

# **Directive 98/8/EC concerning the placing biocidal products on the market**

***Inclusion of active substances in Annex I or I A to Directive 98/8/EC***

## Assessment Report



**Hydrogen cyanide  
Product –type 14**

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Annex I – the Czech Republic

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# 1 STATEMENT OF SUBJECT MATTER AND PURPOSE

## 1.1 Procedure Followed

This assessment report has been established as a result of the evaluation of Hydrogen Cyanide as product-type 14 (wood preservatives), carried out in the context of the work programme for the review of existing active substances provided for in Article 16(2) of Directive 98/8/EC concerning the placing of biocidal products on the market, with a view to the possible inclusion of this substance into Annex I or IA to the Directive.

Hydrogen Cyanide (CAS no. 74-90-8) was notified as an existing active substance, by Lučební závody Draslovka a.s. Kolín, hereafter referred to as the applicant, in product-type 14. Commission Regulation (EC) No 1451/2007 of 4 December 2007 lays down the detailed rules for the evaluation of dossiers and for the decision-making process in order to include or not an existing active substance into Annex I or IA to the Directive. In accordance with the provisions of Article 7(1) of that Regulation, the Czech Republic was designated as Rapporteur Member State to carry out the assessment on the basis of the dossier submitted by the applicant. The deadline for submission of a complete dossier for Hydrogen Cyanide as an active substance in Product Type 14 was 1 March 2006, in accordance with Annex V of Regulation (EC) No 2032/2003.

In accordance with provision of Article 4a of Regulation (EC) No. 2032/2003 as amended by Regulation (EC) No. 1048/2005 the Czech Republic applied for essential use of the active substance Hydrogen Cyanide on 18.11.2005.

On 16.2.2006, the competent authority of the Czech Republic received a dossier from the applicant. The Rapporteur Member State accepted the dossier as complete for the purpose of the evaluation on 28.2.2006.

On 24.1.2008, the Rapporteur Member State submitted, in accordance with the provisions of Article 14(4) and (6) of Regulation (EC) No 1451/2007, to the Commission and the applicant a copy of the evaluation report, hereafter referred to as the competent authority report. The Commission made the report available to all Member States by electronic means on 19.2.2008. The competent authority report included a recommendation for the inclusion of Hydrogen Cyanide in Annex I to the Directive for product-type 14.

In accordance with Article 16 of Regulation (EC) No 1451/2007, the Commission made the competent authority report publicly available by electronic means on 25.2.2008. This report did not include any information that was to be treated as confidential in accordance with Article 19 of Directive 98/8/EC. In order to review the competent authority report and the comments received on it, consultations of technical experts from all Member States (peer review) were organised by the Commission. Revisions agreed upon were presented at technical and competent authority meetings and the competent authority report was amended accordingly.

On the basis of the final competent authority report, the Commission proposed the inclusion of Hydrogen Cyanide in Annex I to Directive 98/8/EC and consulted the Standing Committee on Biocidal Product on 25 May 2012.

In accordance with Article 15(4) of Regulation (EC) No 1451/2007, the present assessment report contains the conclusions of the Standing Committee on Biocidal Products, as finalised during its meeting held on 25 May 2012.

## **1.2 Purpose of the assessment report**

This assessment report has been developed and finalised in support of the decision to include Hydrogen Cyanide in Annex I to Directive 98/8/EC for product-type 14. The aim of the assessment report is to facilitate the authorisation in Member States of individual biocidal products in product-type 14 that contain Hydrogen Cyanide. In their evaluation, Member States shall apply the provisions of Directive 98/8/EC, in particular the provisions of Article 5 as well as the common principles laid down in Annex VI.

For the implementation of the common principles of Annex VI, the content and conclusions of this assessment report, which is available at the Commission website<sup>3</sup>, shall be taken into account.

However, where conclusions of this assessment report are based on data protected under the provisions of Directive 98/8/EC, such conclusions may not be used to the benefit of another applicant, unless access to these data has been granted.

## **1.3 Overall conclusion in the context of Directive 98/8/EC**

It can be concluded from the evaluation that the proposed use of biocidal products based on hydrogen cyanide under the specified conditions fulfil the safety requirements laid down in Article 5 of Directive 98/8/EC. This conclusion is, thus, subject to

i. compliance with the particular requirements in the following sections of this

assessment report,

ii. the implementation of the provisions of Article 5(1) of Directive 98/8/EC, and

iii. the common principles laid down in Annex VI to Directive 98/8/EC.

Furthermore, these conclusions were reached within the framework of the uses that were proposed and supported by the applicant (see Appendix II). Extension of the use pattern beyond those described will require an evaluation at product authorisation level in order to establish whether the proposed extensions of use will satisfy the requirements of Article 5(1) and of the common principles laid down in Annex VI to Directive 98/8/EC.

## 2 OVERALL SUMMARY AND COCLUSIONS

### 2.1 Presentation of the Active Substance

#### 2.1.1 Identity, Physico-Chemical Properties & Methods of Analyssis

CAS number	74-90-8
Einecs number	200-821-6
Other No.	CIPAC NO. 126
Chemical name, synonyms	Hydrogen cyanide, Hydrocyanic acid (water solution)
Molecular formula	HCN
Structural formula	H-C≡N
Molecular mass (g/mol)	27.03
Purity of the active substance as manufactured	Min. 97.6 % wt
Impurities	Water (1.18 -1.42 % wt)
Additives	Phosphoric acid ( 0.08-0.12 % wt) , sulphur dioxide (0.9 – 1.1 % wt)

Hydrogen cyanide is colourless liquid for temperatures between -13.4 and +25.7°C (acid), and colourless gas with almond-like odour for higher temperatures. It is miscible with water and soluble in ethanol and ether. Octanol/water partition coefficient of 5 ( $\log K_{ow} = 0.66$ ) indicates slight preference of the hydrophobic compartments. High values of vapour pressure (84 kPa at 20°C, 35 kPa at 0°C) and of Henry's law constant signalize rapid evaporation and rapid leakage from water solution. Specific density of vapours is slightly below 1 (0.937 at 31°C) supports the assumption of an even distribution. The vapours are flammable and explosive in the range of concentrations in air of 5.6 to 40 v/v%.

The representative biocidal product named Uragan D2 (stabilized liquid hydrogen cyanide) is mixture of approx. 98 % of hydrogen cyanide (CAS No 74-90-8) with stabilizing additives. Uragan D2 is supplied completely soaked into a porous material in 1.5 kg gas-tight cans made of 0.45 mm steel. During fumigation it evaporates and brings about its effect as a gas.

Methods for analysis of the active substance as manufactured as well as methods for the determination of the additives and impurities have been described in sufficient detail. Methods for residue determinations in soil, water, air and blood have been validated and shown to be sufficiently specific, accurate, sensitive and to provide for appropriate LOQ with respect the toxicological and environmental endpoints of hydrogen cyanide.

Summary information on the identity and physico-chemical properties and analytical methods can be found in Appendix I to this document (List of Endpoints).

### 2.1.2 Intended Uses and Efficacy

Hydrogen cyanide is used as fumigant for professional use only to control pests (Main Group 03, PT 14 – rodenticide) in empty storehouses, depositories, transport facilities, containers, libraries , other buildings without any materials which are able to absorb hydrogen cyanide and which cannot be made strict gastight. **Hydrogen cyanide can never be used in buildings inhabited by people.**

Target organisms are rodents: *Rattus norvegicus*, *Rattus rattus*, *Mus musculus*, *Microtus arvalis*.

Universal efficacy against rodents follows from the well-known mechanism of toxic action. This is confirmed by long term experience as well as by acute toxicity studies. Experience shows that target organisms do not develop resistance.

### 2.1.3 Classification and labelling

#### Proposal of the classification and labelling of the active substance

	Classification and labelling in compliance with Annex VI Regulation (EC) No. 1272/2008
Hazard classification and Category Code(s)	Flam. Liq. 1; Acute Tox.1; Aquatic Acute 1; Aquatic Chronic 1



Precautionary statement Code(s)	<p>P210 Keep away from heat/sparks/open flames/hot surfaces. — No smoking.</p> <p>P260 Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/vapours/spray.</p> <p>P262 Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing.</p> <p>P280/284 Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection/respiratory protection.</p> <p>P303+P361+P353 IF ON SKIN (or hair): Remove/Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/shower.</p> <p>P304+P340 IF INHALED: Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing.</p> <p>P310 Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician.</p> <p>P273 Avoid release to the environment.</p>
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Proposal for classification of biocidal product Uragan D 2 is the same as that for the active substance.

## 2.2 Summary of the Risk Assessment

### 2.2.1 Human Health Risk Assessment

Human health risk assessment is based on data submitted by the applicant. Toxicology of hydrogen cyanide and generally of various sources of cyanide ion has long tradition: rich material has been accumulated on all relevant effects, and repeatedly analysed and discussed in peer-reviewed surveys. No new studies were therefore planned and performed by the applicant.

#### 2.2.1.1 Hazard Identification

Dangerous properties as well as sub-cellular mechanisms of cyanide ion toxicity are thoroughly explored. Common mechanism of toxicity ,i.e. the toxic agent common to the below surrogates is  $\text{CN}^-$  , and known toxicokinetics, e.g. slow releases of  $\text{CN}^-$  obviate occurrence of acutely cyanide dangerous peaks, justifies

the use of toxicological data on inorganic cyanides and nitriles (aceton cyanhydrin, acetonitrile) as surrogates for missing or unreliable components of the toxicological profile of hydrogen cyanide. In addition to ample epidemiological and clinical evidence, literature provides a large quantity of experimental data; on the other hand most experimental studies collected did not meet requirements for a key study. The necessary validity and reliability is ensured by cross-comparison of results of many studies widely differing in the source of cyanide, routes of administration, endpoints, methods, species and interpretation approaches.

### **Toxicokinetics**

Hydrogen cyanide is readily absorbed from orally administered water solutions or from fumigated food and oral absorption is 100 %. For respiratory route 100 % pulmonary retention is assumed. The rate of absorption of gaseous HCN by dry skin is by more than two orders of magnitude lower than absorption by inhalation.

Cyanides are readily distributed within the body by blood and up to 80 % of absorbed dose is metabolised to thiocyanate at a rate of 1 µg/kg body weight per minute. At absorption rate exceeding 1.2 µg/kg bw per minute the blood concentration of CN is expected to grow with duration of acute exposure in most subjects. Low affinity of HCN to lipids and relative rate of its metabolic transformation to thiocyanates indicate that cyanides do not accumulate in the organism.

### **Acute toxicity**

Hydrogen cyanide is highly toxic on inhalation, its inhalation LC 50 ranging from 3778 mg/m<sup>3</sup> for exposure time of 10 seconds to 158 mg/m<sup>3</sup> for a 60 minute exposure. It is classified as very toxic (T+) with risk phrase R 26 (very toxic by inhalation) (CLP: acute tox.1; H330).

Due to low dermal uptake of gaseous hydrogen cyanide the acute toxicity via this route is low and no corresponding classification is required.

Hydrogen cyanide toxicity is due to the impairment of the tissue utilization of oxygen making the cells critically dependent on oxidative metabolism most vulnerable. Hence the effects on nervous and cardio vascular systems are the most critical ones.

None of the human or animal data meet requirements for labelling of hydrogen cyanide as a skin irritating substance, and hydrogen cyanide is not classified as irritant for eyes. Human data on respiratory irritation are mostly negative and do not justify classification either. Hydrogen cyanide does not present any

structural alert for skin sensitization and sensitization properties of cyanides or nitriles have not been suggested by the experience in humans over a period of many years of production and use.

### **Repeated toxicity**

The toxic effects found in studies using repeated oral dosing of cyanides are interpreted as being due to cumulated injury from repeated acute poisonings resulting from acutely dangerous peaks of readily absorbed cyanides. Such peaks and hence the acute effects avoided, the inhibition of thyroid function is the only critical long term effect. This effect is ascribed to goitrogenic potency of thiocyanate, the main metabolite of cyanides. The NOAEL for this effect from which long term AEL was derived is 10 mg/kg.bw per day. This NOAEL primarily draws on two chronic (2 year) studies, inhalatory (acetonitrile in rats and mice) and oral (HCN in diet, rats), NOAEL in both being  $\geq 10$  mg CN/kg bw per day (top dose). This is further supported by several studies reporting daily doses of *4.7 to 26 mg cyanide/kg.bw* (top doses used) being without effect in 13-week to 26 week studies.

### **Genotoxicity**

Genotoxicity was observed only in cells with seriously lowered viability. HCN has been shown to possess no intrinsic genotoxic potential. This based on negative outcome of various mutagenicity studies on bacteria, a relevant in vitro mutagenicity on mammalian cells, in vivo bone marrow chromosomal aberrations test in rats and test of inhibition of mouse testicular DNA synthesis.

### **Carcinogenicity**

Carcinogenicity was explored in combined chronic toxicity – carcinogenicity study of acetonitrile in rats and mice and an extensive two-year inhalation studies with acetonitrile in rats and mice. Based on the data from these studies no carcinogenicity is expected at doses substantially below acutely toxic level. This is further confirmed by epidemiological studies in workers exposed for many years to hydrogen cyanide in concentrations exceeding  $10 \text{ mg/m}^3$  where no data leading to suspicion of hydrogen cyanide carcinogenicity were reported.

### **Reproductive toxicity**

Various studies on reproductive toxicity were evaluated. These include teratology study with acetone cyanohydrin with rats, 13 week study via oral route (NaCN in drinking water) including reproduction toxicity in rats and mice, in vivo DNA synthesis inhibition in mouse, 10 week male fertility study (inhalation route to acetone cyanohydrin) in rats, female fertility study (inhalation route to acetone cyanohydrin) in rats. The NOAELs for reproductive toxicity end points range from 1 to 26 mg CN/kg bw,

all the values being the top, or single, doses. All experimental studies permitting precise estimates of cyanide doses administered concur in a conclusion that decreased fertility, teratogenicity, embryotoxicity or developmental toxicity is limited to doses severely toxic for the adults. This is further confirmed by epidemiological studies in workers exposed for many years to hydrogen cyanide in concentrations exceeding  $10 \text{ mg/m}^3$  where no data leading to suspicion of hydrogen cyanide being toxic for reproduction. Hence, NOAEL of  $10 \text{ mg/kg bw}$  determined for repeated toxicity covers also reproductive toxicity endpoints.

### **Neurotoxicity**

The central nervous system is the primary target of acute cyanide toxicity due to its mechanism of toxic action which impairs the tissue utilization of oxygen. Studies exploring neurotoxicity include 13 week study via oral route (NaCN in drinking water) in rats and mice, 13 – 14 week inhalation study with acetone cyanohydrin in rats, 2 year inhalation study with acetonitrile in rats and mice, 180 day inhalation of cyanogens in rhesus monkeys. The NOAELs of these studies ranged from 4.7 (monkeys) to  $26 \text{ mg/kg .bw}$  (mice). As all these NOAELs are top doses, it is concluded that the neurotoxic endpoints are covered by NOAEL of  $10 \text{ mg/kg bw}$ .

### **Toxicological reference doses**

Two AELs have been defined for hydrogen cyanide covering the relevant exposure scenarios. Another condition that must be always fulfilled is that air concentrations of hydrogen cyanide never exceed AEC of  $3 \text{ mg/m}^3$  so as to avoid acutely dangerous peaks of cyanide in blood.

The AEC and AEL have been derived from human toxicokinetic data showing that the rate of spontaneous detoxication of cyanides in humans is  $1 \text{ ug/kg body weight per minute}$ . This rate of elimination balances, even under the very conservative assumption of 100% pulmonary retention, inhalation of air concentrations up to  $3 \text{ mg/m}^3$  with the concentration of CN in erythrocytes remaining on 24 hours exposure, safely below the concentration at which first subjective symptoms were reported. Thus  $3 \text{ mg/m}^3$  define AEC the purpose of which is to prevent occurrence of acutely dangerous peaks in blood. As accumulation of CN in blood depends also on the total amount of HCN absorbed applying AEC together with the relevant AEL, acute or chronic, prevents acutely dangerous CN peaks in blood from occurring in all the possible exposure scenarios. 24 hour exposure to  $3 \text{ mg/m}^3$  corresponds to systemic dose of  $1.44 \text{ mg/kg . bw}$  assuming 100% pulmonary retention, inhalation rate of  $1.25 \text{ m}^3/\text{hour}$  and body weight of 60 kg. The dose of  $0.48 \text{ mg/kg bw}$  is used as acute AEL which corresponds to 8 hour exposure under the above assumptions. The conservative assumptions used in the derivation of acute AEL of  $0.48 \text{ mg/kg bw}$  and the fact that the toxicokinetic data on which it is based come from studies on hospital patients treated for high blood pressure ensures protection of vulnerable groups as well as general

population. This value is further supported by the absence of acute complaints in workers exposed for 8 hours to airborne HCN concentration below 20 mg/m<sup>3</sup>.

The derivation of long term AEL has been primarily based on two chronic studies, one for inhalatory and one for oral route of administration. In both the NOAEL was  $\geq 10$  mg CN/kg bw per day. Applying the standard assessment factor of 100 the long term AEL is 0.1 mg CN/kg bw per day. As the assessment factor accounts for both interspecies differences in toxicokinetics and toxicodynamics (coefficient < 10), and interindividual variability in heterogeneous human population (coefficient >10) due to differences in thiocyanate elimination rate, thiosulphate and CN intake from diet, smoking etc. this AEL protects also the vulnerable groups as well as general population.

## **Exposure assessment and risk characterisation**

### **Operator exposure during fumigation:**

During fumigation the personnel is required to use the prescribed personal protective equipment which rules out exposure to HCN during fumigation and ventilation. Organizational measures ensuring that operators will not come to contact with high concentrations of HCN vapours must be followed throughout the whole fumigation procedure including the ventilation phase and post ventilation phase until handing over the properly ventilated and cleared structures to the client/owner. Operators not wearing adequate PPE can only be exposed to concentration of HCN not exceeding 3mg/m<sup>3</sup> while their internal exposure must not exceed long term AEL of 0.1 mg/kg bw. (i.e., in a case when operator should not wear adequate PPE for the whole shift of 8 hours they can only be exposed to concentrations not exceeding 0.6 mg/m<sup>3</sup> This then results in respiratory intake of less than 0.1 mg/kg bw (8 hours x 1.25 m<sup>3</sup>/hour x 0.6 mg/m<sup>3</sup>/60kg).

### **Post fumigation exposure:**

Re- entry of operators into treated structures/ areas for inspection without use of the prescribed PPE including self-contained breathing apparatus is allowed only when gas concentration dropped below AEC of 3mg/m<sup>3</sup>. The structure is entered then for the purpose of being handed over to the client. The time required for this hand-over does not exceed 1 hour resulting in an intake via inhalation of cyanide not exceeding 0.063 mg/kg.bw ,which corresponds to 63% of long term AEL of 0.1mg/kg bw.

### ***Exposure of professionals during ventilation phase***

During ventilation phase exclusion zone is determined so that the airborne HCN concentration at its border is  $3 \text{ mg/m}^3$  (AEC). An operator wearing prescribed PPE (i.e. a face mask with appropriate filter) is responsible for shifting the border if need be e.g. due to a change in weather conditions. This operator is not exposed to HCN while wearing the PPE but exposure can take place during the breaks when the operator takes off the face mask. As a worst case such breaks are assumed to take up to 4 hours/day and the operator is required to find a place for these breaks, where the concentration of HCN in the air does not exceed  $1 \text{ mg/m}^3$ . This then results in respiratory intake of HCN of  $0.08 \text{ mg/kg bw}$  when assuming body weight of 60 kg and inhalation rate  $1.25 \text{ m}^3/\text{h}$ . This is 80% of long term AEL of  $0.1 \text{ mg/kg bw}$  per day. If the operator is not to wear PPE for a major part of the 8 hour shift they must seek and stay in a place where the concentration of HCN does not exceed  $0.6 \text{ mg/m}^3$ . This then results in respiratory intake of less than  $0.1 \text{ mg/kg bw}$  ( $8 \text{ hours} \times 1.25 \text{ m}^3/\text{hour} \times 0.6 \text{ mg/m}^3 / 60\text{kg}$ ).

### **Exposure of other users:**

Hydrogen cyanide is intended for use by adequately trained professionals only. Before delivery, the customer should declare the intended type of use and provide proof of his ability to handle the product safely. The manufacturer is, on the basis of delivery terms, entitled to carry out audits of the customer's premises.

### **Exposures of bystanders:**

To avoid unacceptable exposure of by-standers and by-passers an exclusion zone is set around the fumigated structure which cannot be entered by any person except by adequately trained professionals

from the beginning of the fumigation till the handing over of the structure to the client. This zone is determined so as beyond its boundaries the concentration of airborne HCN never exceeds AEC of  $3\text{mg/m}^3$ . As by-passers are assumed to be exposed to HCN only infrequently acute AEL is relevant to assess the risk they undergo. 8 hour exposure to  $3\text{mg/m}^3$  is needed before acute AEL is exceeded in adults which is more than passers-by can be reasonably assumed to spend near the frontier of the exclusion zone. Rather, reasonable assumption is that by-passers spent 30 minutes at the border of the exclusion zone. This corresponds to  $0.03 \text{ mg /kg bw}$  for adults when applying inhalation rate of  $1.25 \text{ m}^3/\text{hour}$  and body weight of 60 kg ( $0.5 \text{ hours} * 1.25 \text{ m}^3 * 3 \text{ mg/m}^3 / 60 \text{ kg}$ ) and to  $0.15 \text{ mg/kg bw}$  for infants when applying inhalation rate  $1 \text{ m}^3/\text{hour}$  and body weight of 10 kg. Thus, the systemic dose due to exposure of an adult passers- by corresponds to 6.3 % and that of an infant corresponds to 31% of acute AEL.

### **Exposure on the day following the hand over**

On the day following its hand-over the fumigated structure is put to normal use. Eight hour exposure of persons entering it is assumed. HCN concentration in the air is bound to drop by several orders of

magnitude by the time of the beginning of exposure if the first order kinetics with the rate constant derived from decrease during ventilation phase is assumed (i.e., during ventilation the drop was from  $10 \text{ g/m}^3$  to  $3 \text{ mg/m}^3$  in 24 hours thus giving rate constant of  $0.34 \text{ hour}^{-1}$  for first order kinetics). In reality, the post ventilation drop will be even more drastic as all the seals will be removed from windows, doors etc. and thus more air will be exchanged per unit of time. **In addition, during the first part of the normal use it is advisable to continue good ventilation of the object.** Then during the ventilation the 8 hour exposure on the day following the hand over is calculated to be  $0.008 \text{ mg /kg bw}$  assuming inhalation rate of  $1.25 \text{ m}^3/\text{hour}$ , body weight of 60 kg, 12 hours between the hand over and the beginning of the exposure, no drop of HCN concentration during the 8 hour exposure. This dose is 8% of chronic AEL thus posing no risk to human health.

## **2.2.2 Physical-chemical hazard**

The relevant physical and chemical properties of biocidal product Uragan D2 are the same as that of hydrogen cyanide. Hydrogen cyanide is at normal pressure an extremely flammable gas/liquid. HCN vapours form explosive mixtures with air with upper explosive limit 40 % vol. and lower explosive limit 5.6 % vol.: the maximum concentration used in fumigation is below 5 %, nevertheless the danger of fire and explosion of vapours is high with regard to local concentration inhomogeneity.

### **Risk characterisation for the physico-chemical properties**

When used conformably to special “Manual for Organization of hydrogen cyanide sanitation procedures”, physical and chemical properties of hydrogen cyanide do not present risk to users.

## **2.2.3 Environmental risk assessment**

### **2.2.3.1 Fate and distribution in the environment**

Environmental fate and behaviour of HCN, due to its low boiling point, high vapour pressure at temperature over  $10 \text{ C}$  and lower relative density compared to density of air, is different from the fate and behaviour of other cyanide compounds. The main compartment where the most significant part of HCN liberated into the environment is transferred is the atmosphere. The persistence half-time of HCN in the atmosphere is 1-3 years. The most important mechanism of its degradation in the atmosphere is a reaction with hydroxyl radicals brought to the atmosphere by air humidity

Hydrogen cyanide is completely miscible with water. However, its ability to cross from the atmosphere into aqueous media, characterized by the value of Henry's law constant  $5.2 \text{ kPa} \cdot \text{m}^3 \cdot \text{mol}^{-1}$ , is low. Therefore, the part of hydrogen cyanide which is washed out from the atmosphere by precipitation is low as well. If hydrogen cyanide or cyanides enter aqueous media, equilibrium between the concentration of cyanide ions and undissociated hydrogen cyanide is established.

Biodegradation contributes to the elimination of cyanides from natural water. Cyanides occur in water most commonly in the form of hydrogen cyanide, cyanide ions and other cyanide compounds in a wide range.

In water, HCN and cyanide ion exist in equilibrium, their relative concentrations depend on pH and temperature. With pH lower than 8, more than 93 % free cyanides in water is in the form of undissociated hydrogen cyanide. HCN consequently hydrolyses to formamide which is further hydrolysed to ammonia and formate ion. However, the hydrolysis rate is slow and in the elimination of cyanide ion, it does not compete with evaporation and biodegradation.

Biodegradation of cyanides in surface water also depends on pH, cyanide concentration, temperature, availability of nutrients, and microbe adaptation. Cyanide ion is toxic for microorganisms at concentration 5-10 mg/l, but adaptation of microorganisms to this compound increases tolerance and microorganisms are able to decompose low cyanide concentrations.

In wastewater treatment plant conditions, adapted sludge is capable of decomposing cyanide concentrations lower than or equal to 100 mg/l.

Non-toxic concentrations of cyanides can be readily biodegraded, both aerobically and anaerobically. Aerobic degradation yields CO<sub>2</sub> and ammonia (that may be further converted to nitrate or nitrite); anaerobic biodegradation yields ammonia and methane.

In nature, degradation of free cyanide ions from aquatic environment occurs also due to these chemical processes: oxidation, hydrolysis, and photolysis, of which the last one plays only a negligible or very little role.

Hydrogen cyanide is very resistant to photolysis. The most important reaction of hydrogen cyanide in air is the reaction with photochemically generated hydroxyl radicals and subsequent rapid oxidation to carbon monoxide (CO) and nitric oxide (NO); photolysis and reaction with ozone are not important transformation processes, and reaction with singlet oxygen (O<sup>1</sup>D) is not a significant transformation process except at stratospheric altitudes where singlet oxygen is present in significant concentrations. The rate of hydroxyl radical reaction with hydrogen cyanide in the atmosphere depends on the altitude, and the rate of the reaction is at least one order of magnitude faster at lower tropospheric altitudes (0–8 km) than at upper tropospheric altitudes (10–12 km). Based on a reaction rate constant of  $3 \times 10^{-14}$  cm<sup>3</sup>/(molecule.sec) at 25 °C

Photolysis in surface waters occurs, but is very low and its part in the degradation of cyanide ions from aquatic environment is insignificant.

Hydrogen cyanide hardly enters soil; its sorption ability to solid substances – sediment – is due to its high water solubility considered negligible.

Evaporation plays the biggest part in the dissipation of cyanides from water. In surface waters, this is a predominant fate of HCN.

Evaporation is influenced by several parameters, e.g. temperature, pH, wind speed (in natural surface waters), and Henry's law constant.

At pH lower than 9.2, most of free cyanide in a solution exists in the form of HCN and volatile cyanides, and degradation (evaporation) proceeds faster. Evaporation is for HCN degradation from water more important than decomposition due to chemical reactions and biodegradation. This presumption applies to surface waters; elimination in ground waters shall take longer.

Most hydrogen cyanide from both natural and industrial sources reaches the atmosphere. HCN remains in the troposphere, only 2 % reaches the stratosphere.

In the atmosphere, HCN may be transported to long distances from the emission source.

HCN slowly degrades in air; its half-time is 1-3 years. In the atmosphere, it reacts with hydroxyl radicals brought there by air humidity, and through this reaction it decomposes. Although HCN is readily soluble in water, its elimination from the atmosphere through rain water is negligible.

HCN bioaccumulation in aquatic organisms is not expected. Bioconcentration factor for HCN was calculated - BCF 0.73. Neither HCN bioaccumulation in the food chain is expected.

Due to its usage as fumigant, using hydrogen cyanide for direct fumigation of food and feed is not expected. Since significant penetration of HCN into water or soil after treatment is not expected either, the risk of compartment-non-specific intoxication of people by the food chain may be considered negligible.

#### **2.2.3.2 Effects assessment**

##### **Aquatic Compartment**

The results of many experiments are published in the literature in which the toxicity of cyanides for fish, invertebrates and algae was investigated.

##### ***Acute toxicity for fish***

Regarding fish toxicity in some species of juvenile fish the sensitivity is higher or the same at lower temperature, in other species the sensitivity to HCN is higher at higher temperatures. Generally, all measured values are within the classification highly toxic for aquatic organisms.

Observations from summary materials used are based on the article by Kovacs T. G., and G. Leduc. 1982. Acute toxicity of cyanide to rainbow trout (*Salmo gairdneri*) acclimated at different temperatures. Can. J. Fish. Aquat. Sci. 39: 1426-1429, in which dependency of temperature and HCN concentration effects on acute toxicity is documented. 96-hour mean LC50 values from the study conclusions:

$$\text{LC50} = 0.028 \pm 0.004 \text{ mg.l}^{-1} \text{ at } 6 \text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$$

$$\text{LC50} = 0.042 \pm 0.004 \text{ mg.l}^{-1} \text{ at } 12 \text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$$

$$\text{LC50} = 0.068 \pm 0.004 \text{ mg.l}^{-1} \text{ at } 18 \text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$$

Rainbow trout acclimated for the test temperature survived longer in lethal concentrations of cyanide. Toxicity curves clearly showed the temperature effect on the acute toxicity of cyanide is concentration dependent.

The LC50 = 0.042 mg.L<sup>-1</sup> value was selected for the risk assessment, with regard to temperatures at which acute toxicity test are performed according to current methods (Regulation (EC) 440/2008, EU method no. 203, temperature during the test 12-18 °C). Regarding the way of the substance use and the fact that the fumigation process is performed only at favourable climatic conditions, and regarding effects of other factors in the environment, no significant HCN concentration able to affect adversely aquatic organisms is expected to enter water. From this point of view the effect of temperature and concentration on the LC50 value is not important for the risk assessment.

#### **Acute toxicity for invertebrates**

A value from the test performed by the applicant was chosen as the key value, since this test was performed in the GLP system and according to the valid OECD methodology:

$$\text{EC50 (Daphnia magna , 48 hours)} = 1.07 \text{ mg.l}^{-1}$$

#### **Growth inhibition on algae**

A value from the test performed by the applicant in the GLP system and according to the valid OECD methodology was chosen as the key value:

$$\text{EC50 (Scenedesmus subspicatus, 72 hours)} = 0.040 \text{ mg.l}^{-1}$$

The calculation was performed with EUSES program, using scenario for fumigation, with the following results:

**PNEC Aqua:**  $4 \times 10^{-5}$  mg/L

Although hydrogen cyanide is highly toxic for aquatic organisms, exposure of the aquatic environment during fumigation is negligible.

Significant exposure of aqueous environment is not expected.

### **Sediment**

No sediment tests are available.

The calculation was performed with EUSES program, using a scenario for fumigation, with the following results:

**PNEC for fresh-water sediment-dwelling organisms**  $3.81 \times 10^{-5}$  mg/kg wwt

Direct exposure of sediment is not expected due to the use pattern and physico-chemical properties of hydrogen cyanide.

### **Inhibition of microbial activity**

A value for inhibition of microbial activity 25 mg/l was found in literature sources.

Hydrogen cyanide is a gas and its use pattern as a fumigant with direct release to the environment, there is no likelihood that the active ingredient will enter aerobic microbial treatment plants/sewage plants/water treatments plants. Consequently, there is no likelihood of exposure for STP micro-organisms.

The calculation was performed with EUSES program, using a scenario for fumigation, with the following results:

**PNEC<sub>STP</sub>** =  $2.5 \times 10^{-1}$  mg/L

### **Terrestrial Compartment**

The use is limited to closed spaces, hydrogen cyanide is used in the form of a gas for fumigation; the main environmental compartment it enters is air. Hydrogen cyanide tends to ascend to higher levels of the atmosphere. Direct release to the terrestrial compartment is not expected.

The calculation was performed with EUSES program, using a scenario for fumigation, with the following results:

$$\text{PNEC}_{\text{soil}} = 1.02 \times 10^{-5} \text{ mg/kgwwt}$$

Significant exposure of terrestrial environment is not expected

### **Atmosphere**

For the application of gaseous substances for fumigation, the general exposure scenario for the use of gaseous fumigants was proposed by working group of Environment Directorate OECD (OECD Series on Emission scenario Documents, Number 2, Emission Scenario Document for Wood Preservatives, Part 2, p. 93–96).

According to the above mentioned general scenario it is assumed that at most 2 % w/w of the total amount of the fumigant released into a closed object is retained in treated objects or materials and 0.1 % of the fumigant is decomposed. The extent of fumigant emissions to air is then expressed as an amount of the fumigant released into the treated object (decreased by the part retained in the treated object and by the part which underwent decomposition) recalculated on days in dependence on the ventilation time. If these general principles are applied to an individual case of fumigation with hydrogen cyanide, for the determination of the total amount of hydrogen cyanide emissions to air the calculation may be based on the volume of the treated object or working chamber in m<sup>3</sup> and on the hydrogen cyanide application concentration of 10 g/m<sup>3</sup>.

For a extremely large object with the volume around 100,000 m<sup>3</sup>, the consumption about 1,000 kg of hydrogen cyanide can be expected, for a large object with the volume around 10,000 m<sup>3</sup>, the consumption about 100 kg of hydrogen cyanide can be expected, for a smaller object around 1,000 m<sup>3</sup> one tenth, i.e. 10 kg, can be expected, and for a small container around 100 m<sup>3</sup> approx. 1 kg. For a smaller container with the volume of 300 m<sup>3</sup> it is 3 kg.

Emission rates of active substance to atmosphere (E<sub>atm, fumi</sub>) after fumigation acc. to OECD Series on Emission scenario Documents, Number 2, Emission Scenario Document for Wood Preservatives, Part 2, p. 93–96 for objects with volume of 100,000 m<sup>3</sup>, 10,000 m<sup>3</sup>, 1,000 m<sup>3</sup>, 300 m<sup>3</sup> and 100 m<sup>3</sup> are 979, 97.9, 9.79, 2.94 and 0.979 kg/d respectively during 24hr ventilation and 326, 32.6, 3.26, 0.98 and 0.326 kg/d for 72hr ventilation time.

If the decrease of the amount of ventilated hydrogen cyanide by its retention or decomposition is neglected, this amount should be ventilated in 24–72 hours. In the less favourable case, the whole applied amount of hydrogen cyanide should leave to air within 24 hours. The concentration of hydrogen cyanide

in gas leaving the ventilated object will decrease from the initial value higher than 10 g/m<sup>3</sup> practically to zero at the end of the ventilation phase.

### **2.2.3.3 PBT assessment**

It can be reliably stated that hydrogen cyanide does not have properties of PBT or vPvB because of its preferential detention in free atmosphere, its low ability to bioaccumulate, characterised by BCF= 0.73 and low persistence from the point of view of definition values of those parameters.

Hydrogen cyanide does not fulfil the PBT or vPvB criteria.

### **2.2.3.4 Risk characterization**

#### **Risk for atmosphere**

Hydrogen cyanide ventilated to air can cause damage by retaining in the air (and thus it could change the properties of atmosphere) and by indirect endangering human health and other parts of nature.

In air hydrogen cyanide behaves as small halogen-carbon compounds. It is capable of contributing to global warming, weakening the protective ozone layer, and increasing the ozone production in troposphere. However, the potential of those effects is small due to little penetration of hydrogen cyanide into stratosphere and due to a slow course of reactions by which ozone is formed in troposphere. The present conditions in atmosphere cannot be significantly changed by hydrogen cyanide entering the atmosphere after the end of fumigation, because the amount of hydrogen cyanide used for fumigation will always be only a negligible part of the amount of this substance formed spontaneously by natural processes or released into atmosphere from other anthropogenic sources.

The amount of hydrogen cyanide released to air during individual applications in medium and large objects can be of the order of tens or hundreds of kilograms. From the regional point of view, such a small amount cannot cause any measurable change of hydrogen cyanide concentration in the atmosphere.

From the local point of view, it is necessary to know the distribution of concentrations in the vicinity of a treated object during its ventilation. According to the already mentioned emission scenario for fumigation, it was proposed to assume that the total applied amount of the fumigant is equal to the total flux of the fumigant emissions to air for the time of its ventilation. The above given reasoning gave us the flux of emissions 1–1000 kg HCN/day for 24-hour venting time.

In 1970's, anthropogenic production of hydrogen cyanide into the atmosphere in the USA was estimated at approx. 20,000 t/y. Most of anthropogenic formed cyanides, around 90 %, were generated from motor vehicle exhaust fumes (7-9 mg/km for vehicles not equipped with a catalyst and approx. 0.6 mg/km for catalyst equipped vehicles). Further significant anthropogenic sources of hydrogen cyanide emissions to

the atmosphere include its production and production of other organic as well as inorganic cyanide compounds. In 2000, the total world production of HCN reached 1.4 mil. tons. Large amount of hydrogen cyanide is released to the atmosphere from processing industries such as metallurgy, surface treatment of metals, gold and silver mining from low-grade ores. Significant sources of HCN anthropogenic emissions include also landfills and sludge setting lagoons to which wastes containing cyanides, emissions from municipal and industrial waste incinerators, emissions from incinerating organic substances with high nitrogen content (polyurethane, acrylonitrile, polyamides etc.) are placed. A relatively small quantity comes from the usage of HCN for treatment of closed structures.

### Overview on the calculated PEC in air (according to the EUSES calculation)

#### *Concentration in air during emission episode*

<b>Product Type</b>	<b>PEC<sub>air</sub></b> <b>[mg/m<sup>3</sup>]</b>
<b>PT14</b>	
PT14_1 - Fumigant applied in a container with volume 100 m <sup>3</sup> , amount of HCN used: 1 kg.	2.72 x 10 <sup>-4</sup>
PT14_6 - Fumigant applied in a container with volume 300 m <sup>3</sup> , amount of HCN used: 3 kg.	8.14 x 10 <sup>-4</sup>
PT14_2 – Fumigant applied in a small standard structure with volume 1,000 m <sup>3</sup> , amount of HCN used: 10 kg.	2.72 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
PT14_3 – Fumigant applied in a large standard structure with volume 10,000 m <sup>3</sup> , amount of HCN used: 100 kg .	2.72 x 10 <sup>-2</sup>
PT14_4 – Fumigant applied in a large standard structure with volume 100,000 m <sup>3</sup> , amount of HCN used: 1,000 kg.	2.72 x 10 <sup>-1</sup>

#### *Concentration in air, 100 m from point source*

<b>Product Type</b>	<b>PEC<sub>air</sub></b> <b>[mg/m<sup>3</sup>]</b>
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<b>Product Type</b>	<b>PEC<sub>air</sub></b> <b>[mg/m<sup>3</sup>]</b>
<b>PT14</b>	
PT14_1 - Fumigant applied in a container with volume 100 m <sup>3</sup> , amount of HCN used: 1 kg.	7.46 x 10 <sup>-7</sup>
PT14_6 - Fumigant applied in a container with volume 100 m <sup>3</sup> , amount of HCN used: 1 kg.	2.24 x 10 <sup>-6</sup>
PT14_2 – Fumigant applied in a small standard structure with volume 1,000 m <sup>3</sup> , amount of HCN used: 10 kg.	7.46 x 10 <sup>-6</sup>
PT14_3 – Fumigant applied in a large standard structure with volume 10,000 m <sup>3</sup> , amount of HCN used: 100 kg.	7.46 x 10 <sup>-5</sup>
PT14_4 – Fumigant applied in a large standard structure with volume 100,000 m <sup>3</sup> , amount of HCN used: 1,000 kg.	7.46 x 10 <sup>-4</sup>

Real values of concentration will depend on dispersion conditions (direction and velocity of wind, vertical temperature gradient, terrain configuration, surrounding buildings, etc.). At climatic situations favourable for dissipation of emissions, under which the fumigation and ventilation should be carried out, the real ground concentration of hydrogen cyanide should be significantly lower due to the tendency of hydrogen cyanide molecules, which are lighter than air, to move up to higher layers of atmosphere.

The values of hydrogen cyanide concentrations 0.272 mg/m<sup>3</sup>, estimated as PEC<sub>local</sub> for one-time application of 1,000 kg of HCN, are approximately 10 times lower than PEL or 40 times lower than the value of MAC for working atmosphere valid in a number of countries.

#### **Risk for aquatic environment**

The risk for water is not expected due to an insignificant potential exposure of aqueous environment during fumigation with hydrogen cyanide.

At fumigation, hydrogen cyanide is applied to hermetically closed spaces, which cannot in any way communicate with surface or underground waters. No water can be present in treated objects. Direct exposure of aquatic environment to hydrogen cyanide is thus completely excluded. Indirectly, aquatic environment could be exposed to hydrogen cyanide retained by precipitation or by descending fog. Fumigation and following ventilation should thus be carried out only under favourable temperature and

dissipation conditions. Therefore, there is low probability of direct contact of ventilated hydrogen cyanide with rain or fog.

If hydrogen cyanide comes into contact with atmospheric precipitations, its ability to be adsorbed in aqueous phase is low, as indicated by a relatively high value of Henry's constant. The highest nominal concentration of hydrogen cyanide in ventilated air at the beginning of ventilation should be close to applied concentration  $10 \text{ g/m}^3$ . In equilibrium with this concentration of hydrogen cyanide in air, the concentration of hydrogen cyanide dissolved in water should reach the theoretical value of approx.  $200 \mu\text{g HCN}$  per litre. To reach this concentration, it would be necessary to keep constant initial concentration of hydrogen cyanide in air and sufficiently long time to establish equilibrium between aqueous and gaseous phases. In reality, even in the least favourable case, when an exposure of aquatic system would occur, the concentration of hydrogen cyanide in the contaminated water would reach micrograms or even lower values. After contact with ground, this concentration would further decrease by dilution with non-contaminated water, by re-volatilization of hydrogen cyanide, and by neutralization of its toxic effects by conversion into less toxicologically important compounds, eventually by hydrolysis supported by bacterial enzymes.

#### **Risk of secondary intoxication**

The risk of food chain intoxication is negligible because of insignificant penetration of hydrogen cyanide into this chain

#### **2.2.4 List of endpoints**

In order to facilitate the work of Member States in granting or reviewing authorisations, and to apply adequately the provisions of Article 5(1) of Directive 98/8/EC and the common principles laid down in Annex VI of that Directive, the most important endpoints, as identified during the evaluation process, are listed in Appendix I.

### **3 DECISION**

#### **3.1 Background to the proposed decision**

Hydrogen cyanide is intended for use by adequately trained professionals as fumigant for control of pests in buildings and other closed spaces. After sufficient exposure, hydrogen cyanide immediately kills all development stages of pests. No signs of resistance development were reported. Hydrogen cyanide is classified as extremely flammable and very toxic by inhalation. Inclusion of hydrogen cyanide in Annex I is feasible for the human health aspect because several safe uses are identified. Adverse health effects to operators during fumigation are ruled out by obligatory usage of adequate PPE and other safety measures. Acute toxic effects to persons re-entering the fumigated area after ventilation are prevented by following

the obligatory safety measures. The only effect of long-term operator exposures is inhibition of thyroid functions. This effect should be prevented by setting chronic AEL. However, it is recommended to check for a possible occurrence of this effect by appropriate functional testing. Adverse health effects of passers-by are prevented by setting an exclusion zone around the fumigated structure/area.

The environmental risk assessment has shown that the proposed usage of hydrogen cyanide presents no unacceptable risk to the environment and can thus be included in Annex I. Hydrogen cyanide entering the atmosphere after the end of fumigation forms only a negligible part of the amount of this substance formed spontaneously by natural processes or released into atmosphere from other anthropogenic sources. Due to its physico-chemical properties hydrogen cyanide used in fumigation does not contribute to increase in levels of local background HCN emission or its content in surface water, nor is it expected to bioaccumulate significantly in aquatic organisms. Accidental endangering of human and animal health by hydrogen cyanide being retained in the air on ventilation is minimized by following the strict measures proposed for fumigation procedure.

### **3.2 Proposed decision regarding the inclusion in Annex I**

Hydrogen cyanide shall be included in Annex I to Directive 98/8/EC as an active substance for use in product-type 14 (rodenticides), subject to the following specific provisions:

The minimum purity of the active substance used for the evaluation was 976 g/kg.

Member states shall ensure that authorisations of products for use as a fumigant are subject to the following conditions:

- Tab. 1.* Product shall only be supplied to and used by professionals adequately trained to use them;
- Tab. 2.* Safe operational procedures during fumigation and venting shall be established for operators and bystanders;
- Tab. 3.* Products shall be used with adequate personal protective equipment including, where appropriate, self-contained breathing apparatus and gas-tight clothing;
- Tab. 4.* Re-entry into fumigated spaces shall be prohibited until the air concentration has reached safe levels for operators and bystanders by ventilation;
- Tab. 5.* Exposure during and after ventilation shall be prevented from exceeding safe levels for operators and bystanders by the establishment of a supervised exclusion zone;

*Tab. 6.* Prior to fumigation, any food and any porous material with a potential to absorb the active substance, except the wood intended to be preserved, shall either be removed from the space to be fumigated or protected from absorption by adequate means, and the space to be fumigated shall be protected against accidental ignition.

### **3.3 Elements to be taken into account by Member States when authorising products**

Elements, which were not mentioned under the specific provisions of the decision but which need to be taken into account at product authorisation level:

- Studies proving efficacy including kinetics of HCN evaporation in a treated object shall be required at the product authorisation stage;
- Residential buildings fumigation is not recommended;
- Authorisation holders shall ensure that users of the product are provided with detailed instructions for use, specifying the safety measures to be observed to ensure a safe and efficient use of the product;
- An exclusion zone shall be determined at the border of which HCN concentration must not exceed 0.6 mg/m<sup>3</sup> and shall be set according to assumed exposure duration so that long term AEL is not exceeded for operators. In the exclusion zone, the presence of bystanders shall be prohibited and operators shall wear appropriate personal protective equipment. The zone shall be supervised.
- After fumigation, fumigated spaces shall be ventilated until the air concentration is below the AEC of 0.6 mg/m<sup>3</sup> in order to protect operators shall they have to re-enter the fumigated spaces, and must in any case be below 3mg/m<sup>3</sup> for the re-entry of bystanders. Fumigated spaces shall be returned to their normal use no earlier than 24 hours after this concentration has been reached.

### **3.4 Requirement for further information**

It is considered that the evaluation has shown that sufficient data have been provided to verify the outcome and conclusions, and permit the proposal for the inclusion of hydrogen cyanide for use in product-type PT 08 (wood preservatives) in Annex I to Directive 98/8/EC.

### **3.5 Updating this Assessment Report**

This assessment report may need to be updated periodically in order to take account of scientific developments and results from the examination of any of the information referred to in Articles 7, 10.4

and 14 of Directive 98/8/EC. Such adaptations will be examined and finalised in connection with any amendment of the conditions for the inclusion of spinosad in Annex I to the Directive.

## APPENDIX I: LIST OF ENDPOINTS

### Chapter 1: Identity, Physical and Chemical Properties, Details of Uses, Further Information, and Proposed Classification and Labelling

Active substance (ISO Common Name)	Hydrogen cyanide
Function (e.g. fungicide)	Rodenticide (Fumigant)
Rapporteur Member State	Czech Republic

#### Identity (Annex IIA, point II.)

Chemical name (IUPAC)	Hydrogen cyanide
Chemical name (CA)	Hydrocyanic-acid
CAS No	74-90-8
EC No	200-821-6
Other substance No.	Index no.: 006-006-00-X
Minimum purity of the active substance as manufactured (g/kg or g/l)	976 g/kg
Identity of relevant impurities and additives (substances of concern) in the active substance as manufactured (g/kg)	Sulphur dioxide 9 – 11 stabilizing additive preventing spontaneous polymerisation



Molecular formula

Molecular mass

Phosphoric acid ... 0.8-1.2  
stabilizing additive preventing spontaneous polymerisation

HCN

27.03 g/mol

Physical and chemical properties (Annex IIA, point III., unless otherwise indicated)

Melting point (state purity)

-13.4°C (7.9°F)

Boiling point (state purity)

25.7°C (78.3°F) (acid)

Temperature of decomposition

Not required – No decomposition or sublimation occur at the melting or boiling temperature. It is gas.

Appearance (state purity)

HCN is produced as liquid which is sorbed on surface of inert material. Boiling temperature of HCN in liquid state is 25.7 °C (78.3 °F). Due to the large surface of sorbed inert material, the evaporation is very fast. Therefore the active substance as used is gas only.

Gas/ colourless

Smells of bitter almonds. Olfactory threshold:

0.17 ppm (wt/vol.) in water

0.58 ppm (vol./vol.) in air

Relative density (state purity)

Density 0.6884 g/cm<sup>3</sup> (liquid at 20 °C/68 °F)

Relative density / Specific gravity 0.687 (liquid at 20

	°C/68 °F) Specific density: vapours 0.937 at 31 °C/ 87.8 °F
Surface tension	Not relevant. Active substance hydrogen cyanide is gas. HCN is used in gas phase for fumigation as it evaporates from inert material to which it is sorbed.
Vapour pressure (in Pa, state temperature)	84kPa (at 20°C / 68 °F) 35 kPa (at 0°C / 32 °F)
Henry's law constant (Pa.m <sup>3</sup> .mol <sup>-1</sup> )	5.1 kPa.m <sup>3</sup> .mol <sup>-1</sup>
Solubility in water (g/l or mg/l, state temperature)	Substance is fully miscible with water.
Solubility in organic solvents (in g/l or mg/l, state temperature) (Annex IIIA, point III.1)	Soluble in ethanol, ether
Stability in organic solvents used in biocidal products including relevant breakdown products (IIIA, point III.2)	Not relevant. the active ingredient is actually the product. Hence, no organic solvents are used in the product
Partition coefficient (log POW) (state temperature)	Log Kow = +0.66 at 20 °C/ 68 °F
Hydrolytic stability (DT50) (state pH and temperature) (point VII.7.6.2.1)	Apparently at pH < 8.3 HCN is the dominant species, at pH < 7. 99% will be as HCN molecule, and at pH > 10 CN

Dissociation constant (not stated in Annex IIA or IIIA; additional data requirement from TNsG)	pKa of 9.2
UV/VIS absorption (max.) (if absorption > 290 nm state $\epsilon$ at wavelength)	Maximum $\leq$ 200 nm, no absorption above 290 nm
Photostability (DT50) (aqueous, sunlight, state pH) (point VII.7.6.2.2)	Airborne HCN undergoes slow photolysis. The overall atmospheric lifetime of HCN is 5 to 6 months.
Quantum yield of direct phototransformation in water at $\Sigma > 290\text{nm}$ (point VII.7.6.2.2)	None
Flammability	-17.8°C (flashpoint, closed cup)  538 °C / 1,000 °F (ignition point)
Explosive properties	Forms explosive gaseous mixtures with air with these explosive limits:  upper: 40% vol.  lower: 5.6% vol.  In alkali medium it may come under an autocatalytic polymerisation reaction running in an explosion speed.

List of intended uses<sup>1</sup>

Object and/or situation	Member State or Country	Product name	Organisms controlled	Formulation		Application			Applied amount per treatment			Remarks:
				Type (d-f)	Conc. of active (i)	Method kind (f-h)	number min/max (k)	interval between applications (min)	g as/L min/max	water L/m <sup>2</sup> min/max	g as/m <sup>2</sup> min / max	
(a)		(c)										(m)
Control of rodent pests		URA - GAN	Mice, rats and other rodents..	Gas	97.6 ± 2.4	Fumigation	Single use for killing	Single use.			Dosage: 10g/m <sup>3</sup> , i.e. in operating conditions 1kg/100m <sup>3</sup> .	

<sup>1</sup> Adapted from: EU (1998a): European Commission: Guidelines and criteria for the preparation of complete dossiers and of summary dossiers for the inclusion of active substances in Annex I of Directive 91/414/EC (Article 5.3 and 8,2). Document 1663/VI/94 Rev 8, 22 April 1998

damaging goods stored in storehouses, depositories – museums, temples, transport vehicles – airplanes, railway wagons, sea and river boats, containers, libraries etc.		D2			%		pests	Further applicatio only upon new occurrence of pests.			Packing: Uragan D2 (stabilised liquid hydrogen cyanide) is supplied fully soaked into porous matter in closed gas-tight cans of 1.5kg Uragan D2.	
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## Classification and proposed labelling (Annex IIA, point IX.)

with regard to physical/chemical data	F+ Extremely flammable. R 12 Extremely flammable.
with regard to toxicological data	T+ Very toxic R 26 Very toxic by inhalation.
with regard to fate and behaviour data	No classification
with regard to ecotoxicological data	N Dangerous for the environment R50/5 Very toxic to aquatic organisms, may cause long-term adverse effects in the aquatic environment.
	(S 1/2) Keep locked up and out of reach of children. S 7/9 Keep container tightly closed and in a well-ventilated place. S 16 Keep away from sources of ignition – No smoking. S 36/37 Wear suitable protective clothing and gloves. S 38 In case of insufficient ventilation, wear suitable respiratory equipment. S 45 In case of accident or if you feel unwell, seek medical advice immediately (show the label where possible). S60 This material and its container must be disposed of as hazardous waste. S 61 Avoid release to the environment. Refer to special instructions / Safety data sheets.

Classification and labelling in compliance with Annex VI Regulation (EC) No. 1272/2008

(Annex IIA, point IX.)

with regard to physical/chemical data

Flam. Liq. 1;  
H224: Extremely flammable liquid and vapour

with regard to toxicological data

Acute Tox.1;  
H330 Fatal if inhaled H330: Fatal if inhaled

with regard to fate and behaviour data

No classification

with regard to ecotoxicological data

Aquatic Acute 1; Aquatic Chronic  
H400 Very toxic to aquatic life  
H410 Very toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects

P210 Keep away from heat/sparks/open flames/hot surfaces. — No smoking.

P260 Do not breathe dust / fume / gas / mist / vapours / spray.

P262 Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing.

P280/284 Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection/respiratory protection.

P303+P361+P353: IF ON SKIN (or hair) Remove/Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/shower.

P304+P340 IF INHALED: Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in position comfortable for breathing.

P310 Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician.

P273 Avoid release to the environment.

**Chapter 2: Methods of Analysis**

## Analytical methods for the active substance

Technical active substance (principle of method) (Annex IIA, point 4.1)

Assessment of the hydrogen cyanide content during its production is carried out by argentometric titration of cyanides by silver nitrate following chemisorption of hydrogen cyanide into sodium hydroxide solution.

## Method principle

Titration of cyanide with nitrate in an alkaline medium leads first to dissolution of silver cyanide in NaCN excess. As soon as all cyanide ions are used for forming a complex anion, the first excessive drop of AgNO<sub>3</sub> will make a silver cyanide precipitate.

Impurities in technical active substance (principle of method) (Annex IIA, point 4.1)

There are no impurities.

## Analytical methods for residues

Soil (principle of method and LOQ) (Annex IIA, point 4.2)

Modification of Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater, American Public Health Association, Washington, Method No. 413:Cyanide

## Method principle

All cyanides are isolated from acidified sample by distillation with help of the inert gas, allowing for 5 to 10 fold enrichment, and after that are determined photometrically. Cyanides react with chloramine T to produce chlorcyan, which yields in combination with pyridine and barbiture acid at pH 4 – 5 in red-purple colouring. Its intensity is measured at a wavelength of 578nm.

The LOQ is 0.005 mg/l for enrichment factor 5.

Air (principle of method and LOQ) (Annex IIA, point 4.2)

1) The determination of cyanides content in workplace and storehouse atmospheres, and at combustion gases inlets from waste gas incinerators is done with COMPUR 4120 STATOX analyser operating with infrared detectors. Measuring range 0–50ppm (0–56mg.m-3). Manufacturer: Compur Monitors GmbH & Co. KG, Weissenseestrasse 101, D-81539 Munich, Germany.

And there is another possibility: Using detection tubes designed for hydrogen cyanide determination, type: hydrogen cyanide 2/a, No. CH 25701, Detection tubes manufacturer: Dräger Safety, AG&Co.KGaA, Lubeck, Germany. measuring range for 5 pump strokes is: 2 – 30 ppm. The measuring range of the method depends on the number of strokes, e.g. for 40 strokes it is 0.25 - 3.75 ppm.

Water (principle of method and LOQ) (Annex IIA, point 4.2)

Modification of Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater, American Public Health Association, Washington, Method No. 413:Cyanide

Method principle

All cyanides are isolated from acidified sample by distillation with help of the inert gas allowing for 5 to 10 fold enrichment, and after that are determined photometrically. Cyanides react with chloramine T to produce chlorocyan, which yields in combination with pyridine and barbiture acid at pH 4 – 5 in red-

	<p>purple colouring. Its intensity is measured at a wavelength of 578nm.</p> <p>The LOQ is 0.005 mg/l for enrichment factor 5.</p>
<p>Body fluids and tissues (principle of method and LOQ) (Annex IIA, point 4.2)</p>	<p>Modification of Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater, American Public Health Association, Washington, Method No. 413:Cyanide</p> <p>Method principle</p> <p>All cyanides are isolated from acidified sample by distillation with help of the inert gas allowing for 5 to 10 fold enrichment and after that are determined photometrically. Cyanides react with chloramine T to produce chlorocyan, which yields in combination with pyridine and barbiture acid at pH 4 – 5 in red-purple colouring. Its intensity is measured at a wavelength of 578nm.</p> <p>The LOQ is 0.005 mg/l for enrichment factor 5.</p>
<p>Food/feed of plant origin (principle of method and LOQ for methods for monitoring purposes) (Annex IIIA, point IV.1)</p>	<p>In its use, HCN does not come in contact with food or feed</p>
<p>Food/feed of animal origin (principle of method and LOQ for methods for monitoring purposes) (Annex IIIA, point IV.1)</p>	<p>In its use, HCN does not come in contact with food or feed</p>

### Chapter 3: Impact on human health

Absorption, distribution, metabolism and excretion in mammals (Annex IIA, point 6.2)

Rate and extent of oral absorption:

HCN is a gas at body temperature. HCN and cyanates are readily absorbed from water solutions.

	Rate of oral absorption is considered 100 %.
Rate and extent of dermal absorption:	Gaseous hydrogen cyanide may be absorbed by skin; ratio of inhalatory/dermal absorption is estimated to be 300/1.
Rate and extent of absorption on inhalation	HCN is readily absorbed on inhalation. Initial lung retention is 100 %.
Distribution:	HCN is after absorption quickly, within seconds, distributed by blood into all tissues.
Potential for accumulation:	Hydrogen cyanide does not accumulate in organism. Thiocyanate concentration in blood may increase as a result of repeated exposure to HCN.
Rate and extent of excretion:	CN is excreted as thiocyanate, renal clearance: half-time of thiocyanate = 4 h – 2 d.
Toxicologically significant metabolite	Cyanide ion transformed to Thiocyanate
Acute toxicity (Annex IIA, point 6.1)	
Rat LD50 oral	3.1 mg/kg bw as cyanide( i.e., 5.7 mg/kg .bw NaCN)
Rat LD50 dermal	6.7 mg/kg bw (rabbit, water solution of HCN)
Rat LC50 inhalation	493 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (5 minutes) 173 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (30 minutes) 158 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (60 minutes) Little change expected at longer exposures.
Skin irritation	No primary data on skin irritation are available due to the inherent difficulty of performing such studies for gases in general. Apart from this, high toxicity

	of CN- makes it impossible to perform such studies using liquid HCN or solutions of cyanides as this would lead to immediate death of the animal following dermal absorption. .
Eye irritation	<p>No primary data on eye irritation are available due to the inherent difficulty of performing such studies for gases in general. Apart from this, high toxicity of CN- makes it impossible to perform such studies using liquid HCN or solutions of cyanides as this would lead to immediate death of the animal following dermal absorption.</p> <p>Mild irritation reported in men.</p>
Skin sensitization (test method used and result)	<p>No primary data on skin sensitization are available due to the inherent difficulty of performing such studies for gases in general. Apart from this, high toxicity of CN- makes it impossible to perform such studies using liquid HCN or solutions of cyanides as this would lead to immediate death of the animal following dermal absorption.</p> <p>Mild irritation is reported in men..</p>
Repeated dose toxicity (Annex IIA, point 6.3)	
Species/ target / critical effect	
Lowest relevant oral NOAEL / LOAEL	NOAEL: 10mg/kg/day , 2-year dietary study in rats (summary in DOC IIIA 6.5b) ,(top dose)
Lowest relevant dermal NOAEL / LOAEL	Not available.
Lowest relevant inhalation NOAEL / LOAEL	<p>180 day ,rats and monkeys</p> <p>LOAEL: 25 ppm cyanogens (corresponding to 25 ppm CN or 30mg HCN /m3 ), lower body weight , transient change in behaviour</p>

NOAEL: 11 ppm cyanogens (corresponding to 11 ppm CN or 13.2 mg/ m3)
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(Summary in DOC IIIA, section 6.4.3a).
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Genotoxicity (Annex IIA, point 6.6)

No genotoxic risk
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(Discussion in DOC IIA, section 3.6)
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Carcinogenicity (Annex IIA, point 6.4) Non-carcinogenic

Species/type of tumour

No tumours have been observed at combined chronicity – carcinogenicity study in rats and mice
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lowest dose with tumours

No tumours have been observed.
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Reproductive toxicity (Annex IIA, point 6.8).

Species/ Reproduction target / critical effect

No relevant effects on reproduction were observed.
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Lowest relevant reproductive NOAEL / LOAEL

NOAELs ranged from 1-26 mg/kg, rats and mice, always top doses
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Species/Developmental target / critical effect

No effect observed
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Lowest relevant developmental NOAEL / LOAEL

rat, NOAEL 3.3 mg CN/kg bw (top dose)
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Neurotoxicity / Delayed neurotoxicity (Annex IIIA, point VI.1)

Species/ target/critical effect

Increased mortality rate and serious neurological disorders (tremor, ataxia, cerebral cells kill) were observed in laboratory animals at concentrations 50mg/m<sup>3</sup> HCN).

Lowest relevant NOAEL / LOAEL.

NOAEL s ranged from 4.7 to 25 mg/kg.bw, rats monkeys and mice. Duration of studies ranged from 13 weeks to 2 years.

Other toxicological studies (Annex IIIA, VI/XI)

Goitrogenic effects found in exposed animals and humans.

Thyrotropic effects in rats at a dose in water 3mg/kg bw of KCN. (Summary in DOC IIIA.6.8.1b; discussion also in DOC IIA.3.9.2.)

Medical data (Annex IIA, point 6.9)

Inhalation of hydrogen cyanide in concentrations >120mg/m<sup>3</sup> may be fatal.

Chronic occupational exposure to HCN concentrations approximately 17 mg/m<sup>3</sup> revealed a high prevalence of neurological, cardiovascular and gastrointestinal symptoms at concentrations about 17 mg/m<sup>3</sup>, mild symptoms at concentrations in the range 5 to 13 mg/m<sup>3</sup>. Thyroid enlargement has been observed in workers exposed still lower concentrations in air for two years, but no symptoms and toxic effects at concentrations <3.6 mg/m<sup>3</sup>.

Summary (Annex IIA, point 6.10)

Value	Study	Safety factor
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ADI *			
AOEC (Operator/Worker Exposure)	3 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Toxicokinetic studies in human adults (Schulz et al., 1982,1984)	
AEC (non professionals)	3 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Toxicokinetic studies in human adults (Schulz et al., 1982,1984)	
AOEL (Operator/Worker Exposure) (acute)	0.48 mg/kg bw per day***.	Toxicokinetic studies in human adults (Schulz et al., 1982,1984)	1
AEL (non professionals, by-standers) (acute)	0.48 mg/kg bw per day***.	Toxicokinetic studies in human adults (Schulz et al., 1982,1984)	1
AOEL/AEL (Operator/Worker Exposure) (chronic)	0.1 mg/kg bw per day***	2-year studies in rats (inhalation – NTP 1994, oral – Howard, Hanzal, 1955)	100
AOEL/AEL (Operator/Worker Exposure) (medium term)	0.1 mg/kg bw per day***	2-year studies in rats (inhalation – NTP 1994, oral –	100

	Howard, Hanzal, 1955)	
Drinking water limit	0.05mg/l **	
ARfD (acute reference dose)	0.48 mg/kg bw***	

\* no residues in food or feed; AEL (chronic) may serve as estimate for ADI, DOC IIA 3.11

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\*\*\* equal to AEL (acute), DOC IIA 3.11

#### Acceptable exposure scenarios (including method of calculation)

Production

Concentration of HCN in the production hall is continuously monitored and each surpassing of OEL is signalised. Workers are approx. 90% of working hours in the control room, isolated from the production hall.

Professional users

Recommended HCN occupational concentration in treated structures is 10,000mg/m<sup>3</sup> (= 9,000 ppm).

Professional exposure of persons carrying out fumigation of closed spaces with hydrogen cyanide is for safety reasons reduced by using whole body gas-tight protective clothing (ČSN EN 464), special breathing apparatuses with filter-ventilation units (ČSN EN 132 and ČSN EN 133), rubber gloves (ČSN EN 374-1) and rubber boots (ČSN EN 346).

Exposure of wood in special hermetised chambers reduces substantially the potential exposure of operators.

Non-professional users

Non-professional usage is not permitted.

Indirect exposure as a result of use

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Structures (or subjects) treated by fumigation may be opened and used only after being thoroughly ventilated to 3mg/m3.  Exposure of bystanders and re-entering persons is discussed in DOC IIB 8.2.3.

**Chapter 4: Fate and Behaviour in the Environment**

Route and rate of degradation in water (Annex IIA, point 7.6, IIIA, point XII.2.1, 2.2)

Hydrolysis of active substance and relevant metabolites (DT50) (state pH and temperature)	pH_____ : -
	pH_____ : -
	pH_____ : -
Photolytic / photo-oxidative degradation of active substance and resulting relevant metabolites	Direct photolysis of HCN does not practically occur.
Readily biodegradable (yes/no)	No
Biodegradation in seawater	Hydrogen cyanide does not spread into sea water.
Non-extractable residues	-
Distribution in water / sediment systems (active substance)	Hydrogen cyanide does not spread into surface waters, groundwater and sediments.
Distribution in water / sediment systems (metabolites)	Hydrogen cyanide does not spread into surface waters, groundwater and sediments.

Route and rate of degradation in soil (Annex IIIA, point VII.4, XII.1.1, XII.1.4; Annex VI, para. 85)

Mineralization (aerobic)	Not applicable
Laboratory studies (range or median, with number of measurements, with regression coefficient)	Not applicable

Field studies (state location, range or median with number of measurements)	Not applicable
	Not applicable
Anaerobic degradation	Not applicable
Soil photolysis	Not applicable
Non-extractable residues	Not applicable
Relevant metabolites - name and/or code, % of applied a.i. (range and maximum)	Not applicable
Soil accumulation and plateau concentration	Not applicable

**Adsorption/desorption** (Annex IIA, point XII.7.7; Annex IIIA, point XII.1.2)

K<sub>a</sub> , K<sub>d</sub>  
 K<sub>aoc</sub> , K<sub>doc</sub>  
 pH dependence (yes / no) (if yes type of dependence)

Not applicable
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**Fate and behaviour in air** (Annex IIIA, point VII.3, VII.5)

Direct photolysis in air

Direct photolysis of HCN does not practically occur.
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Quantum yield of direct photolysis

Not applicable
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Photo-oxidative degradation in air

Not applicable
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Volatilization

Not applicable
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**Monitoring data, if available** (Annex VI, para. 44)

Soil (indicate location and type of study)

No
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Surface water (indicate location and type of study)

No
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Ground water (indicate location and type of study)

No
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Air (indicate location and type of study)

No
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**Chapter 5: Effects on Non-target Species**

Toxicity data for aquatic species (most sensitive species of each group)

(Annex IIA, point 8.2, Annex IIIA, point 10.2)

Species	Time-scale	Endpoint	Toxicity
Fish			
Fish Salmo gairdnei	96 hrs.	LC50	0.042 mg/l
Invertebrates			
Daphnia Daphnia magna	48 hrs.	EC50	1.07 mg/l
Algae			
Scenedesmus subspicatus	72 hrs.	EC50	0.04mg/l
Microorganisms			
Data not found.			

Effects on earthworms or other soil non-target organisms

Acute toxicity to

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(Annex IIIA, point XIII.3.2)

Reproductive toxicity to

Not applicable for intended usage of the substance.

Not applicable for intended usage of the substance.

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(Annex IIIA, point XIII.3.2)

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Effects on soil micro-organisms (Annex IIA, point 7.4)

Nitrogen mineralization

Not applicable for intended usage of the substance.
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Carbon mineralization

Not applicable for intended usage of the substance.
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Effects on terrestrial vertebrates

Acute toxicity to mammals  
(Annex IIIA, point XIII.3.3)

Not applicable for intended usage of the substance.
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Acute toxicity to birds  
(Annex IIIA, point XIII.1.1)

Not applicable for intended usage of the substance.
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Dietary toxicity to birds  
(Annex IIIA, point XIII.1.2)

Not applicable for intended usage of the substance.
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Reproductive toxicity to birds  
(Annex IIIA, point XIII.1.3)

Not applicable for intended usage of the substance.
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Effects on honeybees (Annex IIIA, point XIII.3.1)

Acute oral toxicity

Not applicable for intended usage of the substance.
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Acute contact toxicity

Not applicable for intended usage of the substance.
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Effects on other beneficial arthropods (Annex IIIA, point XIII.3.1)

Acute oral toxicity

Not applicable for intended usage of the substance.

Acute contact toxicity

Not applicable for intended usage of the substance.

Acute toxicity to  
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Not applicable for intended usage of the substance.

Bioconcentration (Annex IIA, point 7.5)

Bioconcentration factor (BCF)

BCF = 0.73

Hydrogen cyanide has low bioaccumulation potential.

Depration time (DT50)

Not applicable

(DT90)

Level of metabolites (%) in organisms accounting for > 10% of residues

Not applicable

## APPENDIX II: LIST OF INTENDED USES

Hydrogen cyanide has been evaluated for its use in fumigation to kill rodents ( Product Type 14 of the Biocidal Products Directive). It is applied as gas gradually evaporating from an inert sorbent and can be used only by adequately trained professional users.

The product URAGAN D 2 was submitted by the applicant for evaluation. It is the active substance as manufactured sorbed onto an inert sorbent. The prescribed concentration of hydrogen cyanide vapors in fumigated structures is 10g/m<sup>3</sup>.

The structures to be fumigated include storehouses, depositories, transport facilities, containers, libraries and other buildings.

### APPENDIX III: LIST OF STUDIES

Data protection is claimed by the applicant in accordance with Article 12.1( c) (i) and (ii) of Council directive 98/8/EC for all study reports marked “Y“ in the “Data Protection Claimed” column of the table below. For studies marked Yes(i) data protection is claimed under Article 12.1(c) (i) , for studies marked Yes(ii) data protection is claimed under Article 12.1(c) (ii). These claims are based on information from the applicant. It is assumed that the relevant studies are not already protected in any other Member State of the European Union under existing national rules relating to biocidal products. It was however not possible to confirm the accuracy of this information.

References listed by reference number in DOC IV A and IVB:

Supplementary literature listed by DOC III A or B section number:

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DOC IV A1  A3		2006	Hazardous Substance Data Bank (HSDB), National Library of Medicine’s TOXNET system (state in February 2006): Hydrogen cyanide *Peer reviewed*	N	n/a
DOC IV A2  A6.2, A6.7, A6.8.1, A6.9, A6.10,A 7.1.4		2004	ATSDR 1997 Toxicological Profile for Cyanide, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, September 2004.	N	n/a

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DOC IV A5a, A5b A7.4.1.1._1		1980	US EPA (1980) Ambient Water Quality Criteria for Cyanides. 440/5-80-037 (published).	N	n/a
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DOC IV A19 A6.2	Walton D.C., Witherspoon MG	1926	. Skin absorption of certain gases. J Pharmacol Exp Ther 26: 315-324	N	n/a
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DOC IV A39 A6.9, A7.1.1.2.1	Fechter L.D., Chen G, Johnson DL.	2002	Potentiation of noise-induced hearing loss by low concentrations of hydrogen cyanide in rats. Toxicol Sci 66(1):131- 138.	N	n/a
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