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AGENTS CLASSIFIED BY THE IARC MONOGRAPHS, VOLUMES 1-113

Group 1	Carcinogenic to humans	117 agents
Group 2A	Probably carcinogenic to humans	74
Group 2B	Possibly carcinogenic to humans	287
Group 3	Not classifiable as to its carcinogenicity to humans	503
Group 4	Probably not carcinogenic to humans	1

For definitions of these groups, please see the Preamble.

It is strongly recommended to consult the complete Monographs on these agents, the publication date, and the list of studies considered. Significant new information might support a different classification.

For agents that have not been classified, no determination of non-carcinogenicity or overall safety should be inferred.

- List of classifications, Volumes 1-113 (embedded spreadsheet)
- List of classifications by cancer site (PDF file)
- French version of the List of classifications by cancer site, as hosted by Centre Léon Bérard

See Preventable Exposures Associated With Human Cancers

(Cogliano et al., 2011)

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CAS No	Agent	Group	Volume	Year
000075-07-0	Acetaldehyde associated with consumption of alcoholic beverages	1	100E	2012
	Acheson process, occupational exposure associated with	1	111	In prep
	Acid mists, strong inorganic	1	54, 100F	2012
001402-68-2	Aflatoxins	1	56, 82, 100F	2012
	Alcoholic beverages	1	44, 96, 100E	2012
	Aluminium production	1	34, Sup 7, 100F	2012
000092-67-1	4-Aminobiphenyl	1	1, Sup 7, 99, 100F	2012
	Areca nut	1	85, 100E	2012
000313-67-7	Aristolochic acid (NB: Overall evaluation upgraded to Group 1 based on mechanistic and other relevant data)	1	82, 100A	2012
000313-67-7	Aristolochic acid, plants containing	1	82, 100A	2012
007440-38-2	Arsenic and inorganic arsenic compounds	1	23, Sup 7, 100C	2012
001332-21-4 013768-00-8 012172-73-5 017068-78-9 012001-29-5 012001-28-4	Asbestos (all forms, including actinolite, amosite, anthophyllite, chrysotile, crocidolite, tremolite) (NB: Mineral substances (e.g. talc or vermiculite) that contain asbestos should also be regarded as carcinogenic to humans.)	1	14, Sup 7, 100C	2012
014567-73-8				
	Auramine production	1	Sup 7, 99, 100F	2012
000446-86-6	Azathioprine	1	26, Sup 7, 100A	2012
000071-43-2	Benzene	1	29, Sup 7. 100F	2012
000092-87-5	Benzidine	1	29, Sup 7, 99, 100F	2012
	Benzidine, dyes metabolized to (NB: Overall evaluation upgraded to Group 1 based on mechanistic and other relevant data)	1	99, 100F	2012
000050-32-8	Benzo[a]pyrene (NB: Overall evaluation upgraded to Group 1 based on mechanistic and other relevant data)	1	92, 100F	2012
007440-41-7	Beryllium and beryllium compounds	1	58, 100C	2012
	Betel quid with tobacco	1	85, 100E	2012
	Betel quid without tobacco	1	85, 100E	2012

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000542-88-1 000107-30-2	Bis(chloromethyl)ether; chloromethyl methyl ether (technical-grade)	1	4, Sup 7, 100F	2012
000055-98-1	Busulfan	1	4, Sup 7, 100A	2012
000106-99-0	1,3-Butadiene	1	97, 100F	2012
007440-43-9	Cadmium and cadmium compounds	1	58, 100C	2012
000305-03-3	Chlorambucil	1	26, Sup 7, 100A	2012
000494-03-1	Chlornaphazine	1	4, Sup 7, 100A	2012
018540-29-9	Chromium (VI) compounds	1	49, 100C	2012
	Clonorchis sinensis (infection with)	1	61, 100B	2012
	Coal, indoor emissions from household combustion of	1	95, 100E	2012
	Coal gasification	1	92, 100F	2012
008007-45-2	Coal-tar distillation	1	92, 100F	2012
065996-93-2	Coal-tar pitch	1	35, Sup 7, 100F	2012
	Coke production	1	92, 100F	2012
000050-18-0 006055-19-2	Cyclophosphamide	1	26, Sup 7, 100A	2012
	Cyclosporine (see ciclosporin)			
079217-60-0				
000078-87-5	1,2-Dichloropropane	1	41, Sup 7, 71, 110	in prep
000056-53-1	Diethylstilbestrol	1	21, Sup 7, 100A	2012
	Engine exhaust, diesel	1	46, 105	2013
	Epstein-Barr virus	1	70, 100B	2012
066733-21-9	Erionite	1	42, Sup 7, 100C	2012
	Estrogen-only menopausal therapy	1	72, 100A	2012
	Estrogen therapy, postmenopausal (see Estrogen-only menopausal therapy)			
	Estrogen-progestogen menopausal therapy (combined)	1	72, 91, 100A	2012
	Estrogen-progestogen oral contraceptives (combined) (NB: There is also convincing evidence in humans that these agents confer a protective effect against cancer in the endometrium and ovary)	1	72, 91, 100A	2012
	Ethanol in alcoholic beverages	1	96, 100E	2012

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000075-21-8	Ethylene oxide (NB: Overall evaluation upgraded to Group 1 based on mechanistic and other relevant data)	1	97, 100F	2012
033419-42-0	Etoposide (NB: Overall evaluation upgraded to Group 1 based on mechanistic and other relevant data)	1	76, 100A	2012
033419-42-0 015663-27-1 011056-06-7	Etoposide in combination with cisplatin and bleomycin	1	76, 100A	2012
	Fission products, including strontium-90	1	100D	2012
	Fluoro-edenite fibrous amphibole	1	111	In prep
000050-00-0	Formaldehyde	1	88, 100F	2012
	Haematite mining (underground)	1	1, Sup 7, 100D	2012
	Helicobacter pylori (infection with)	1	61, 100B	2012
	Hepatitis B virus (chronic infection with)	1	59, 100B	2012
	Hepatitis C virus (chronic infection with)	1	59, 100B	2012
	Human immunodeficiency virus type 1 (infection with)	1	67, 100B	2012
	Human papillomavirus types 16, 18, 31, 33, 35, 39, 45, 51, 52, 56, 58, 59 (NB: The HPV types that have been classified as carcinogenic to humans can differ by an order of magnitude in risk for cervical cancer)	, 1	64, 90, 100B	2012
	Human T-cell lymphotropic virus type I	1	67, 100B	2012
	Ionizing radiation (all types)	1	100D	2012
	Iron and steel founding (occupational exposure during)	1	34, Sup 7, 100F	2012
	Isopropyl alcohol manufacture using strong acids	1	Sup 7, 100F	2012
	Kaposi sarcoma herpesvirus	1	70, 100B	2012
	Leather dust	1	100C	2012
	Magenta production	1	57, 99, 100F	2012
000148-82-3	Melphalan	1	9, Sup 7, 100A	2012
000298-81-7	Methoxsalen (8-methoxypsoralen) plus ultraviolet A radiation	1	24, Sup 7, 100A	2012
013909-09-6	Methyl-CCNU	1	Sup 7, 100A	2012
	4,4'-Methylenebis(2-chloroaniline) (MOCA) (NB: Overall evaluation upgraded to Group 1 based on mechanistic and other relevant data)	1	57, 99, 100F	2012
	Mineral oils, untreated or mildly treated	1	33, Sup 7, 100F	2012

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	MOPP and other combined chemotherapy including alkylating agents	1	Sup 7, 100A	2012
000091-59-8	2-Naphthylamine	1	4, Sup 7, 99, 100F	2012
	Neutron radiation (NB: Overall evaluation upgraded to Group 1 with supporting evidence from other relevant data)	1	75, 100D	2012
	Nickel compounds	1	49, 100C	2012
016543-55-8 064091-91-4	N'-Nitrosonornicotine (NNN) and 4-(N-Nitrosomethylamino)-1-(3-pyridyl)-1-butanone (NNK) (NB: Overall evaluation upgraded to Group 1 based on mechanistic and other relevant data)	1	89, 100E	2012
	Opisthorchis viverrini (infection with)	1	61, 100B	2012
	Outdoor air pollution	1	109	in prep
	Outdoor air pollution, particulate matter in	1	109	in prep
	Painter (occupational exposure as a)	1	47, 98, 100F	2012
	Particulate matter in outdoor air pollution (see Outdoor air pollution, particulate matter in)			
057465-28-8	3,4,5,3',4'-Pentachlorobiphenyl (PCB-126) (see Polychlorinated biphenyls, dioxin-like, with a TEF according to WHO)	1	100F	2012
057117-31-4	2,3,4,7,8-Pentachlorodibenzofuran (NB: Overall evaluation upgraded to Group 1 based on mechanistic and other relevant data)	1	100F	2012
000062-44-2		1	24, Sup 7, 100A	2012
	Phenacetin, analgesic mixtures containing	1	Sup 7, 100A	2012
014596-37-3	Phosphorus-32, as phosphate	1	78, 100D	2012
007440-07-5		1	78, 100D	2012
	Polychlorinated biphenyls	1	18, Sup 7, 107	in prep
	Polychlorinated biphenyls, dioxin-like, with a Toxicity Equivalency Factor (TEF) according to WHO (PCBs 77, 81, 105, 114, 118, 123, 126, 156, 157, 167, 169, 189) (NB: Overall evaluation upgraded to Group 1 with strong supporting evidence from other relevant data)	1	107	in prep
	Radioiodines, including iodine-131	1	78, 100D	2012
	Radionuclides, alpha-particle-emitting, internally deposited (NB: Specific radionuclides for which there is <i>sufficient evidence</i> in humans are also listed individually as Group 1 agents)	1	78, 100D	2012

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	Radionuclides, beta-particle-emitting, internally deposited (NB: Specific radionuclides for which there is <i>sufficient evidence</i> in humans are also listed individually as Group 1 agents)	1	78, 100D	2012
013233-32-4	Radium-224 and its decay products	1	78, 100D	2012
013982-63-3	Radium-226 and its decay products	1	78, 100D	2012
015262-20-1	Radium-228 and its decay products	1	78, 100D	2012
010043-92-2	Radon-222 and its decay products	1	43, 78, 100D	2012
	Rubber manufacturing industry	1	28, Sup 7, 100F	2012
	Salted fish, Chinese-style	1	56, 100E	2012
	Schistosoma haematobium (infection with)	1	61, 100B	2012
013909-09-6	Semustine (see Methyl-CCNU)			
068308-34-9	* * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * *	1	35, Sup 7, 100F	2012
014808-60-7	Silica dust, crystalline, in the form of quartz or cristobalite	1	68, 100C	2012
	Solar radiation	1	55, 100D	2012
	Soot (as found in occupational exposure of chimney sweeps)	1	35, Sup 7, 100F	2012
000505-60-2	Sulfur mustard	1	9, Sup 7, 100F	2012
010540-29-1	Tamoxifen (NB: There is also conclusive evidence that tamoxifen reduces the risk of contralateral breast cancer in breast cancer patients)	1	66, 100A	2012
001746-01-6	2,3,7,8-Tetrachlorodibenzo-para-dioxin	1	69, 100F	2012
000052-24-4	Thiotepa	1	50, 100A	2012
007440-29-1	Thorium-232 and its decay products	1	78, 100D	2012
	Tobacco, smokeless	1	89, 100E	2012
	Tobacco smoke, second-hand	1	83, 100E	2012
	Tobacco smoking	1	83, 100E	2012
000095-53-4	ortho-Toluidine	1	77, 99, 100F	2012
000299-75-2		1	26, Sup 7, 100A	2012
000079-01-6	Trichloroethylene	1	63, 106	2014
	Ultraviolet radiation (wavelengths 100-400 nm, encompassing UVA, UVB, and UVC)	1	100D	2012
	Ultraviolet-emitting tanning devices	1	100D	2012
000075-01-4	Vinyl chloride	1	97, 100F	2012
	Wood dust	1	62, 100C	2012
	X- and Gamma-Radiation	1	75, 100D	2012