1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

1.1 Product identifiers
Product name: Chloramphenicol
Product Number: C0378
Brand: Sigma
CAS-No.: 56-75-7

1.2 Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against
Identified uses: Laboratory chemicals, Manufacture of substances

1.3 Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet
Company: Sigma-Aldrich
3050 Spruce Street
SAINT LOUIS MO  63103
USA
Telephone: +1 800-325-5832
Fax: +1 800-325-5052

1.4 Emergency telephone number
Emergency Phone #: (314) 776-6555

2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture
GHS Classification in accordance with 29 CFR 1910 (OSHA HCS)
Carcinogenicity (Category 1B), H350
For the full text of the H-Statements mentioned in this Section, see Section 16.

2.2 GHS Label elements, including precautionary statements
Pictogram

Signal word: Danger
Hazard statement(s)
H350 May cause cancer.
Precautionary statement(s)
P201 Obtain special instructions before use.
P202 Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood.
P281 Use personal protective equipment as required.
P308 + P313 IF exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/attention.
P405 Store locked up.
P501 Dispose of contents/container to an approved waste disposal plant.

2.3 Hazards not otherwise classified (HNOC) or not covered by GHS - none

3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

3.1 Substances
Sigma - C0378
Synonyms:
- D-(-)-threo-2-Dichloroacetamido-1-(4-nitrophenyl)-1,3-propanediol
- Chloromycetin
- D-(-)-threo-2,2-Dichloro-N-[β-hydroxy-α-(hydroxymethyl)-β-(4-nitrophenyl)ethyl]acetamide
- D-threo-2,2-Dichloro-N-[β-hydroxy-α-(hydroxymethyl)-4-nitrophenethyl]acetamide

Formula: $C_{11}H_{12}Cl_{2}N_{2}O_{5}$
Molecular weight: 323.13 g/mol
CAS-No.: 56-75-7
EC-No.: 200-287-4

Hazardous components

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4. FIRST AID MEASURES

4.1 Description of first aid measures

General advice
Move out of dangerous area. Consult a physician. Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance.

If inhaled
If breathed in, move person into fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. Consult a physician.

In case of skin contact
Wash off with soap and plenty of water. Consult a physician.

In case of eye contact
Flush eyes with water as a precaution.

If swallowed
Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Rinse mouth with water. Consult a physician.

4.2 Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed

The most important known symptoms and effects are described in the labelling (see section 2.2) and/or in section 11.

4.3 Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

No data available

5. FIREFIGHTING MEASURES

5.1 Extinguishing media

Suitable extinguishing media
Use water spray, alcohol-resistant foam, dry chemical or carbon dioxide.

5.2 Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture

Carbon oxides, Nitrogen oxides (NOₓ), Hydrogen chloride gas

5.3 Advice for firefighters

Wear self-contained breathing apparatus for firefighting if necessary.

5.4 Further information

No data available

6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

6.1 Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

Use personal protective equipment. Avoid dust formation. Avoid breathing vapours, mist or gas. Ensure adequate ventilation. Evacuate personnel to safe areas. Avoid breathing dust.

For personal protection see section 8.
6.2 **Environmental precautions**
Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so. Do not let product enter drains.

6.3 **Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up**
Pick up and arrange disposal without creating dust. Sweep up and shovel. Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal.

6.4 **Reference to other sections**
For disposal see section 13.

### 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

#### 7.1 Precautions for safe handling
Avoid formation of dust and aerosols. Further processing of solid materials may result in the formation of combustible dusts. The potential for combustible dust formation should be taken into consideration before additional processing occurs. Provide appropriate exhaust ventilation at places where dust is formed. For precautions see section 2.2.

#### 7.2 Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities
Keep container tightly closed in a dry and well-ventilated place.

#### 7.3 Specific end use(s)
Apart from the uses mentioned in section 1.2 no other specific uses are stipulated

### 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

#### 8.1 Control parameters

**Components with workplace control parameters**

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<td>USA. Workplace Environmental Exposure Levels (WEEL)</td>
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#### 8.2 Exposure controls

**Appropriate engineering controls**
Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice. Wash hands before breaks and at the end of workday.

**Personal protective equipment**

- **Eye/face protection**
  Safety glasses with side-shields conforming to EN166. Use equipment for eye protection tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or EN 166(EU).

- **Skin protection**
  Handle with gloves. Gloves must be inspected prior to use. Use proper glove removal technique (without touching glove's outer surface) to avoid skin contact with this product. Dispose of contaminated gloves after use in accordance with applicable laws and good laboratory practices. Wash and dry hands.

  - **Full contact**
    Material: Nitrile rubber
    Minimum layer thickness: 0.11 mm
    Break through time: 480 min
    Material tested: Dermatril® (KCL 740 / Aldrich Z677272, Size M)

  - **Splash contact**
    Material: Nitrile rubber
    Minimum layer thickness: 0.11 mm
    Break through time: 480 min
    Material tested: Dermatril® (KCL 740 / Aldrich Z677272, Size M)

Data source: KCL GmbH, D-36124 Eichenzell, phone +49 (0)6659 87300, e-mail sales@kcl.de, test method: EN374

If used in solution, or mixed with other substances, and under conditions which differ from EN 374, contact the supplier of the CE approved gloves. This recommendation is advisory only and must be evaluated by an
industrial hygienist and safety officer familiar with the specific situation of anticipated use by our customers. It should not be construed as offering an approval for any specific use scenario.

**Body Protection**

Impervious clothing. The type of protective equipment must be selected according to the concentration and amount of the dangerous substance at the specific workplace.

**Respiratory protection**

Where risk assessment shows air-purifying respirators are appropriate, use a full-face particle respirator type N100 (US) or type P3 (EN 143) respirator cartridges as a backup to engineering controls. If the respirator is the sole means of protection, use a full-face supplied air respirator. Use respirators and components tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or CEN (EU).

**Control of environmental exposure**

Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so. Do not let product enter drains.

9. **PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES**

9.1 **Information on basic physical and chemical properties**

| a) Appearance | Form: crystalline |
| Colour: light yellow |
| b) Odour | No data available |
| c) Odour Threshold | No data available |
| d) pH | No data available |
| e) Melting point/freezing point | 149 °C (300 °F) |
| f) Initial boiling point and boiling range | No data available |
| g) Flash point | No data available |
| h) Evaporation rate | No data available |
| i) Flammability (solid, gas) | No data available |
| j) Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits | No data available |
| k) Vapour pressure | No data available |
| l) Vapour density | No data available |
| m) Relative density | No data available |
| n) Water solubility | Practically insoluble |
| o) Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water | No data available |
| p) Auto-ignition temperature | No data available |
| q) Decomposition temperature | No data available |
| r) Viscosity | No data available |
| s) Explosive properties | No data available |
| t) Oxidizing properties | No data available |

9.2 **Other safety information**

Solubility in other solvents | Ethanol
10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

10.1 Reactivity
No data available

10.2 Chemical stability
Stable under recommended storage conditions.

10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions
No data available

10.4 Conditions to avoid
No data available

10.5 Incompatible materials
acids, Acid chlorides, Acid anhydrides, Oxidizing agents

10.6 Hazardous decomposition products
Other decomposition products - No data available
In the event of fire: see section 5

11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

11.1 Information on toxicological effects

Acute toxicity
LD50 Oral - Rat - 2,500 mg/kg
Inhalation: No data available
Dermal: No data available
LD50 Intraperitoneal - Rat - 1,811 mg/kg
LD50 Intraperitoneal - Mouse - 1,100 mg/kg
No data available

Skin corrosion/irritation
No data available

Serious eye damage/eye irritation
No data available

Respiratory or skin sensitisation
Prolonged or repeated exposure may cause allergic reactions in certain sensitive individuals.

Germ cell mutagenicity
Laboratory experiments have shown mutagenic effects.
Rat
Liver
DNA damage

Mouse
Cytogenetic analysis

Carcinogenicity
This product is or contains a component that has been reported to be probably carcinogenic based on its IARC, OSHA, ACGIH, NTP, or EPA classification.
Possible human carcinogen

IARC: 2A - Group 2A: Probably carcinogenic to humans (Chloramphenicol)
ACGIH: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a
carcinogen or potential carcinogen by ACGIH.

NTP: Reasonably anticipated to be a human carcinogen (Chloramphenicol)
OSHA: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a carcinogen or potential carcinogen by OSHA.

**Reproductive toxicity**
No data available

**Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure**
No data available

**Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure**
No data available

**Aspiration hazard**
No data available

**Additional Information**
RTECS: AB6825000
Nausea, Headache, Vomiting
To the best of our knowledge, the chemical, physical, and toxicological properties have not been thoroughly investigated.

Liver - Irregularities - Based on Human Evidence
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**12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

12.1 **Toxicity**
Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates
EC50 - *Daphnia magna* (Water flea) - 345 mg/l - 48 h

12.2 **Persistence and degradability**
No data available

12.3 **Bioaccumulative potential**
No data available

12.4 **Mobility in soil**
No data available

12.5 **Results of PBT and vPvB assessment**
PBT/vPvB assessment not available as chemical safety assessment not required/not conducted

12.6 **Other adverse effects**
No data available

**13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS**

13.1 **Waste treatment methods**

**Product**
Contact a licensed professional waste disposal service to dispose of this material. Dissolve or mix the material with a combustible solvent and burn in a chemical incinerator equipped with an afterburner and scrubber. Offer surplus and non-recyclable solutions to a licensed disposal company.

**Contaminated packaging**
Dispose of as unused product.

**14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION**

**DOT (US)**
Not dangerous goods
15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

SARA 302 Components
No chemicals in this material are subject to the reporting requirements of SARA Title III, Section 302.

SARA 313 Components
This material does not contain any chemical components with known CAS numbers that exceed the threshold (De Minimis) reporting levels established by SARA Title III, Section 313.

SARA 311/312 Hazards
Chronic Health Hazard

Massachusetts Right To Know Components
Chloramphenicol  CAS-No. 56-75-7  Revision Date 1989-12-01

Pennsylvania Right To Know Components
Chloramphenicol  CAS-No. 56-75-7  Revision Date 1989-12-01

New Jersey Right To Know Components
Chloramphenicol  CAS-No. 56-75-7  Revision Date 1989-12-01

California Prop. 65 Components
This product does not contain any chemicals known to State of California to cause cancer, birth defects, or any other reproductive harm.

16. OTHER INFORMATION

Full text of H-Statements referred to under sections 2 and 3.
Carc. Carcinogenicity
H350 May cause cancer.

HMIS Rating
Health hazard: 1
Chronic Health Hazard: *
Flammability: 0
Physical Hazard 0

NFPA Rating
Health hazard: 0
Fire Hazard: 0
Reactivity Hazard: 0

Further information
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