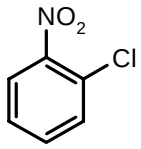
SIDS INITIAL ASSESSMENT PROFILE

CAS No.	88-73-3
Chemical Name	1-Chloro-2-nitrobenzene
Structural Formula	

RECOMMENDATIONS

The chemical is a candidate for further work.

SUMMARY CONCLUSIONS OF THE SIAR

Human Health

After single oral application 1-chloro-2-nitrobenzene is toxic to moderate toxic (LD_{50}, oral: rat, male: 144, 251or 560 mg/kg bw; rat, female: 263 mg/kg bw); the acute inhalative and dermal toxicity is moderate (LC_{50}, rat: 3200 mg/m^3 (= 495 ppm, vapor/aerosol mixture); LD_{50}, dermal, rat: female: 1320 mg/kg bw, male: 655 mg/kg bw; LD_{50}, dermal, rabbit: 400 mg/kg bw (male: 455 mg/kg bw, female: 355 mg/kg bw): Cyanotic appearance was the predominant symptom for all routes of application.

The documentation of the available studies on skin irritation is incomplete in one case and in two other cases the test substance was applied undissolved or respectively diluted. However, the studies gave no evidence of a skin irritating potential. 1-Chloro-2-nitrobenzene caused slight irritation effects to the eyes of rabbits, which were reversible within 24 hours. Due to the limited and poor quality information available regarding skin sensitization, it cannot be concluded whether or not the chemical has a sensitizing activity.

Target organs of repeated dose toxicity in rats and mice are blood, liver, kidney and spleen with methemogobinaemia as the most sensitive parameter. The repeated dose toxicity was examined in rats and in mice for a period of 13 weeks via whole body inhalation. The NOAEL in rats was not achieved, the LOAEL is 1.1 ppm (7 mg/m³). In mice, increased liver and kidney weights were observed even at 1.1 ppm and respectively 2.3 ppm. The NOAEL for histopathological injury in mice is 4.5 ppm (28.8 mg/m³). In a subacute feeding study with mice the NOAEL was 50 ppm (males: 16 mg/kg bw/day; females: 24 mg/kg bw/day).

1-Chloro-2-nitrobenzene showed weak mutagenic activity in bacterial test systems but not in mammalian cell test systems *in vitro*. It was not mutagenic in *Drosophila melanogaster*. In mammalian cells *in vitro*, it showed weak clastogenic activity. The substance induced increased rates of Sister Chromatid Exchanges, whereas the biological relevance of this effect is not yet clear. Intraperitoneal injection into mice resulted in DNA damage in the liver and kidney. The inconsistent results of the available genotoxic studies are typical for nitroaromatics. As a whole 1-chloro-2-nitrobenzene is suspected of being genotoxic, at least a weak clastogen.

1-Chloro-2-nitrobenzene induced tumours in different organs of rats and in the liver of mice. Based on the available studies, which have methodological deficiencies, there is a concern for a carcinogenic potential of 1-chloro-2-nitrobenzene. Following inhalative exposure of F344/N rats and B6C3F1 mice for 13 weeks, only in males 1-

chloro-2-nitrobenzene affects the reproductive organs. Performance of a specific study on toxicity to reproduction (NTP continuous breeding protocol) reveals that 1-chloro-2-nitrobenzene was without reproductive toxicity in a different mice strain following oral treatment by gavage despite of significant changes in liver and spleen weight and despite of elevated methaemoglobin levels. Thus, the NOAEL $_{fertility}$ in Swiss CD-1 mice after oral application is 160 mg/kg bw/day whereas the dams showed general toxicity effects at this concentration. Because 1-choro-2-nitrobenzene affected the reproductive organs in systemic toxic doses in male rats and in males of one strain of mice after subchronic inhalation there is a concern for a reproductive toxicity potential, even if an impairment of reproduction after oral administration in males of a second strain of mice could not be detected.

Developmental toxicity was examined by two studies with Sprague-Dawley rats which have methodology deficiencies. In one study, due to high mortality rate at the highest dose level, only two doses could be evaluated. NOAEL $_{maternal\ toxicity}$ is 25 mg/kg bw/day, a NOAEL $_{developmental\ toxicity}$ could not be conclusively derived since there was an increase in the number of litters exhibiting specific skeletal variations. In the second study only one dose was applied: NOAEL $_{developmental\ toxicity}$ is 100 mg/kg bw/day, a NOAEL maternal toxicity could not be derived. Based on the available studies the overall conclusion is, that there is no indication of developmental toxicity, although there are some limitations within the studies.

Environment

1-Chloro-2-nitrobenzene has a melting point of 32 °C, a solubility in water of 441 mg/l at 20 °C, and a vapour pressure of 4.0 Pa at 20°C. The log Kow was measured to 2.24.

According to Mackay fugacity model level I the main target compartments for 1-chloro-2-nitrobenzene are water (65.4 %) followed by air (32.9 %). 1-Chloro-2-nitrobenzene shows no ready biodegradation in aquatic compartments (OECD 301 C: 8.2% after 14d) but under the conditions of industrial waste water treatment plants removal to > 95 % was observed at one production/processing site. However, this elimination cannot be transferred to other sewage treatment plants. Special tests showed adapted cultures to be able to degrade 1-chloro-2-nitrobenzene in a cometabolic pathway. Bioconcentration factors determined for fish were in the range of 7.0 – 22.3 and thus indicate no significant bioaccumulation potential of 1-chloro-2-nitrobenzene. A calculated Koc suggests the substance to have a medium geoaccumulation potential. In the atmosphere the substance is photodegradable indirectly with a calculated half-life of 187 d.

The acute toxicity has been determined for: fish (*Cyprinus carpio*) with a 96 h-LC_{50} of 25.5 mg/l; daphnia (*Daphnia magna*) with a 24 h-$EC_{50}$of 12 mg/l and a 48 h-EC_{50} of 23.9 mg/l, and *Daphnia carinata* with a 48 h-EC_{50} of 21.3 mg/l; algae (*Chlorella pyrenoidosa*) with a 96 h-EbC_{50} of 6.9 mg/l. With another alga species (*Secendesmus subspicatus*) a 48h-ErC50 of 75 mg/l and a 48h-ErC10 of 19 mg/l was found.

Chronic toxicity has been tested for *Daphnia magna* with a 21 d-NOEC of 3 mg/l on reproduction (measured concentration) and for fish (*Pimephales promelas*) in an Early Life Stage Test with a 33 d-NOEC of 0.264 mg/l concerning the endpoint normal larvae (measured concentration). A PNECaqua of 0.026 mg/l is derived using an assessment factor of 10.

In a test with terrestrial plants a 14 d-EC50 in the range of 3.2 - 10 mg/kg soil dry weight was determined for Lactuca sativa regarding the endpoint of growth. APNECsoil of 3.2 µg/kg bw was derived from this value using an assessment factor of 1000.

Exposure

About 111,800 t/a 1-chloro-2-nitrobenzene are produced by about 30 producers world wide. 1-Chloro-2-nitrobenzene is a basic chemical which is processed chemically to other intermediates in different fields of application. There is currently no information that there is consumer use.

NATURE OF FURTHER WORK RECOMMENDED

Human Health: The substance is a candidate for further work. Due to possible hazards (haemotoxicity, reproductive toxicity, genotoxicty, and carcinogenicity) the exposure situation in occupational settings and consumer settings should be clarified and, if then indicated, a risk assessment should be performed.

Environment: The substance is a candidate for further work. Environmental exposure at the sponsor company is adequately controlled. However, as there are no information on environmental releases from other production / processing sites, exposure assessment should be conducted and, if then indicated, a risk assessment may need to be considered. This is justified because the substance is not readily biodegradable and has a PNECaqua of 26 µg/l.