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SECTION I - PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION

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PRODUCT NAME: BENZONITRILE  
COMMON SYNONYMS: PHENYL CYANIDE; CYANOBENZENE  
CHEMICAL FAMILY: NITRILES  
FORMULA: C6H5CN  
FORMULA WT.: 103.12  
CAS NO.: 100-47-0  
NIOSH/RTECS NO.: DI2450000  
PRODUCT USE: LABORATORY REAGENT  
PRODUCT CODES: B883

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PRECAUTIONARY LABELING

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BAKER SAF-T-DATA\* SYSTEM

HEALTH	-	1	SLIGHT
FLAMMABILITY	-	2	MODERATE
REACTIVITY	-	1	SLIGHT
CONTACT	-	1	SLIGHT

LABORATORY PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

GOGGLES; LAB COAT; VENT HOOD; PROPER GLOVES; CLASS B EXTINGUISHER

U.S. PRECAUTIONARY LABELING

WARNING

COMBUSTIBLE. CAUSES EYE IRRITATION. HARMFUL IF SWALLOWED.  
KEEP AWAY FROM HEAT, SPARKS, FLAME. AVOID CONTACT WITH EYES, SKIN, CLOTHING.  
AVOID BREATHING VAPOR. KEEP IN TIGHTLY CLOSED CONTAINER. USE WITH ADEQUATE  
VENTILATION. WASH THOROUGHLY AFTER HANDLING. IN CASE OF FIRE, USE ALCOHOL  
FOAM, DRY CHEMICAL, CARBON DIOXIDE - WATER MAY BE INEFFECTIVE. FLUSH SPILL  
AREA WITH WATER SPRAY.

INTERNATIONAL LABELING

KEEP AWAY FROM STRONG OXIDIZING SUBSTANCES AND STRONG ACIDS. DO NOT BREATHE  
VAPOR.

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SECTION IV - FIRE AND EXPLOSION HAZARD DATA (CONTINUED)  
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RISK. USE WATER TO KEEP FIRE-EXPOSED CONTAINERS COOL.

UNUSUAL FIRE & EXPLOSION HAZARDS  
NONE IDENTIFIED.

TOXIC GASES PRODUCED  
CYANIDES

EXPLOSION DATA-SENSITIVITY TO MECHANICAL IMPACT  
NONE IDENTIFIED.

EXPLOSION DATA-SENSITIVITY TO STATIC DISCHARGE  
NONE IDENTIFIED.

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SECTION V - HEALTH HAZARD DATA  
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THRESHOLD LIMIT VALUE (TLV/TWA): NOT ESTABLISHED  
SHORT-TERM EXPOSURE LIMIT (STEL): NOT ESTABLISHED  
PERMISSIBLE EXPOSURE LIMIT (PEL): NOT ESTABLISHED

TOXICITY OF COMPONENTS  
ORAL MOUSE LD50 FOR BENZONITRILE 1400 MG/KG  
CARCINOGENICITY: NTP: NO IARC: NO Z LIST: NO OSHA REG: NO

CARCINOGENICITY  
NONE IDENTIFIED.

REPRODUCTIVE EFFECTS  
NONE IDENTIFIED.

EFFECTS OF OVEREXPOSUR  
INHALATION: MAY CAUSE CYANOSIS  
SKIN CONTACT: PROLONGED CONTACT MAY CAUSE IRRITATION  
EYE CONTACT: IRRITATION

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SECTION V - HEALTH HAZARD DATA (CONTINUED)

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SKIN ABSORPTION: NONE IDENTIFIED

INGESTION: NONE IDENTIFIED

CHRONIC EFFECTS: CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM DEPRESSION

TARGET ORGANS

EYES, SKIN

MEDICAL CONDITIONS GENERALLY AGGRAVATED BY EXPOSURE

NONE IDENTIFIED

PRIMARY ROUTES OF ENTRY

INGESTION, INHALATION, EYE CONTACT, SKIN CONTACT

EMERGENCY AND FIRST AID PROCEDURES

INGESTION: CALL A PHYSICIAN. IF SWALLOWED, IF CONSCIOUS, IMMEDIATELY INDUCE VOMITING.

INHALATION: IF INHALED, REMOVE TO FRESH AIR. IF NOT BREATHING, GIVE ARTIFICIAL RESPIRATION. IF BREATHING IS DIFFICULT, GIVE OXYGEN.

SKIN CONTACT: IN CASE OF CONTACT, FLUSH SKIN WITH WATER.

EYE CONTACT: IN CASE OF EYE CONTACT, IMMEDIATELY FLUSH WITH PLENTY OF WATER FOR AT LEAST 15 MINUTES.

SARA/TITLE III HAZARD CATEGORIES AND LISTS

ACUTE: YES CHRONIC: YES FLAMMABILITY: YES PRESSURE: NO REACTIVITY: NO

EXTREMELY HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE: NO

CERCLA HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE: YES CONTAINS BENZONITRILE (RQ = 5000 LBS)

SARA 313 TOXIC CHEMICALS: NO

TSCA INVENTORY: YES



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SECTION IX - STORAGE AND HANDLING PRECAUTIONS  
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SAF-T-DATA\* STORAGE COLOR CODE: RED (FLAMMABLE)

STORAGE REQUIREMENTS

KEEP CONTAINER TIGHTLY CLOSED. STORE IN A COOL, DRY, WELL-VENTILATED,  
FLAMMABLE LIQUID STORAGE AREA OR CABINET.

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SECTION X - TRANSPORTATION DATA AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION  
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DOMESTIC (D.O.T.)

PROPER SHIPPING NAME: BENZONITRILE  
HAZARD CLASS: 6.1  
UN/NA: UN2224      REPORTABLE QUANTITY: 5000 LBS.      PACKAGING GROUP: II  
LABELS: 6 POISON  
REGULATORY REFERENCES: 49CFR 172.101

INTERNATIONAL (I.M.O.)

PROPER SHIPPING NAME: BENZONITRILE  
HAZARD CLASS: 6.1      I.M.O. PAGE: 6082  
UN: UN2224      MARINE POLLUTANTS: NO      PACKAGING GROUP: II  
LABELS: POISON  
REGULATORY REFERENCES: 49CFR PART 176; IMDG CODE

AIR (I.C.A.O.)

PROPER SHIPPING NAME: BENZONITRILE  
HAZARD CLASS: 6.1      PACKAGING GROUP: II  
UN: UN2224  
LABELS: POISON  
REGULATORY REFERENCES: 49CFR PART 175; ICAO=== WE BELIEVE THE TRANSPORTATION  
DATA AND REFERENCES CONTAINED HEREIN TO BE FACTUAL AND  
THE OPINION OF QUALIFIED EXPERTS. THE DATA IS MEANT AS  
A GUIDE TO THE OVERALL CLASSIFICATION OF THE PRODUCT  
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171.2, CERTIFICATION 172.204, AND EMPLOYEE TRAINING 49  
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NOTE: WHEN HANDLING LIQUID PRODUCTS, SECONDARY PROTECTIVE CONTAINERS MUST BE USED FOR CARRYING.

-N/A = NOT APPLICABLE, OR NOT AVAILABLE;

N/E = NOT ESTABLISHED.-

THE INFORMATION IN THIS MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE UNITED STATES OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ACT AND REGULATIONS PROMULGATED THEREUNDER (29 CFR 1910.1200 ET. SEQ.) AND THE CANADIAN WORKPLACE HAZARDOUS MATERIALS INFORMATION SYSTEM. THIS DOCUMENT IS INTENDED ONLY AS A GUIDE TO THE APPROPRIATE PRECAUTIONARY HANDLING OF THE MATERIAL BY A PERSON TRAINED IN, OR SUPERVISED BY A PERSON TRAINED IN CHEMICAL HANDLING. THE USER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR DETERMINING THE PRECAUTIONS AND DANGERS OF THIS CHEMICAL FOR HIS OR HER PARTICULAR APPLICATION. DEPENDING ON USAGE, PROTECTIVE CLOTHING INCLUDING EYE AND FACE GUARDS AND RESPIRATORS MUST BE USED TO AVOID CONTACT WITH MATERIAL OR BREATHING CHEMICAL VAPORS/FUMES.

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