SECTION 1: Identification of the substance/mixture and of the company/undertaking

1.1 Product identifiers

Product name: Acetonitrile

Product Number: 271004
Brand: Sigma-Aldrich
Index-No.: 608-001-00-3
CAS-No.: 75-05-8

1.2 Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against

Identified uses: Laboratory chemicals, Synthesis of substances

1.3 Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

Company: Sigma-Aldrich Inc.
3050 SPRUCE ST
ST. LOUIS MO 63103
UNITED STATES

Telephone: +1 314 771-5765
Fax: +1 800 325-5052

1.4 Emergency telephone

Emergency Phone #: 800-424-9300 CHEMTREC (USA) +1-703-527-3887 CHEMTREC (International) 24 Hours/day; 7 Days/week

SECTION 2: Hazards identification

2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture

GHS Classification in accordance with 29 CFR 1910 (OSHA HCS)

Flammable liquids (Category 2), H225
Acute toxicity, Oral (Category 4), H302
Acute toxicity, Inhalation (Category 4), H332
Acute toxicity, Dermal (Category 4), H312
Eye irritation (Category 2A), H319

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

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Hazard statement(s)
H225 Highly flammable liquid and vapor.
H302 + H312 + H332 Harmful if swallowed, in contact with skin or if inhaled.
H319 Causes serious eye 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.
P242 Use only non-sparking tools.
P243 Take precautionary measures against static discharge.
P261 Avoid breathing mist or vapors.
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/ eye protection/ face protection.
P301 + P312 + P330 IF SWALLOWED: Call a POISON CENTER/ doctor if you feel unwell. Rinse mouth.
P303 + P361 + P353 IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/ shower.
P304 + P340 + P312 IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing. Call a POISON CENTER/ doctor if you feel unwell.
P305 + P351 + P338 IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.
P337 + P313 If eye irritation persists: Get medical advice/ attention.
P363 Wash contaminated clothing before reuse.
P370 + P378 In case of fire: Use dry sand, dry chemical or alcohol-resistant foam to extinguish.
P403 + P235 Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep cool.
P501 Dispose of contents/ container to an approved waste disposal plant.

2.3 Hazards not otherwise classified (HNOC) or not covered by GHS - none

SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients

3.1 Substances
Synonyms
Methyl cyanide
ACN

Formula
C₃H₅N

Molecular weight
41.05 g/mol

CAS-No.
75-05-8

EC-No.
200-835-2

Index-No.
608-001-00-3

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SECTION 4: First aid measures

4.1 Description of first-aid measures

**General advice**
Show this material safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance.

**If inhaled**
After inhalation: fresh air. If breathing stops: mouth-to-mouth breathing or artificial respiration. Oxygen if necessary. Immediately call in physician.

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

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

**If swallowed**
After swallowing: immediately make victim drink water (two glasses at most). 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

SECTION 5: Firefighting measures

5.1 Extinguishing media

**Suitable extinguishing media**
Water Foam Carbon dioxide (CO2) Dry powder

**Unsuitable extinguishing media**
For this substance/mixture no limitations of extinguishing agents are given.

5.2 Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture
Carbon oxides
Nitrogen oxides (NOx)
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Combustible.
Fire may cause evolution of:
nitrogen oxides, Hydrogen cyanide (hydrocyanic acid)
Pay attention to flashback.
Vapors are heavier than air and may spread along floors.
Development of hazardous combustion gases or vapours possible in the event of fire.
Forms explosive mixtures with air at ambient temperatures.

For the full text of the H-Statements mentioned in this Section, see Section 16.
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**
Remove container from danger zone and cool with water. 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: Do not breathe vapors, aerosols. Avoid substance contact. Ensure adequate ventilation. Keep away from heat and sources of ignition. 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. Risk of explosion.

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 with liquid-absorbent material (e.g. Chemizorb®). Dispose of properly. Clean up affected area.

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**
Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Avoid inhalation of vapor or mist. Filled under nitrogen. Work under hood. Do not inhale substance/mixture. Avoid generation of vapours/aerosols.

**Advice on protection against fire and explosion**
Keep away from open flames, hot surfaces and sources of ignition. Take precautionary measures against static discharge.

**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**
Keep container tightly closed in a dry and well-ventilated place. Keep away from heat and sources of ignition.

**Storage class**
Storage class (TRGS 510): 3: Flammable liquids

7.3 **Specific end use(s)**
Apart from the uses mentioned in section 1.2 no other specific uses are stipulated
### SECTION 8: Exposure controls/personal protection

#### 8.1 Control parameters

**Ingredients with workplace control parameters**

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**Derived No Effect Level (DNEL)**

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**Predicted No Effect Concentration (PNEC)**

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<td>Onsite sewage treatment plant</td>
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8.2 Exposure controls

**Appropriate engineering controls**
Immediately change contaminated clothing. Apply preventive skin protection. Wash hands and face after working with substance.

**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 EN374 please contact the supplier of CE-approved gloves (e.g. KCL GmbH, D-36124 Eichenzell, Internet: www.kcl.de).

Full contact
Material: butyl-rubber
Minimum layer thickness: 0.7 mm
Break through time: 480 min
Material tested: Butoject® (KCL 898)

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 EN374 please contact the supplier of CE-approved gloves (e.g. KCL GmbH, D-36124 Eichenzell, Internet: www.kcl.de).

Splash contact
Material: Chloroprene
Minimum layer thickness: 0.65 mm
Break through time: 10 min
Material tested: KCL 720 Camapren®

**Body Protection**
Flame retardant antistatic protective clothing.

**Respiratory protection**
required when vapours/aerosols are generated. Our recommendations on filtering respiratory protection are based on the following standards: DIN EN 143, DIN 14387 and other accompanying standards relating to the used respiratory protection system.

**Control of environmental exposure**
Do not let product enter drains. Risk of explosion.

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**SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties**

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

a) Appearance  
Form: clear, liquid  
Color: colorless

b) Odor  
ether-like

c) Odor Threshold  
39.8 ppm

d) pH  
No data available
e) Melting point/freezing point: Melting point/range: -48 °C (-54 °F)
f) Initial boiling point and boiling range: 81 - 82 °C 178 - 180 °F
g) Flash point: 2.0 °C (35.6 °F) - closed cup
h) Evaporation rate: 5.8
i) Flammability (solid, gas): No data available
j) Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits: Upper explosion limit: 16 %(V)
Lower explosion limit: 4.4 %(V)
k) Vapor pressure: 98.64 hPa at 20 °C (68 °F)
l) Vapor density: 1.42 - (Air = 1.0)
m) Density: 0.786 g/mL at 25 °C (77 °F)
Relative density: No data available
n) Water solubility: 1,000 g/l at 25 °C (77 °F) completely soluble
o) Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water: log Pow: -0.54 at 25 °C (77 °F) - Bioaccumulation is not expected.
p) Autoignition temperature: No data available
q) Decomposition temperature: No data available
r) Viscosity: No data available
s) Explosive properties: No data available
t) Oxidizing properties: none
9.2 Other safety information
Surface tension: 29.0 mN/m at 20.0 °C (68.0 °F)
Relative vapor density: 1.42 - (Air = 1.0)

SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity

10.1 Reactivity
Vapors may form explosive mixture with air.

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

10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions
Violent reactions possible with:
Strong bases
strong reducing agents
Risk of explosion with:
nitrates
perchlorates
perchloric acid
conc. sulfuric acid
with
Heat.
Risk of ignition or formation of inflammable gases or vapours with:
Oxidizing agents
Nitric acid
nitrogen dioxide
with
Catalyst
Generates dangerous gases or fumes in contact with:
Acids

10.4 Conditions to avoid
Warming.

10.5 Incompatible materials
No data available

10.6 Hazardous decomposition products
In the event of fire: see section 5

SECTION 11: Toxicological information

11.1 Information on toxicological effects

Acute toxicity
LD50 Oral - Mouse - male and female - 617 mg/kg
( OECD Test Guideline 401)
LC50 Inhalation - Mouse - male and female - 4 h - 6.022 mg/l - vapor
( OECD Test Guideline 403)
Acute toxicity estimate Dermal - 1,500 mg/kg
(Expert judgment)
Remarks: Classified according to Regulation (EU) 1272/2008, Annex VI (Table 3.1/3.2)

Skin corrosion/irritation
Skin - Rabbit
Result: No skin irritation - 4 h
( OECD Test Guideline 404)

Serious eye damage/eye irritation
Eyes - Rabbit
Result: Causes serious eye irritation.
( OECD Test Guideline 405)
Remarks: Classified according to Regulation (EU) 1272/2008, Annex VI (Table 3.1/3.2)

Respiratory or skin sensitization
Buehler Test - Guinea pig
Result: negative
( OECD Test Guideline 406)

Germ cell mutagenicity
Test Type: Ames test
Test system: S. typhimurium
Metabolic activation: with and without metabolic activation
Result: negative
Remarks: (ECHA)
Test Type: In vitro mammalian cell gene mutation test
Test system: Chinese hamster ovary cells
Metabolic activation: with and without metabolic activation
Result: negative
Test Type: Mutagenicity (mammal cell test): chromosome aberration.
Test system: Chinese hamster ovary cells
Metabolic activation: with and without metabolic activation
Result: negative
Remarks: (ECHA)

Test Type: In vitro mammalian cell gene mutation test
Test system: Mouse lymphoma test
Metabolic activation: with and without metabolic activation
Method: OECD Test Guideline 476
Result: negative

Test Type: Micronucleus test
Species: Mouse

Application Route: Intraperitoneal
Method: OECD Test Guideline 474
Result: negative

**Carcinogenicity**
No evidence of carcinogenicity in animal studies.

IARC: No ingredient of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as probable, possible or confirmed human carcinogen by IARC.

NTP: No ingredient 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 on OSHA’s list of regulated carcinogens.

**Reproductive toxicity**
Animal testing did not show any effects on fertility.

**Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure**
The substance or mixture is not classified as specific target organ toxicant, single exposure.

**Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure**
The substance or mixture is not classified as specific target organ toxicant, repeated exposure.
**Aspiration hazard**
No aspiration toxicity classification

**11.2 Additional Information**

RTECS: AL7700000
Treat as cyanide poisoning., Always have on hand a cyanide first-aid kit, together with proper instructions., The onset of symptoms is generally delayed pending conversion to cyanide., Nausea, Vomiting, Diarrhea, Headache, Dizziness, Rash, Cyanosis, excitement, depression, Drowsiness, impaired judgment, Lack of coordination, stupor, death
To the best of our knowledge, the chemical, physical, and toxicological properties have not been thoroughly investigated.

**SECTION 12: Ecological information**

**12.1 Toxicity**

Toxicity to fish  
flow-through test LC50 - *Pimephales promelas* (fathead minnow) - 1,640 mg/l - 96 h  
Remarks: (ECHA)

Toxicity to algae  
static test NOEC - *Phaeodactylum tricornutum* - 400 mg/l - 72 h  
(static ISO 10253)
static test ErC50 - *Phaeodactylum tricornutum* - 9,696 mg/l - 72 h  
(static ISO 10253)

Toxicity to bacteria  
flow-through test NOEC - *Oryzias latipes* - 102 mg/l - 21 d  
(OECD Test Guideline 204)

**12.2 Persistence and degradability**

Biodegradability  
Result: 70 % - Readily biodegradable.  
(OECD Test Guideline 310)

**12.3 Bioaccumulative potential**

No bioaccumulation is to be expected (log Pow <= 4).

**12.4 Mobility in soil**

Not expected to adsorb on soil.

**12.5 Results of PBT and vPvB assessment**

PBT/vPvB assessment not available as chemical safety assessment not required/not conducted

**12.6 Endocrine disrupting properties**

No data available

**12.7 Other adverse effects**

Avoid release to the environment.

Stability in water  
DT50 - > 9,999 d pH 7 at 25 °C  
Remarks: (calculated)Hydrolyzes slowly.
SECTION 13: Disposal considerations

13.1 Waste treatment methods

Product
Waste material must be disposed of in accordance with the national and local regulations. Leave chemicals in original containers. No mixing with other waste. Handle uncleaned containers like the product itself.

SECTION 14: Transport information

DOT (US)
UN number: 1648   Class: 3   Packing group: II
Proper shipping name: Acetonitrile
Reportable Quantity (RQ): 5000 lbs
Poison Inhalation Hazard: No

IMDG
UN number: 1648   Class: 3   Packing group: II EMS-No: F-E, S-D
Proper shipping name: ACETONITRILE

IATA
UN number: 1648   Class: 3   Packing group: II
Proper shipping name: Acetonitrile

SECTION 15: Regulatory information

SARA 302 Components
This material does not contain any components with a section 302 EHS TPQ.

SARA 313 Components
The following components are subject to reporting levels established by SARA Title III, Section 313:

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SARA 311/312 Hazards
Fire Hazard, Acute Health Hazard

Massachusetts Right To Know Components

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SECTION 16: Other information

Further information
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