1. Product Identification

Synonyms: Potassium ferricyanate; tripotassium hexacyanoferrate; Ferrate (3-), hexacyano, tripotassium
CAS No.: 13746-66-2
Molecular Weight: 329.25
Chemical Formula: K₃Fe(CN)₆
Product Codes: 3104

2. Composition/Information on Ingredients

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3. Hazards Identification

Emergency Overview

CAUTION! MAY BE HARMFUL IF SWALLOWED OR INHALED. MAY CAUSE IRRITATION TO SKIN, EYES, AND RESPIRATORY TRACT.

J.T. Baker SAF-T-DATA™ Ratings (Provided here for your convenience)

- Health Rating: 1 - Slight
- Flammability Rating: 0 - None
- Reactivity Rating: 1 - Slight
- Contact Rating: 1 - Slight
- Lab Protective Equip: GOGGLES; LAB COAT
- Storage Color Code: Orange (General Storage)

Potential Health Effects

Information on the human health effects from exposure to this substance is limited. Used information for a related compound, potassium ferrocyanide, as a guide. Potassium ferrocyanide is apparently benign and does not decompose to cyanide in the body.

Inhalation:
May cause irritation to the respiratory tract. Symptoms may include coughing and shortness of breath.

Ingestion:
Large doses may cause gastrointestinal upset with nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, and possible cramping.

Skin Contact:
May cause irritation with redness and pain.

Eye Contact:
May cause irritation, redness and pain.

Chronic Exposure:
No information found.

Aggravation of Pre-existing Conditions:
No information found.

4. First Aid Measures

Inhalation:
Remove to fresh air. Get medical attention for any breathing difficulty.

Ingestion:
Give large amounts of water to drink. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Get medical attention.

Skin Contact:
Immediately flush skin with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Remove contaminated clothing and shoes. Wash clothing before reuse. Thoroughly clean shoes before reuse. Get medical attention if irritation develops.

**Eye Contact:**
Immediately flush eyes with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes, lifting upper and lower eyelids occasionally. Get medical attention if irritation persists.

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### 5. Fire Fighting Measures

**Fire:**
Not considered to be a fire hazard.

**Explosion:**
Not considered to be an explosion hazard.

**Fire Extinguishing Media:**
Use any means suitable for extinguishing surrounding fire.

**Special Information:**
In the event of a fire, wear full protective clothing and NIOSH-approved self-contained breathing apparatus with full facepiece operated in the pressure demand or other positive pressure mode. May emit toxic and flammable fumes of cyanide if involved in a fire.

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### 6. Accidental Release Measures

Ventilate area of leak or spill. Wear appropriate personal protective equipment as specified in Section 8. Spills: Sweep up and containerize for reclamation or disposal. Vacuuming or wet sweeping may be used to avoid dust dispersal.

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### 7. Handling and Storage

Keep in a tightly closed container, stored in a cool, dry, ventilated area. Protect against physical damage. Isolate from incompatible substances. Protect from light. Containers of this material may be hazardous when empty since they retain product residues (dust, solids); observe all warnings and precautions listed for the product.

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### 8. Exposure Controls/Personal Protection

**Airborne Exposure Limits:**
None established.

**Ventilation System:**
A system of local and/or general exhaust is recommended to keep employee exposures as low as possible. Local exhaust ventilation is generally preferred because it can control the emissions of the contaminant at its source, preventing dispersion of it into the general work area. Please refer to the ACGIH document, *Industrial Ventilation, A Manual of Recommended Practices*, most recent edition, for details.

**Personal Respirators (NIOSH Approved):**
For conditions of use where exposure to the dust or mist is apparent, a half-face dust/mist respirator may be worn. For emergencies or instances where the exposure levels are not known, use a full-face positive-pressure, air-supplied respirator. WARNING: Air-purifying respirators do not protect workers in oxygen-deficient atmospheres.

**Skin Protection:**
Wear protective gloves and clean body-covering clothing.

**Eye Protection:**
Safety glasses. Maintain eye wash fountain and quick-drench facilities in work area.

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### 9. Physical and Chemical Properties

**Appearance:**
Bright red, crystalline powder.

**Odor:**
Odorless.

**Solubility:**
Slowly soluble in 2.5 parts cold water

**Specific Gravity:**
1.85 @ 17C/4C

**pH:**
No information found.

**% Volatiles by volume @ 21C (70F):**
0

**Boiling Point:**
No information found.

**Melting Point:**
No information found.
10. Stability and Reactivity

**Stability:**
Stable under ordinary conditions of use and storage. The aqueous solution decomposes slowly on standing.

**Hazardous Decomposition Products:**
When heated to decomposition or comes in contact with acid or acid fumes it emits toxic fumes of cyanides. Emits toxic fumes of cyanide and oxides of nitrogen when heated to decomposition.

**Hazardous Polymerization:**
Will not occur.

**Incompatibilities:**
Ammonia, chromium trioxide + heat, cupric nitrate, sodium nitrite + heat, acids and acid fumes.

**Conditions to Avoid:**
Light, heat, incompatibles.

11. Toxicological Information

**Oral mouse LD50:** 2970 mg/kg. Investigated as a mutagen.

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12. Ecological Information

**Environmental Fate:**
No information found.

**Environmental Toxicity:**
No information found.

13. Disposal Considerations

Whatever cannot be saved for recovery or recycling should be managed in an appropriate and approved waste disposal facility. Processing, use or contamination of this product may change the waste management options. State and local disposal regulations may differ from federal disposal regulations. Dispose of container and unused contents in accordance with federal, state and local requirements.

14. Transport Information

Not regulated.

15. Regulatory Information

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### 16. Other Information

**NFPA Ratings:** Health: 3 Flammability: 0 Reactivity: 0

**Label Hazard Warning:**

CAUTION! MAY BE HARMFUL IF SWALLOWED OR INHALED. MAY CAUSE IRRITATION TO SKIN, EYES, AND RESPIRATORY TRACT.

**Label Precautions:**

Avoid contact with eyes, skin and clothing.
Wash thoroughly after handling.
Avoid breathing dust.
Keep container closed.
Use with adequate ventilation.

**Label First Aid:**

If inhaled, remove to fresh air. Get medical attention for any breathing difficulty. In case of contact, immediately flush eyes or skin with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Get medical attention if irritation develops or persists. If swallowed, give large amounts of water to drink. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Get medical attention.

**Product Use:**

Laboratory Reagent.

**Revision Information:**

No changes.

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