at the workplace.  
Open and handle receptacle with care.  
Do not eat, drink or smoke during use.  
Wash hands after handling.
- **Information about fire - and explosion protection:** Keep respiratory protective device available.
- **Storage:**
- **Requirements to be met by storerooms and receptacles:** No special requirements.
- **Information about storage in one common storage facility:** Do not store together with acids.
- **Further information about storage conditions:**  
Keep container tightly sealed.  
See product label for storage temperature.
- **Specific end use(s)** No further relevant information available.

### 8 Exposure controls and personal protection

- **Additional information about design of technical facilities:** No further data; see section 7.
- **Ingredients with limit values that require monitoring at the workplace:**

**151-50-8 potassium cyanide**  
WES Long-term value: 5 mg/m<sup>3</sup>  
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- **Additional information:** The lists valid during the making were used as basis.
- **Personal protective equipment:**
- **General protective and hygienic measures:**  
Keep away from foodstuffs, beverages and feed.  
Immediately remove all soiled and contaminated clothing  
Wash hands before breaks and at the end of work.  
Store protective clothing separately.  
Avoid contact with the eyes and skin.
- **Respiratory protection:**  
In case of brief exposure or low pollution use respiratory filter device. In case of intensive or longer exposure use self-contained respiratory protective device.
- **Protection of hands:**



Protective gloves

The glove material has to be impermeable and resistant to the product/ the substance/ the preparation.

Due to missing tests no recommendation to the glove material can be given for the product/ the preparation/ the chemical mixture.

Selection of the glove material on consideration of the penetration times, rates of diffusion and the degradation

- **Material of gloves**

The selection of the suitable gloves does not only depend on the material, but also on further marks of quality and varies from manufacturer to manufacturer.

- **Penetration time of glove material**

The exact break through time has to be found out by the manufacturer of the protective gloves and has to be observed.

- **Eye protection:** Not required.

## 9 Physical and Chemical Properties

- **General Information**

- **Appearance:**

- **Form:**

Crystalline

- **Colour:**

White

- **Odour:**

Bitter almonds

- **Odour threshold:**

Not determined.

- **pH-value:**

Not applicable.

- **Change in condition**

- **Melting point/freezing point:**

605 °C

- **Initial boiling point and boiling range:**

Undetermined.

- **Flash point:**

Not applicable.

- **Flammability (solid, gas):**

Product is not flammable.

- **Decomposition temperature:**

Not determined.

- **Ignition temperature:**

Not determined.

- **Explosive properties:**

Product does not present an explosion hazard.

- **Explosion limits:**

- **Lower:**

Not determined.

- **Upper:**

Not determined.

- **Vapour pressure:**

Not applicable.

- **Density at 20 °C:**

1.56 g/cm<sup>3</sup>

- **Relative density**

Not determined.

- **Vapour density**

Not applicable.

- **Evaporation rate**

Not applicable.

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- **Solubility in / Miscibility with water at 20 °C:** 630 g/l
- **Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water:** Not determined.
- **Viscosity:**
- **Dynamic:** Not applicable.
- **Kinematic:** Not applicable.
- **Other information** No further relevant information available.

### 10 Stability and Reactivity

- **Reactivity** No further relevant information available.
- **Thermal decomposition / conditions to be avoided:** No decomposition if used according to specifications.
- **Possibility of hazardous reactions** No dangerous reactions known.
- **Conditions to avoid** No further relevant information available.
- **Incompatible materials:** No further relevant information available.
- **Hazardous decomposition products:** No dangerous decomposition products known.

### 11 Toxicological Information

- **Information on toxicological effects**
- **Acute toxicity**  
Fatal if swallowed.  
Fatal in contact with skin.  
Fatal if inhaled.
- **LD/LC50 values relevant for classification:**  
Oral LD50 5,000 mg/kg (rat)
- **Skin corrosion/irritation** Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.
- **Serious eye damage/irritation** Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.
- **Respiratory or skin sensitisation** Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.
- **Germ cell mutagenicity** Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.
- **Carcinogenicity** Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.
- **Reproductive toxicity** Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.
- **STOT-single exposure** Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.
- **STOT-repeated exposure** Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.
- **Aspiration hazard** Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.

### 12 Ecological Information

- **Toxicity**
- **Aquatic toxicity:** No further relevant information available.
- **Persistence and degradability** No further relevant information available.
- **Behaviour in environmental systems:**
- **Bioaccumulative potential** No further relevant information available.
- **Mobility in soil** No further relevant information available.
- **Ecotoxicological effects:**
- **Remark:** Very toxic for fish
- **Additional ecological information:**
- **General notes:**  
Water hazard class 3 (German Regulation) (Assessment by list): extremely hazardous for water  
Do not allow product to reach ground water, water course or sewage system, even in small quantities.  
Danger to drinking water if even extremely small quantities leak into the ground.

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Also poisonous for fish and plankton in water bodies.  
Very toxic for aquatic organisms

• **Results of PBT and vPvB assessment**

- **PBT:** Not applicable.
- **vPvB:** Not applicable.
- **Other adverse effects** No further relevant information available.

### 13 Disposal considerations

• **Waste treatment methods**

• **Recommendation**

Must not be disposed together with household garbage. Do not allow product to reach sewage system.

It is recommended to manage solid waste separately using its original packaging, avoiding mixing substances of different types and origin.

The waste code indicated in this document is indicative according to the properties of each substance, but does not always apply.

It is recommended to consult the local/national waste manager for more details on the waste and waste management regulations, which differ according to the legislation of each country.

• **Uncleaned packaging:**

- **Recommendation:** Disposal must be made according to official regulations.
- **Recommended cleansing agents:** Water, if necessary together with cleansing agents.

### 14 Transport information

• **UN-Number**

• **ADG, IMDG, IATA**

UN1680

• **UN proper shipping name**

• **ADG**

1680 POTASSIUM CYANIDE, SOLID, ENVIRONMENTALLY HAZARDOUS

• **IMDG**

POTASSIUM CYANIDE, SOLID, MARINE POLLUTANT

• **IATA**

POTASSIUM CYANIDE, SOLID

• **Transport hazard class(es)**

• **ADG, IMDG**



• **Class**

6.1 Toxic substances.

• **Label**

6.1

• **IATA**



• **Class**

6.1 Toxic substances.

• **Label**

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• **Packing group**

• **ADG, IMDG, IATA**

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- **Environmental hazards:** Environmentally hazardous substance, solid;  
Marine Pollutant
  - **Marine pollutant:** Yes (P)  
Symbol (fish and tree)
  - **Special marking (ADG):** Symbol (fish and tree)
  - **Special precautions for user:** Warning: Toxic substances.
  - **Hazard identification number (Kemler code):** 66
  - **EMS Number:** F-A,S-A
  - **Segregation groups:** (SGG6) Cyanides
  - **Stowage Category:** B
  - **Segregation Code:** SG35 Stow "separated from" SGG1-acids
  - **Transport in bulk according to Annex II of Marpol and the IBC Code:** Not applicable.
  - **Transport/Additional information:**
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- **ADG:**
  - **Limited quantities (LQ):** 0
  - **Transport category:** 1
  - **Tunnel restriction code:** C/E
  - **UN "Model Regulation":** UN 1680 POTASSIUM CYANIDE, SOLID, 6.1, I, ENVIRONMENTALLY HAZARDOUS
  - **Hazchem code:** 2X

### 15 Regulatory information

- **Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture**
- **Australian Inventory of Industrial Chemicals** Substance is listed.
- **Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Medicines and Poisons** Substance is not listed.
- **Australia: Priority Existing Chemicals** Substance is not listed.
- **GHS label elements**  
The substance is classified and labelled according to the Globally Harmonised System (GHS).
- **Hazard pictograms**



GHS06

- **Signal word** Danger
- **Hazard statements**  
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- **Precautionary statements**  
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Wear respiratory protection.  
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Specific treatment is urgent (see on this label).  
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- **Directive 2012/18/EU**
- **Named dangerous substances - ANNEX I -**

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- **Seveso category**  
H1 ACUTE TOXIC  
E1 Hazardous to the Aquatic Environment
- **Qualifying quantity (tonnes) for the application of lower-tier requirements** 5 t
- **Qualifying quantity (tonnes) for the application of upper-tier requirements** 20 t
- **Chemical safety assessment:** A Chemical Safety Assessment has not been carried out.

### 16 Other information

This information is based on our present knowledge. However, this shall not constitute a guarantee for any specific product features and shall not establish a legally valid contractual relationship.

- **Department issuing SDS:** Product Safety Department
- **Contact:** msds@scharlab.com
- **Abbreviations and acronyms:**  
RID: Règlement international concernant le transport des marchandises dangereuses par chemin de fer (Regulations Concerning the International Transport of Dangerous Goods by Rail)  
ICAO: International Civil Aviation Organisation  
ADG: Australian Code for the Transport of Dangerous Goods by Road & Rail.  
ADR: Accord relatif au transport international des marchandises dangereuses par route (European Agreement Concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road)  
IMDG: International Maritime Code for Dangerous Goods  
IATA: International Air Transport Association  
P: Marine Pollutant  
EINECS: European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances  
CAS: Chemical Abstracts Service (division of the American Chemical Society)  
LC50: Lethal concentration, 50 percent  
LD50: Lethal dose, 50 percent  
PBT: Persistent, Bioaccumulative and Toxic  
vPvB: very Persistent and very Bioaccumulative  
Acute Tox. 2: Acute toxicity – Category 2  
Acute Tox. 1: Acute toxicity – Category 1