1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

1.1 Product identifiers

Product name: Mercury(II) chloride
Product Number: 215465
Brand: Sigma-Aldrich
Index-No.: 080-010-00-X
CAS-No.: 7487-94-7

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

Identified uses: Laboratory chemicals, Synthesis 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)
Acute toxicity, Oral (Category 2), H300
Acute toxicity, Dermal (Category 1), H310
Skin corrosion (Category 1B), H314
Serious eye damage (Category 1), H318
Germ cell mutagenicity (Category 2), H341
Reproductive toxicity (Category 2), H361
Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure (Category 1), H372
Acute aquatic toxicity (Category 1), H400
Chronic aquatic toxicity (Category 1), H410

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)
H300 + H310  Fatal if swallowed or in contact with skin
H314  Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.
H318  Causes serious eye damage.
H341  Suspected of causing genetic defects.
H361  Suspected of damaging fertility or the unborn child.
H372 Causes damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure.  
H410 Very toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects.  

Precautionary statement(s)  
P201 Obtain special instructions before use.  
P202 Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood.  
P260 Do not breathe dust/ fume/ gas/ mist/ vapours/ spray.  
P262 Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing.  
P264 Wash skin thoroughly after handling.  
P270 Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.  
P273 Avoid release to the environment.  
P280 Wear protective gloves/ protective clothing/ eye protection/ face protection.  
P301 + P310 + P330 IF SWALLOWED: Immediately call a POISON CENTER/doctor. Rinse mouth.  
P301 + P330 + P331 IF SWALLOWED: Rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting.  
P303 + P361 + P353 IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/shower.  
P304 + P340 + P310 IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing. Immediately call a POISON CENTER/doctor.  
P305 + P351 + P338 + P310 IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. Immediately call a POISON CENTER/doctor.  
P308 + P313 IF exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/ attention.  
P362 Take off contaminated clothing and wash before reuse.  
P391 Collect spillage.  
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  
Rapidly absorbed through skin.  

3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS  

3.1 Substances  
Synonyms: Mercuric chloride  
Formula: Cl₂Hg  
Molecular weight: 271.50 g/mol  
CAS-No.: 7487-94-7  
EC-No.: 231-299-8  
Index-No.: 080-010-00-X  

Hazardous components  

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4. FIRST AID MEASURES  

4.1 Description of first aid measures  

General advice  
Consult a physician. Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance. Move out of dangerous area.
If inhaled
If breathed in, move person into fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. Consult a physician.

In case of skin contact
Take off contaminated clothing and shoes immediately. Wash off with soap and plenty of water. Take victim immediately to hospital. Consult a physician.

In case of eye contact
Rinse thoroughly with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes and consult a physician. Continue rinsing eyes during transport to hospital.

If swallowed
Do NOT induce vomiting. 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
No data available

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
Wear respiratory protection. 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. Discharge into the environment must be avoided.

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 contact with skin and eyes. 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. Light sensitive. Moisture sensitive. Product is sensitive to light and moisture.
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**

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8.2 **Exposure controls**

**Appropriate engineering controls**
Avoid contact with skin, eyes and clothing. Wash hands before breaks and immediately after handling the product.

**Personal protective equipment**

**Eye/face protection**
Face shield and safety glasses 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**
Complete suit protecting against chemicals. 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. Discharge into the environment must be avoided.

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**9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES**

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

- **a) Appearance**  
  Form: solid

- **b) Odour**  
  No data available

- **c) Odour Threshold**  
  No data available

- **d) pH**  
  No data available

- **e) Melting point/freezing point**  
  Melting point/range: 277 °C (531 °F) - lit.

- **f) Initial boiling point and boiling range**  
  302 °C (576 °F) at 1,013 hPa (760 mmHg)

- **g) Flash point**  
  Not applicable

- **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**  
  1.7 hPa (1.3 mmHg) at 236 °C (457 °F)

- **l) Vapour density**  
  No data available

- **m) Relative density**  
  5.440 g/cm³
n) Water solubility No data available
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
No data available

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
Avoid moisture. Light.

10.5 Incompatible materials
Strong oxidizing agents, Strong bases

10.6 Hazardous decomposition products
Hazardous decomposition products formed under fire conditions. - Hydrogen chloride gas, Mercury/mercury oxides. 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
No data available
Inhalation: No data available
LD50 Dermal - Rat - 41 mg/kg
No data available

Skin corrosion/irritation
Skin - Rabbit
Result: Severe skin irritation - 24 h

Serious eye damage/eye irritation
Eyes - Rabbit
Result: Severe eye irritation - 24 h

Respiratory or skin sensitisation
No data available

Germ cell mutagenicity
In vitro tests showed mutagenic effects which were not observed with in vivo test.
**Carcinogenicity**

This product is or contains a component that is not classifiable as to its carcinogenicity based on its IARC, ACGIH, NTP, or EPA classification.

**IARC:** No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as probable, possible or confirmed human carcinogen by IARC.

**NTP:** No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a known or anticipated carcinogen by NTP.

**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**

Suspected human reproductive toxicant

Overexposure may cause reproductive disorder(s) based on tests with laboratory animals.

**Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure**

No data available

**Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure**

Causes damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure.

**Aspiration hazard**

No data available

**Additional Information**

RTECS: OV9100000

Material is extremely destructive to tissue of the mucous membranes and upper respiratory tract, eyes, and skin,

Cough, Shortness of breath, Headache, Nausea

Stomach - Irregularities - Based on Human Evidence

Stomach - Irregularities - Based on Human Evidence

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**12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

**12.1 Toxicity**

Toxicity to fish

- Mortality LOEC - Lates calcarifer - 0.113 mg/l - 96.0 h
- LC50 - Oncorhynchus mykiss (rainbow trout) - 0.016 mg/l - 96.0 h

Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates

- EC50 - Daphnia magna (Water flea) - 0.002 mg/l - 48 h

Toxicity to algae

- Growth inhibition EC50 - Ditylum brightwellii - 0.01 mg/l - 5 d

**12.2 Persistence and degradability**

No data available

**12.3 Bioaccumulative potential**

Bioaccumulation

- Pimephales promelas (fathead minnow) - 0.50 µg/l

- Bioconcentration factor (BCF): 5,680

**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**

Very toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects.

An environmental hazard cannot be excluded in the event of unprofessional handling or disposal.
13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

13.1 Waste treatment methods

Product
Offer surplus and non-recyclable solutions to a licensed disposal company. 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.

Contaminated packaging
Dispose of as unused product.

14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

DOT (US)
UN number: 1624 Class: 6.1 Packing group: II
Proper shipping name: Mercuric chloride
Reportable Quantity (RQ):
Poison Inhalation Hazard: No

IMDG
UN number: 1624 Class: 6.1 Packing group: II EMS-No: F-A, S-A
Proper shipping name: MERCURIC CHLORIDE
Marine pollutant: yes

IATA
UN number: 1624 Class: 6.1 Packing group: II
Proper shipping name: Mercuric chloride

15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

SARA 302 Components
The following components are subject to reporting levels established by SARA Title III, Section 302:

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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
Acute Health Hazard, Chronic Health Hazard

Massachusetts Right To Know Components

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California Prop. 65 Components
WARNING: This product contains a chemical known to the State of California to cause birth defects or other reproductive harm.

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16. OTHER INFORMATION

Full text of H-statements referred to under sections 2 and 3.

Acute Tox.  Acute toxicity
Aquatic Acute  Acute aquatic toxicity
Aquatic Chronic  Chronic aquatic toxicity
Eye Dam.  Serious eye damage
H300  Fatal if swallowed.
H300 + H310  Fatal if swallowed or in contact with skin
H310  Fatal in contact with skin.
H314  Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.
H318  Causes serious eye damage.
H341  Suspected of causing genetic defects.
H361  Suspected of damaging fertility or the unborn child.
H372  Causes damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure.

HMIS Rating
Health hazard:  4
Chronic Health Hazard:  *
Flammability:  0
Physical Hazard  0

NFPA Rating
Health hazard:  3
Fire Hazard:  0
Reactivity Hazard:  0

Further information
The above information is believed to be correct but does not purport to be all inclusive and shall be used only as a guide. The information in this document is based on the present state of our knowledge and is applicable to the product with regard to appropriate safety precautions. It does not represent any guarantee of the properties of the product. Sigma-Aldrich Corporation and its Affiliates shall not be held liable for any damage resulting from handling or from contact with the above product. See www.sigma-aldrich.com and/or the reverse side of invoice or packing slip for additional terms and conditions of sale.

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