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Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS)

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Section 1 — Chemical Product and Company Identification

Potassium Thiocyanate

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Section 2 — Composition, Information on Ingredients

Potassium Thiocyanate

CAS#: 333-20-0

Section 3 — Hazards Identification

Colorless, odorless, transparent crystals; deliquescent.

Moderately toxic by ingestion. Irritating to body tissues. Avoid all body tissue contact.

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Health-2

Flammability-0

Reactivity-1

Exposure-1

Storage-1

0 is low hazard, 3 is high hazard

Section 4 — First Aid Measures

Call a physician, seek medical attention for further treatment, observation and support after first aid.

Inhalation: Remove to fresh air at once. If breathing has stopped give artificial respiration immediately.

Eye: Immediately flush with fresh water for 15 minutes.

External: Wash continuously with fresh water for 15 minutes.

Internal: Rinse out mouth, give 1 to 2 cups of water or milk, induce vomiting. Call a physician or poison control at once.

Section 5 — Fire Fighting Measures

Non flammable solid.

When heated to decomposition, emits toxic fumes of HCN, K₂O, SO_x and NO_x.

Fire Fighting Instructions: Use triclass, dry chemical fire extinguisher. Firefighters should wear PPE and SCBA with full facepiece operated in positive mode.

NFPA CODE

None Established

Section 6 — Accidental Release Measures

Restrict unprotected personnel from area. Sweep up, place in sealed bag or container and dispose. Ventilate area and wash spill site after material pickup is complete. See Sections 8 and 13 for further information.

Section 7 — Handling and Storage

Flinn Suggested Chemical Storage Pattern: Inorganic #7. Store with arsenates, cyanides and cyanates.

Moisture sensitive material, store in a Flinn Chem-Saf bag. Store in a cool dry place. Use and dispense in a hood.

Section 8 — Exposure Controls, Personal Protection

Avoid contact with eyes, skin and clothing. Wear chemical splash goggles, chemical-resistant gloves and chemical-resistant apron.

Use exhaust ventilation to keep airborne concentrations low.

Section 9 — Physical and Chemical Properties

Colorless, odorless, transparent crystals.
Solubility: Soluble in water, alcohol and acetone.
Formula: KSCN
Formula Weight: 97.18

Specific Gravity: 1.88
Melting Point: 173 C

Section 10 — Stability and Reactivity

If heated or in contact with concentrated acids, may liberate poisonous fumes of hydrogen cyanide. Avoid contact with strong acids, oxidizing agents, and heat.
Shelf life: Fair to poor; substance deliquescent.

Section 11 — Toxicological Information

Acute effects: Toxic, irritant, eczema
Chronic effects: N.A.
Target organs: N.A.

ORL-RAT LD50: 854 mg/kg
IHL-RAT LC50: N.A.
SKN-RBT LD50: N.A.

N.A. = Not available, not all health aspects of this substance have been fully investigated.

Section 12 — Ecological Information

Data not yet available.

Section 13 — Disposal Considerations

Please consult with state and local regulations.
Flinn Suggested Disposal Method #26a is one option.

Section 14 — Transport Information

Shipping Name: Not regulated
Hazard Class: N/A
UN Number: N/A

N/A = Not applicable

Section 15 — Regulatory Information

TSCA-listed, EINECS-listed (206-370-1).

Section 16 — Other Information

Consult your copy of the Flinn Scientific Catalog/Reference Manual for additional information about laboratory chemicals. This Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) is for guidance and is based upon information and tests believed to be reliable. Flinn Scientific Inc. makes no guarantee of the accuracy or completeness of the data and shall not be liable for any damages relating thereto. The data is offered solely for your consideration, investigation, and verification. Flinn Scientific Inc. assumes no legal responsibility for use or reliance upon this data.

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