

## SECTION 1: IDENTIFICATION OF THE SUBSTANCE/MIXTURE AND OF THE COMPANY/UNDERTAKING

### 1.1. Product identifier

Product Description:	<b>4-Methylbenzyl cyanide</b>
Cat No. :	<b>126440000; 126440050; 126440250; 126441000</b>
Synonyms	4-Methylphenylacetonitrile
CAS No	2947-61-7
Molecular Formula	C9 H9 N

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

Recommended Use	Laboratory chemicals.
Uses advised against	No Information available

### 1.3. Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

Company	<p><b>UK entity/business name</b> Fisher Scientific UK Bishop Meadow Road, Loughborough, Leicestershire LE11 5RG, United Kingdom</p> <p><b>EU entity/business name</b> Thermo Fisher Scientific Janssen Pharmaceuticaaan 3a, 2440 Geel, Belgium</p>
E-mail address	begel.sdsdesk@thermofisher.com

### 1.4. Emergency telephone number

For information **US** call: 001-800-227-6701 / **Europe** call: +32 14 57 52 11  
Emergency Number **US**:001-201-796-7100 / **Europe**: +32 14 57 52 99  
**CHEMTREC** Tel. No. **US**:001-800-424-9300 / **Europe**:001-703-527-3887

## SECTION 2: HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

### 2.1. Classification of the substance or mixture

#### CLP Classification - According to GB-CLP Regulations UK SI 2019/720 and UK SI 2020/1567

#### Physical hazards

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

#### Health hazards

Acute oral toxicity

Category 4 (H302)

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Acute dermal toxicity  
Acute Inhalation Toxicity - Dusts and Mists  
Skin Corrosion/Irritation  
Serious Eye Damage/Eye Irritation  
Specific target organ toxicity - (single exposure)

Category 4 (H312)  
Category 4 (H332)  
Category 2 (H315)  
Category 2 (H319)  
Category 3 (H335)

## **Environmental hazards**

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

Full text of Hazard Statements: see section 16

## **2.2. Label elements**



**Signal Word**

**Warning**

## **Hazard Statements**

H315 - Causes skin irritation  
H319 - Causes serious eye irritation  
H335 - May cause respiratory irritation  
H302 + H312 + H332 - Harmful if swallowed, in contact with skin or if inhaled

## **Precautionary Statements**

P280 - Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection  
P305 + P351 + P338 - IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing

## **2.3. Other hazards**

Lachrymator (substance which increases the flow of tears)  
This product does not contain any known or suspected endocrine disruptors

## **SECTION 3: COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS**

### **3.1. Substances**

Component	CAS No	EC No	Weight %	CLP Classification - According to GB-CLP Regulations UK SI 2019/720 and UK SI 2020/1567
p-Tolylacetonitrile	2947-61-7	EEC No. 220-963-2	>95	STOT SE 3 (H335) Skin Irrit. 2 (H315) Eye Irrit. 2 (H319) Acute Tox. 4 (H302) Acute Tox. 4 (H312) Acute Tox. 4 (H332)

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## SECTION 4: FIRST AID MEASURES

### 4.1. Description of first aid measures

<b>Eye Contact</b>	Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids, for at least 15 minutes. Get medical attention.
<b>Skin Contact</b>	Wash off immediately with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Get medical attention.
<b>Ingestion</b>	Do NOT induce vomiting. Call a physician or poison control center immediately.
<b>Inhalation</b>	Remove to fresh air. Do not use mouth-to-mouth method if victim ingested or inhaled the substance; give artificial respiration with the aid of a pocket mask equipped with a one-way valve or other proper respiratory medical device. Get medical attention. If not breathing, give artificial respiration.
<b>Self-Protection of the First Aider</b>	Ensure that medical personnel are aware of the material(s) involved, take precautions to protect themselves and prevent spread of contamination.

### 4.2. Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed

No information available.

### 4.3. Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

**Notes to Physician** Treat symptomatically.

## SECTION 5: FIREFIGHTING MEASURES

### 5.1. Extinguishing media

#### **Suitable Extinguishing Media**

Water spray, carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>), dry chemical, alcohol-resistant foam.

#### **Extinguishing media which must not be used for safety reasons**

No information available.

### 5.2. Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture

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

#### **Hazardous Combustion Products**

Carbon monoxide (CO), Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>), Nitrogen oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>).

### 5.3. Advice for firefighters

As in any fire, wear self-contained breathing apparatus pressure-demand, MSHA/NIOSH (approved or equivalent) and full protective gear. Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating gases and vapors.

## SECTION 6: ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

### 6.1. Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

Ensure adequate ventilation. Use personal protective equipment as required.

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## 6.2. Environmental precautions

Should not be released into the environment. See Section 12 for additional Ecological Information.

## 6.3. Methods and material for containment and cleaning up

Soak up with inert absorbent material. Sweep up and shovel into suitable containers for disposal.

## 6.4. Reference to other sections

Refer to protective measures listed in Sections 8 and 13.

## SECTION 7: HANDLING AND STORAGE

### 7.1. Precautions for safe handling

Wear personal protective equipment/face protection. Ensure adequate ventilation. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Avoid ingestion and inhalation. Do not breathe mist/vapors/spray.

#### **Hygiene Measures**

Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice. Keep away from food, drink and animal feeding stuffs. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. Remove and wash contaminated clothing and gloves, including the inside, before re-use. Wash hands before breaks and after work.

### 7.2. Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Keep containers tightly closed in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place.

**Technical Rules for Hazardous Substances (TRGS) 510**      Class 10  
**Storage Class (LGK) (Germany)**

### 7.3. Specific end use(s)

Use in laboratories

## SECTION 8: EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

### 8.1. Control parameters

#### **Exposure limits**

List source(s): **UK** - EH40/2005 Work Exposure Limits, Fourth edition. Published 2020.

Component	The United Kingdom	European Union	Ireland
p-Tolylacetonitrile	STEL: 15 mg/m <sup>3</sup> 15 min TWA: 5 mg/m <sup>3</sup> 8 hr Skin		

#### **Biological limit values**

This product, as supplied, does not contain any hazardous materials with biological limits established by the region specific regulatory bodies

#### **Derived No Effect Level (DNEL) / Derived Minimum Effect Level (DMEL)**

No information available

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## Predicted No Effect Concentration (PNEC)

No information available.

## 8.2. Exposure controls

### Engineering Measures

Ensure that eyewash stations and safety showers are close to the workstation location. Ensure adequate ventilation, especially in confined areas.

Wherever possible, engineering control measures such as the isolation or enclosure of the process, the introduction of process or equipment changes to minimise release or contact, and the use of properly designed ventilation systems, should be adopted to control hazardous materials at source

### Personal protective equipment

#### Eye Protection

Goggles (European standard - EN 166)

#### Hand Protection

Protective gloves

Glove material	Breakthrough time	Glove thickness	EU standard	Glove comments
Nitrile rubber	See manufacturers	-	EN 374	(minimum requirement)
Neoprene	recommendations			
Natural rubber				
PVC				

#### Skin and body protection

Wear appropriate protective gloves and clothing to prevent skin exposure.

Inspect gloves before use.

Please observe the instructions regarding permeability and breakthrough time which are provided by the supplier of the gloves. (Refer to manufacturer/supplier for information)

Ensure gloves are suitable for the task: Chemical compatibility, Dexterity, Operational conditions, User susceptibility, e.g. sensitisation effects, also take into consideration the specific local conditions under which the product is used, such as the danger of cuts, abrasion.

Remove gloves with care avoiding skin contamination.

#### Respiratory Protection

No protective equipment is needed under normal use conditions.

#### Large scale/emergency use

Use a NIOSH/MSHA or European Standard EN 136 approved respirator if exposure limits are exceeded or if irritation or other symptoms are experienced

#### Small scale/Laboratory use

Maintain adequate ventilation

### Environmental exposure controls

No information available.

## SECTION 9: PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

### 9.1. Information on basic physical and chemical properties

#### Physical State

Liquid

#### Appearance

Light yellow

#### Odor

No information available

#### Odor Threshold

No data available

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Melting Point/Range	18 °C / 64.4 °F	
Softening Point	No data available	
Boiling Point/Range	242 - 243 °C / 467.6 - 469.4 °F	@ 760 mmHg
Flammability (liquid)	No data available	
Flammability (solid,gas)	Not applicable	Liquid
Explosion Limits	No data available	
Flash Point	106 °C / 222.8 °F	Method - No information available
Autoignition Temperature	No data available	
Decomposition Temperature	No data available	
pH	No information available	
Viscosity	No data available	
Water Solubility	Insoluble	
Solubility in other solvents	No information available	
Partition Coefficient (n-octanol/water)		
Component	log Pow	
p-Tolylacetonitrile	1.92	
Vapor Pressure	No data available	
Density / Specific Gravity	0.990	
Bulk Density	Not applicable	Liquid
Vapor Density	4.52	(Air = 1.0)
Particle characteristics	Not applicable (liquid)	

## 9.2. Other information

Molecular Formula	C9 H9 N
Molecular Weight	131.18

## SECTION 10: STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

### 10.1. Reactivity

None known, based on information available

### 10.2. Chemical stability

Stable under normal conditions.

### 10.3. Possibility of hazardous reactions

Hazardous Polymerization	No information available.
Hazardous Reactions	None under normal processing.

### 10.4. Conditions to avoid

Incompatible products. Excess heat.

### 10.5. Incompatible materials

Strong oxidizing agents. Strong acids. Strong bases. Strong reducing agents.

### 10.6. Hazardous decomposition products

Carbon monoxide (CO). Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>). Nitrogen oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>).

## SECTION 11: TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### 11.1. Information on hazard classes as defined in Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008

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(a) acute toxicity;	
Oral	Category 4
Dermal	Category 4
Inhalation	Category 4
(b) skin corrosion/irritation;	Category 2
(c) serious eye damage/irritation;	Category 2
(d) respiratory or skin sensitization;	
Respiratory	No data available
Skin	No data available
(e) germ cell mutagenicity;	No data available
(f) carcinogenicity;	No data available
	There are no known carcinogenic chemicals in this product
(g) reproductive toxicity;	No data available
(h) STOT-single exposure;	Category 3
Results / Target organs	Respiratory system.
(i) STOT-repeated exposure;	No data available
Target Organs	No information available.
(j) aspiration hazard;	No data available
Other Adverse Effects	The toxicological properties have not been fully investigated.
Symptoms / effects, both acute and delayed	No information available.

## 11.2. Information on other hazards

Endocrine Disrupting Properties	Assess endocrine disrupting properties for human health. This product does not contain any known or suspected endocrine disruptors.
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## SECTION 12: ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### 12.1. Toxicity

Ecotoxicity effects	Contains no substances known to be hazardous to the environment or that are not degradable in waste water treatment plants.
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### 12.2. Persistence and degradability

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**Persistence** Persistence is unlikely.

**12.3. Bioaccumulative potential** Bioaccumulation is unlikely

Component	log Pow	Bioconcentration factor (BCF)
p-Tolylacetonitrile	1.92	No data available

**12.4. Mobility in soil** Spillage unlikely to penetrate soil The product is insoluble and floats on water Is not likely mobile in the environment due its low water solubility.

**12.5. Results of PBT and vPvB assessment** No data available for assessment.

**12.6. Endocrine disrupting properties**

**Endocrine Disruptor Information** This product does not contain any known or suspected endocrine disruptors

**12.7. Other adverse effects**  
**Persistent Organic Pollutant**  
**Ozone Depletion Potential**

This product does not contain any known or suspected substance  
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## SECTION 13: DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

**13.1. Waste treatment methods**

**Waste from Residues/Unused Products** Waste is classified as hazardous. Dispose of in accordance with the European Directives on waste and hazardous waste. Dispose of in accordance with local regulations.

**Contaminated Packaging** Dispose of this container to hazardous or special waste collection point.

**European Waste Catalogue (EWC)** According to the European Waste Catalog, Waste Codes are not product specific, but application specific.

**Other Information** Waste codes should be assigned by the user based on the application for which the product was used. Do not empty into drains.

## SECTION 14: TRANSPORT INFORMATION

**IMDG/IMO**

**14.1. UN number** UN3276  
**14.2. UN proper shipping name** NITRILES, LIQUID, TOXIC, N.O.S.  
**Technical Shipping Name** p-Tolylacetonitrile  
**14.3. Transport hazard class(es)** 6.1  
**14.4. Packing group** III

**ADR**

**14.1. UN number** UN3276  
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**14.4. Packing group** III

## IATA

**14.1. UN number** UN3276  
**14.2. UN proper shipping name** NITRILES, LIQUID, TOXIC, N.O.S.  
**Technical Shipping Name** p-Tolylacetonitrile  
**14.3. Transport hazard class(es)** 6.1  
**14.4. Packing group** III

**14.5. Environmental hazards** No hazards identified

**14.6. Special precautions for user** No special precautions required.

**14.7. Maritime transport in bulk according to IMO instruments** Not applicable, packaged goods

## SECTION 15: REGULATORY INFORMATION

### 15.1. Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture

#### International Inventories

Europe (EINECS/ELINCS/NLP), China (IECSC), Taiwan (TCSI), Korea (KECL), Japan (ENCS), Japan (ISHL), Canada (DSL/NDSL), Australia (AICS), New Zealand (NZIoC), Philippines (PICCS). US EPA (TSCA) - Toxic Substances Control Act, (40 CFR Part 710)

Component	CAS No	EINECS	ELINCS	NLP	IECSC	TCSI	KECL	ENCS	ISHL
p-Tolylacetonitrile	2947-61-7	220-963-2	-	-	X	X	-	-	-

Component	CAS No	TSCA	TSCA Inventory notification - Active-Inactive	DSL	NDSL	AICS	NZIoC	PICCS
p-Tolylacetonitrile	2947-61-7	-	-	-	-	-	X	X

**Legend:** X - Listed '-' - Not Listed

**KECL** - NIER number or KE number (<http://ncis.nier.go.kr/en/main.do>)

**Authorisation/Restrictions according to EU REACH** Not applicable

Component	CAS No	REACH (1907/2006) - Annex XIV - Substances Subject to Authorization	REACH (1907/2006) - Annex XVII - Restrictions on Certain Dangerous Substances	REACH Regulation (EC 1907/2006) article 59 - Candidate List of Substances of Very High Concern (SVHC)
p-Tolylacetonitrile	2947-61-7	-	-	-

#### Seveso III Directive (2012/18/EC)

Component	CAS No	Seveso III Directive (2012/18/EC) - Qualifying Quantities for Major Accident Notification	Seveso III Directive (2012/18/EC) - Qualifying Quantities for Safety Report Requirements
p-Tolylacetonitrile	2947-61-7	Not applicable	Not applicable

**Regulation (EC) No 649/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 4 July 2012 concerning the export and import of dangerous chemicals**  
Not applicable

**Contains component(s) that meet a 'definition' of per & poly fluoroalkyl substance (PFAS)?**  
Not applicable

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Take note of Directive 98/24/EC on the protection of the health and safety of workers from the risks related to chemical agents at work .

## National Regulations

**UK** - Take note of Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations (COSHH) 2002 and 2005 Amendment

**WGK Classification** Water endangering class = 3 (self classification)

Component	Switzerland - Ordinance on the Reduction of Risk from handling of hazardous substances preparation (SR 814.81)	Switzerland - Ordinance on Incentive Taxes on Volatile Organic Compounds (OVOC)	Switzerland - Ordinance of the Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure
p-Tolylacetonitrile 2947-61-7 ( >95 )	Prohibited and Restricted Substances		

## 15.2. Chemical safety assessment

A Chemical Safety Assessment/Report (CSA/CSR) has not been conducted

## SECTION 16: OTHER INFORMATION

### Full text of H-Statements referred to under sections 2 and 3

H302 - Harmful if swallowed  
H312 - Harmful in contact with skin  
H315 - Causes skin irritation  
H319 - Causes serious eye irritation  
H332 - Harmful if inhaled  
H335 - May cause respiratory irritation

### Legend

**CAS** - Chemical Abstracts Service

**EINECS/ELINCS** - European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances/EU List of Notified Chemical Substances

**PICCS** - Philippines Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances

**IECSC** - Chinese Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances

**KECL** - Korean Existing and Evaluated Chemical Substances

**TSCA** - United States Toxic Substances Control Act Section 8(b) Inventory

**DSL/NDL** - Canadian Domestic Substances List/Non-Domestic Substances List

**ENCS** - Japanese Existing and New Chemical Substances

**AICS** - Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances

**NZIoC** - New Zealand Inventory of Chemicals

**WEL** - Workplace Exposure Limit

**ACGIH** - American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists

**DNEL** - Derived No Effect Level

**RPE** - Respiratory Protective Equipment

**LC50** - Lethal Concentration 50%

**NOEC** - No Observed Effect Concentration

**PBT** - Persistent, Bioaccumulative, Toxic

**TWA** - Time Weighted Average

**IARC** - International Agency for Research on Cancer  
Predicted No Effect Concentration (PNEC)

**LD50** - Lethal Dose 50%

**EC50** - Effective Concentration 50%

**POW** - Partition coefficient Octanol:Water

**vPvB** - very Persistent, very Bioaccumulative

**ADR** - European Agreement Concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road

**IMO/IMDG** - International Maritime Organization/International Maritime

**ICAO/IATA** - International Civil Aviation Organization/International Air Transport Association

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Dangerous Goods Code

**OECD** - Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development  
**BCF** - Bioconcentration factor

**Key literature references and sources for data**

<https://echa.europa.eu/information-on-chemicals>

Suppliers safety data sheet, Chemadvisor - LOLI, Merck index, RTECS

**MARPOL** - International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships

**ATE** - Acute Toxicity Estimate

**VOC** - (Volatile Organic Compound)

**Training Advice**

Chemical hazard awareness training, incorporating labelling, Safety Data Sheets (SDS), Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and hygiene.

Use of personal protective equipment, covering appropriate selection, compatibility, breakthrough thresholds, care, maintenance, fit and standards.

First aid for chemical exposure, including the use of eye wash and safety showers.

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**Revision Summary**

Not applicable.

**This safety data sheet complies with Regulation UK SI 2019/758 and UK SI 2020/1577 as amended.**

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