

**Safety Data Sheet**  
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**1 Identification**

- **Product name**
- **Trade name:** Potassium cyanide, 96% (ACS)
- **Item number:** 93-1916
- **CAS Number:**  
151-50-8
- **EC number:**  
205-792-3
- **Index number:**  
006-007-00-5
- **Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet**
- **Manufacturer/Supplier:**  
Strem Chemicals, Inc.  
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NEWBURYPORT, MA 01950  
USA  
info@strem.com
- **Information department:** Technical Department
- **Emergency telephone number:**  
EMERGENCY: CHEMTREC: + 1 (800) 424-9300  
During normal opening times: +1 (978) 499-1600

**2 Hazard(s) identification**

- **Classification of the substance or mixture**



GHS06 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 labeled according to the Globally Harmonized System (GHS).

- **Hazard pictograms**



GHS06

- **Signal word** Danger

- **Hazard-determining components of labeling:**

potassium cyanide

- **Hazard statements**

H300+H310+H330 Fatal if swallowed, in contact with skin or if inhaled.

- **Precautionary statements**

- P284 [In case of inadequate ventilation] wear respiratory protection.
- P260 Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray.
- P301+P310 IF SWALLOWED: Immediately call a POISON CENTER/ doctor.

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P305+P351+P338 *If in eyes: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.*

P403+P233 *Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed.*

P501 *Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local/regional/national/international regulations.*

· **Classification system:**

· **NFPA ratings (scale 0 - 4)**



· **HMIS-ratings (scale 0 - 4)**



· **Other hazards**

· **Results of PBT and vPvB assessment**

· **PBT:** Not applicable.

· **vPvB:** Not applicable.

### 3 Composition/information on ingredients

· **Chemical characterization: Substances**

· **CAS No. Description**

151-50-8 potassium cyanide

· **Identification number(s)**

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### 4 First-aid measures

· **Description of first aid measures**

· **General information:**

Immediately remove any clothing soiled by the product.

Remove breathing apparatus 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; immediately call for medical help.

· **Information for doctor:**

· **Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed** No further relevant information available.

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

No further relevant information available.

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**5 Fire-fighting measures**

- **Extinguishing media**
- **Suitable extinguishing agents:** Use fire fighting measures that suit the environment.
- **Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture**  
During heating or in case of fire poisonous gases are produced.
- **Advice for firefighters**
- **Protective equipment:** Mouth respiratory protective device.

**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.
- **Methods and material for containment and cleaning up:**  
Dispose contaminated material as waste according to item 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.
- **Protective Action Criteria for Chemicals**

· <b>PAC-1:</b>	5.3 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
· <b>PAC-2:</b>	19 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
· <b>PAC-3:</b>	40 mg/m <sup>3</sup>

**7 Handling and storage**

- **Handling:**
- **Precautions for safe handling**  
Thorough dedusting.  
Ensure good ventilation/exhaustion at the workplace.  
Open and handle receptacle with care.
- **Information about protection against explosions and fires:** Keep respiratory protective device available.
- **Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities**
- **Storage:**
- **Requirements to be met by storerooms and receptacles:** No special requirements.
- **Information about storage in one common storage facility:** Not required.
- **Further information about storage conditions:** Keep receptacle tightly sealed.
- **Specific end use(s)** No further relevant information available.

**8 Exposure controls/personal protection**

- **Additional information about design of technical systems:** No further data; see item 7.

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· **Control parameters**

· **Components with limit values that require monitoring at the workplace:**

**151-50-8 potassium cyanide**

PEL	Long-term value: 5 mg/m <sup>3</sup> as CN; Skin
REL	Ceiling limit value: 5* mg/m <sup>3</sup> , 4.7* ppm as CN; *10-min
TLV	Ceiling limit value: 5 mg/m <sup>3</sup> , 4.7 ppm as CN; Skin

· **Additional information:** The lists that were valid during the creation were used as basis.

· **Exposure controls**

· **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.

· **Breathing equipment:** A NIOSH approved respirator in accordance with 29 CFR 1910.134.

· **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:** Safety glasses

**9 Physical and chemical properties**

· **Information on basic physical and chemical properties**

· **General Information**

· **Appearance:**

<b>Form:</b>	Powder
<b>Color:</b>	White
<b>Odor:</b>	Mild
<b>Odor threshold:</b>	Not determined.

· **pH-value:** Not applicable.

· **Change in condition**

**Melting point/Melting range:** 634.5 °C (1174 °F)

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<b>Boiling point/Boiling range:</b>	Undetermined.
· <b>Flash point:</b>	Not applicable.
· <b>Flammability (solid, gaseous):</b>	Not determined.
· <b>Ignition temperature:</b>	
<b>Decomposition temperature:</b>	Not determined.
· <b>Auto igniting:</b>	Not determined.
· <b>Danger of explosion:</b>	Product does not present an explosion hazard.
· <b>Explosion limits:</b>	
<b>Lower:</b>	Not determined.
<b>Upper:</b>	Not determined.
· <b>Vapor pressure:</b>	Not applicable.
· <b>Density at 20 °C (68 °F):</b>	1.52 g/cm <sup>3</sup> (12.6844 lbs/gal)
· <b>Relative density</b>	Not determined.
· <b>Vapor density</b>	Not applicable.
· <b>Evaporation rate</b>	Not applicable.
· <b>Solubility in / Miscibility with Water at 20 °C (68 °F):</b>	630 g/l
· <b>Partition coefficient (n-octanol/water):</b>	Not determined.
· <b>Viscosity:</b>	
<b>Dynamic:</b>	Not applicable.
<b>Kinematic:</b>	Not applicable.
· <b>Solvent content:</b>	
<b>Organic solvents:</b>	0.0 %
<b>VOC content:</b>	0.0 g/l / 0.00 lb/gl
<b>Solids content:</b>	100.0 %
· <b>Other information</b>	No further relevant information available.

**10 Stability and reactivity**

- **Reactivity** No further relevant information available.
- **Chemical stability**
- **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:**

· **LD/LC50 values that are relevant for classification:**

Oral	LD50	5 mg/kg (rat)
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Oral LD50 5000 mg/kg (rat)

- **Primary irritant effect:**
- **on the skin:** No irritant effect.
- **on the eye:** No irritating effect.
- **Sensitization:** No sensitizing effects known.
- **Additional toxicological information:** Danger through skin absorption.
- **Carcinogenic categories**

· **IARC (International Agency for Research on Cancer)**

Substance is not listed.

· **NTP (National Toxicology Program)**

Substance is not listed.

· **OSHA-Ca (Occupational Safety & Health Administration)**

Substance is not listed.

**12 Ecological information**

- **Toxicity**
- **Aquatic toxicity:** No further relevant information available.
- **Persistence and degradability** No further relevant information available.
- **Behavior in environmental systems:**
- **Bioaccumulative potential** No further relevant information available.
- **Mobility in soil** No further relevant information available.
- **Additional ecological information:**
- **General notes:** Not known to be hazardous to water.
- **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 of together with household garbage. Do not allow product to reach sewage system.
- **Uncleaned packagings:**
- **Recommendation:** Disposal must be made according to official regulations.

**14 Transport information**

- **UN-Number**
- **DOT, IMDG, IATA** UN1680
- **UN proper shipping name**
- **DOT** Potassium cyanide, solid
- **IMDG** POTASSIUM CYANIDE, SOLID, MARINE POLLUTANT
- **IATA** POTASSIUM CYANIDE, SOLID

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· **Transport hazard class(es)**

· **DOT**



· **Class** 6.1 Toxic substances  
· **Label** 6.1

· **IMDG**



· **Class** 6.1 Toxic substances  
· **Label** 6.1

· **IATA**



· **Class** 6.1 Toxic substances  
· **Label** 6.1

· **Packing group**  
· **DOT, IMDG, IATA**

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· **Environmental hazards:**  
· **Marine pollutant:**

No  
Yes (DOT)  
Symbol (fish and tree)

· **Special precautions for user**  
· **Danger code (Kemler):**  
· **Segregation groups**  
· **Stowage Category**  
· **Segregation Code**

Not applicable.  
66  
Cyanides  
B  
SG35 Stow "separated from" acids.

· **Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL73/78 and the IBC Code**

Not applicable.

· **Transport/Additional information:**

· **DOT**

· **Quantity limitations**

On passenger aircraft/rail: 5 kg  
On cargo aircraft only: 50 kg

· **Hazardous substance:**

10 lbs, 4.54 kg

· **IMDG**

· **Limited quantities (LQ)**  
· **Excepted quantities (EQ)**

0  
Code: E5  
Maximum net quantity per inner packaging: 1 g  
Maximum net quantity per outer packaging: 300 g

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· **UN "Model Regulation":** UN 1680 POTASSIUM CYANIDE, SOLID, 6.1, I

**15 Regulatory information**

- Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture
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· **Section 355 (extremely hazardous substances):**

Substance is listed.

· **Section 313 (Specific toxic chemical listings):**

Substance is listed.

· **TSCA (Toxic Substances Control Act):**

Substance is listed.

· **Proposition 65**

· **Chemicals known to cause cancer:**

Substance is not listed.

· **Chemicals known to cause reproductive toxicity for females:**

Substance is not listed.

· **Chemicals known to cause reproductive toxicity for males:**

Substance is listed.

· **Chemicals known to cause developmental toxicity:**

Substance is not listed.

· **Carcinogenic categories**

· **EPA (Environmental Protection Agency)**

II

· **TLV (Threshold Limit Value established by ACGIH)**

Substance is not listed.

· **NIOSH-Ca (National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health)**

Substance is not listed.

· **GHS label elements**

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· **Hazard pictograms**



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· **Signal word** Danger

· **Hazard-determining components of labeling:**

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· **Hazard statements**

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· **Precautionary statements**

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· **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:** Technical Department.
- **Contact:** Technical Director
- **Date of preparation / last revision** 07/20/2021 / -
- **Abbreviations and acronyms:**  
 ADR: Accord européen sur le transport des marchandises dangereuses par Route (European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road)  
 IMDG: International Maritime Code for Dangerous Goods  
 DOT: US Department of Transportation  
 IATA: International Air Transport Association  
 ACGIH: American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists  
 EINECS: European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances  
 CAS: Chemical Abstracts Service (division of the American Chemical Society)  
 NFPA: National Fire Protection Association (USA)  
 HMIS: Hazardous Materials Identification System (USA)  
 VOC: Volatile Organic Compounds (USA, EU)  
 LC50: Lethal concentration, 50 percent  
 LD50: Lethal dose, 50 percent  
 PBT: Persistent, Bioaccumulative and Toxic  
 vPvB: very Persistent and very Bioaccumulative  
 NIOSH: National Institute for Occupational Safety  
 OSHA: Occupational Safety & Health  
 TLV: Threshold Limit Value  
 PEL: Permissible Exposure Limit  
 REL: Recommended Exposure Limit  
 Acute Tox. 2: Acute toxicity – Category 2  
 Acute Tox. 1: Acute toxicity – Category 1