



## Material Safety Data Sheet

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### 1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

<b>Product Name</b>	<b>Sodium thiocyanate</b>
<b>Cat No.</b>	<b>S441-500</b>
<b>Synonyms</b>	Sodium rhodanate; Sodium sulfocyanate; Thiocyanic acid sodium salt; Sodium isothiocyanate
<b>Recommended Use</b>	Laboratory chemicals
<b>Company</b>	<b>Emergency Telephone Number</b>
Fisher Scientific	CHEMTREC®, Inside the USA: 800-424-9300
One Reagent Lane	CHEMTREC®, Outside the USA: 703-527-3887
Fair Lawn, NJ 07410	
Tel: (201) 796-7100	

### 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

#### WARNING!

#### Emergency Overview

Harmful by inhalation, in contact with skin and if swallowed. May cause skin, eye, and respiratory tract irritation. May cause central nervous system effects. Contact with acids liberates very toxic gas. Harmful to aquatic organisms, may cause long-term adverse effects in the aquatic environment. Hygroscopic.

**Appearance** White

**Physical State** Solid

**Odor** odorless

**Target Organs** Central nervous system (CNS), Blood, Liver, Thyroid

#### Potential Health Effects

#### Acute Effects

#### Principle Routes of Exposure

##### **Eyes**

May cause irritation

##### **Skin**

Harmful in contact with skin. May cause irritation.

##### **Inhalation**

Harmful by inhalation. May cause irritation of respiratory tract.

##### **Ingestion**

Harmful if swallowed. May cause central nervous system effects. Ingestion may cause gastrointestinal irritation, nausea, vomiting and diarrhea.

#### **Chronic Effects**

May cause adverse liver effects.

See Section 11 for additional Toxicological information.

**Aggravated Medical Conditions** No information available.

### 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

#### Haz/Non-haz

Component	CAS-No	Weight %
Sodium thiocyanate	540-72-7	98

### 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

<b>Eye Contact</b>	Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids, for at least 15 minutes. Immediate medical attention is required.
<b>Skin Contact</b>	Wash off immediately with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Immediate medical attention is required.
<b>Inhalation</b>	Move to fresh air. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. Do not use mouth-to-mouth resuscitation if victim ingested or inhaled the substance; induce artificial respiration with a respiratory medical device. Immediate medical attention is required.
<b>Ingestion</b>	Do not induce vomiting. Call a physician or Poison Control Center immediately.
<b>Notes to Physician</b>	Treat symptomatically.

### 5. FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES

<b>Flash Point</b>	No information available.
<b>Method</b>	No information available.
<b>Autoignition Temperature</b>	No information available.
<b>Explosion Limits</b>	
<b>Upper</b>	No data available
<b>Lower</b>	No data available
<b>Suitable Extinguishing Media</b>	Use water spray, alcohol-resistant foam, dry chemical or carbon dioxide.
<b>Unsuitable Extinguishing Media</b>	No information available.
<b>Hazardous Combustion Products</b>	No information available.
<b>Sensitivity to mechanical impact</b>	No information available.
<b>Sensitivity to static discharge</b>	No information available.

#### Specific Hazards Arising from the Chemical

Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating gases and vapors.

#### Protective Equipment and Precautions for Firefighters

As in any fire, wear self-contained breathing apparatus pressure-demand, MSHA/NIOSH (approved or equivalent) and full protective gear

**NFPA**                      **Health** 2                      **Flammability** 0                      **Instability** 1                      **Physical hazards** N/A

## 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

<b>Personal Precautions</b>	Use personal protective equipment. Evacuate personnel to safe areas. Keep people away from and upwind of spill/leak. Ensure adequate ventilation. Avoid dust formation. Avoid contact with skin, eyes and clothing.
<b>Environmental Precautions</b>	Should not be released into the environment.
<b>Methods for Containment and Clean Up</b>	Sweep up or vacuum up spillage and collect in suitable container for disposal. Avoid dust formation.

## 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

<b>Handling</b>	Use only under a chemical fume hood. Wear personal protective equipment. Ensure adequate ventilation. Avoid dust formation. Do not breathe dust. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Keep away from acids.
<b>Storage</b>	Keep containers tightly closed in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place. Protect from light. Keep away from acids.

## 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

<b>Engineering Measures</b>	Use only under a chemical fume hood. Ensure adequate ventilation, especially in confined areas. Ensure that eyewash stations and safety showers are close to the workstation location.
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### Exposure Guidelines

Component	ACGIH TLV	OSHA PEL	NIOSH IDLH
Sodium thiocyanate			IDLH: 25 mg/m <sup>3</sup>

Component	Quebec	Mexico OEL (TWA)	Ontario TWAEV
Sodium thiocyanate	Ceiling: 10 ppm Ceiling: 11 mg/m <sup>3</sup> Skin	TWA: 5 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	

**NIOSH IDLH:** Immediately Dangerous to Life or Health

### Personal Protective Equipment

#### Eye/face Protection

Wear appropriate protective eyeglasses or chemical safety goggles as described by OSHA's eye and face protection regulations in 29 CFR 1910.133 or European Standard EN166

#### Skin and body protection

Wear appropriate protective gloves and clothing to prevent skin exposure

#### Respiratory Protection

Follow the OSHA respirator regulations found in 29 CFR 1910.134 or European Standard EN 149. Use a NIOSH/MSHA or European Standard EN 149 approved respirator if exposure limits are exceeded or if irritation or other symptoms are experienced

## 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

<b>Physical State</b>	Solid
<b>Appearance</b>	White
<b>Odor</b>	odorless
<b>Odor Threshold</b>	No information available.
<b>pH</b>	5.5-7.5 (@ 20 ) 5% aq.sol. 20°C
<b>Vapor Pressure</b>	No information available.

## 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Vapor Density	No information available.
Viscosity	No information available.
Boiling Point/Range	No information available.
Melting Point/Range	287°C / 548.6°F
Decomposition temperature °C	No information available.
Flash Point	No information available.
Evaporation Rate	No information available.
Specific Gravity	> 1.0
Solubility	Soluble in water
log Pow	No data available
Molecular Weight	81.07
Molecular Formula	NaSCN

## 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Stability	Hygroscopic. Light sensitive.
Conditions to Avoid	Avoid dust formation. Incompatible products. Exposure to light. Exposure to moist air or water. Excess heat.
Incompatible Materials	Strong oxidizing agents, Acids, Strong bases
Hazardous Decomposition Products	Carbon monoxide (CO), Carbon dioxide (CO <sub>2</sub> ), Nitrogen oxides (NO <sub>x</sub> ), Sulfur oxides
Hazardous Polymerization	Hazardous polymerization does not occur
Hazardous Reactions .	Contact with acids liberates very toxic gas..

## 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### Acute Toxicity

#### Component Information

Component	LD50 Oral	LD50 Dermal	LC50 Inhalation
Sodium thiocyanate	764 mg/kg ( Rat )	Not listed	Not listed

**Irritation** No information available.

**Toxicologically Synergistic Products** No information available.

### Chronic Toxicity

**Carcinogenicity** There are no known carcinogenic chemicals in this product

**Sensitization** No information available.

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<b>Mutagenic Effects</b>	No information available.
<b>Reproductive Effects</b>	No information available.
<b>Developmental Effects</b>	No information available.
<b>Teratogenicity</b>	No information available.
<b>Other Adverse Effects</b>	The toxicological properties have not been fully investigated.. See actual entry in RTECS for complete information.
<b>Endocrine Disruptor Information</b>	No information available

## 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### Ecotoxicity

Harmful to aquatic organisms, may cause long-term adverse effects in the aquatic environment.

<b>Persistence and Degradability</b>	No information available
<b>Bioaccumulation/ Accumulation</b>	No information available
<b>Mobility</b>	No information available

## 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

<b>Waste Disposal Methods</b>	Chemical waste generators must determine whether a discarded chemical is classified as a hazardous waste. Chemical waste generators must also consult local, regional, and national hazardous waste regulations to ensure complete and accurate classification
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## 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

<b><u>DOT</u></b>	Not regulated
<b><u>TDG</u></b>	Not regulated
<b><u>IATA</u></b>	Not regulated
<b><u>IMDG/IMO</u></b>	Not regulated

## 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

### International Inventories

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Component	TSCA	DSL	NDSL	EINECS	ELINCS	NLP	PICCS	ENCS	AICS	CHINA	KECL
Sodium thiocyanate	X	X	-	208-754-4	-		X	X	X	X	KE-31631 X

**Legend:**

X - Listed

E - Indicates a substance that is the subject of a Section 5(e) Consent order under TSCA.

F - Indicates a substance that is the subject of a Section 5(f) Rule under TSCA.

N - Indicates a polymeric substance containing no free-radical initiator in its inventory name but is considered to cover the designated polymer made with any free-radical initiator regardless of the amount used.

P - Indicates a commenced PMN substance

R - Indicates a substance that is the subject of a Section 6 risk management rule under TSCA.

S - Indicates a substance that is identified in a proposed or final Significant New Use Rule

T - Indicates a substance that is the subject of a Section 4 test rule under TSCA.

XU - Indicates a substance exempt from reporting under the Inventory Update Rule, i.e. Partial Updating of the TSCA Inventory Data Base Production and Site Reports (40 CFR 710(B)).

Y1 - Indicates an exempt polymer that has a number-average molecular weight of 1,000 or greater.

Y2 - Indicates an exempt polymer that is a polyester and is made only from reactants included in a specified list of low concern reactants that comprises one of the eligibility criteria for the exemption rule.

**U.S. Federal Regulations**

**TSCA 12(b)** Not applicable

**SARA 313**

Component	CAS-No	Weight %	SARA 313 - Threshold Values %
Sodium thiocyanate	540-72-7	98	1.0

**SARA 311/312 Hazardous Categorization**

Acute Health Hazard	No
Chronic Health Hazard	No
Fire Hazard	No
Sudden Release of Pressure Hazard	No
Reactive Hazard	No

**Clean Water Act**

Not applicable

**Clean Air Act**

Not applicable

**OSHA**

Not applicable

**CERCLA**

Not Applicable

**California Proposition 65**

This product does not contain any Proposition 65 chemicals.

**State Right-to-Know**

Component	Massachusetts	New Jersey	Pennsylvania	Illinois	Rhode Island
Sodium thiocyanate	-	X	X	-	-

**U.S. Department of Transportation**

Reportable Quantity (RQ): N  
 DOT Marine Pollutant Y  
 DOT Severe Marine Pollutant N

**U.S. Department of Homeland Security**

This product does not contain any DHS chemicals.

**Other International Regulations**

**Mexico - Grade** No information available

**Canada**

This product has been classified in accordance with the hazard criteria of the Controlled Products Regulations (CPR) and the MSDS contains all the information required by the CPR.

**WHMIS Hazard Class**

Non-controlled

## 16. OTHER INFORMATION

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**End of MSDS**