

## **2. Studies of Cancer in Humans**

See Introduction to the Monographs on Gallium Arsenide and Indium Phosphide.

**Table 1. Occupational exposure limits and guidelines for arsenic (elemental and inorganic)**

Country or region	Concentration (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	Interpretation <sup>a</sup>	Carcinogen classification
Australia	0.05	TWA	1 <sup>b</sup>
Belgium	0.1	TWA	Ca <sup>c</sup>
Canada			
Alberta	0.2	TWA	
Quebec	0.6	STEL	
	0.1	TWA	
China	0.01	TWA	
	0.02	STEL	
Finland	0.01	TWA	
Germany		MAK	1 <sup>d</sup>
Hong Kong SAR	0.01	TWA	A1 <sup>e</sup>
Ireland	0.1	TWA	Ca1 <sup>f</sup>
Japan	0.003	TWA	1 <sup>g</sup>
Malaysia	0.01	TWA	
Netherlands	0.05	TWA	
	0.1	STEL	
New Zealand	0.05	TWA	A1 <sup>e</sup>
Norway	0.01	TWA	Ca <sup>h</sup>
Poland	0.01	TWA	Rc <sup>i</sup>
South Africa	0.1	TWA	
Sweden	0.01 (new facilities or alteration of old ones)	TWA	Ca <sup>j</sup>
	0.03	TWA	Ca
UK	0.1	TWA (MEL)	
USA <sup>1</sup>			
ACGIH	0.01	TWA (TLV)	A1 <sup>e</sup>
NIOSH	0.002	Ceiling (REL)	Ca <sup>k</sup>
OSHA	0.01	TWA (PEL)	Ca <sup>k</sup>

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<sup>a</sup> TWA, time-weighted average; STEL, short-term exposure limit; MAK, maximum allowed concentration; MEL, maximum exposure limit; TLV, threshold limit value; REL, recommended exposure limit; PEL, permissible exposure limit

<sup>b</sup> Established human carcinogen

<sup>c</sup> Carcinogen

<sup>d</sup> Substance which causes cancer in man

<sup>e</sup> Confirmed human carcinogen

<sup>f</sup> Substance known to be carcinogenic to humans

<sup>g</sup> Carcinogenic to humans

<sup>h</sup> Potential cancer-causing agent

<sup>i</sup> Agent carcinogen to humans

<sup>j</sup> Substance is carcinogenic.

<sup>k</sup> Carcinogen

<sup>1</sup> ACGIH, American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists; NIOSH, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health; OSHA, Occupational Health and Safety Administration