

### 1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

#### 1.1 Product identifiers

Product name : Thimerosal  
  
Product Number : T2299  
Brand : Sigma  
Index-No. : 080-004-00-7  
  
CAS-No. : 54-64-8

#### 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  
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SAINT LOUIS MO 63103  
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#### 1.4 Emergency telephone number

Emergency Phone # : +1-703-527-3887 (CHEMTREC)

### 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, Inhalation (Category 2), H330  
Acute toxicity, Dermal (Category 1), H310  
Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure (Category 2), H373  
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 + H330  
H373  
H410

Fatal if swallowed, in contact with skin or if inhaled  
May cause damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure.  
Very toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects.

Precautionary statement(s)

P260  
P262  
P264  
P270

Do not breathe dust/ fume/ gas/ mist/ vapours/ spray.  
Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing.  
Wash skin thoroughly after handling.  
Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.

P271	Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area.
P273	Avoid release to the environment.
P280	Wear protective gloves/ protective clothing.
P284	Wear respiratory protection.
P301 + P310 + P330	IF SWALLOWED: Immediately call a POISON CENTER/doctor. Rinse mouth.
P302 + P350 + P310	IF ON SKIN: Gently wash with plenty of soap and water. Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/ physician.
P304 + P340 + P310	IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing. Immediately call a POISON CENTER/doctor.
P314	Get medical advice/ attention if you feel unwell.
P362	Take off contaminated clothing and wash before reuse.
P391	Collect spillage.
P403 + P233	Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed.
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

Synonyms : 2-(Ethylmercuriomercapto)benzoic acid sodium salt  
 Ethylmercurithiosalicylic acid sodium salt  
 Mercury-([o-carboxyphenyl]thio)ethyl sodium salt  
 Sodium ethylmercurithiosalicylate

Molecular weight : 404.81 g/mol  
 CAS-No. : 54-64-8  
 EC-No. : 200-210-4  
 Index-No. : 080-004-00-7

#### Hazardous components

Component	Classification	Concentration
<b>Thimerosal</b>	Acute Tox. 2; Acute Tox. 1; STOT RE 2; Aquatic Acute 1; Aquatic Chronic 1; H300 + H310 + H330, H373, H410	90 - 100 %

For the full text of the H-Statements mentioned in this Section, see Section 16.

## 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

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.

#### 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

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**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

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**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.

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**7. HANDLING AND STORAGE**

- 7.1 Precautions for safe handling**  
Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Avoid formation of dust and aerosols.  
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.  
  
Keep in a dry place.  
Storage class (TRGS 510): 6.1B: Non-combustible, acute toxic Cat. 1 and 2 / very toxic hazardous materials
- 7.3 Specific end use(s)**  
Apart from the uses mentioned in section 1.2 no other specific uses are stipulated

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**8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION**

**8.1 Control parameters**

**Components with workplace control parameters**

Component	CAS-No.	Value	Control parameters	Basis
Thimerosal	54-64-8	TWA	0.050000 mg/m3	USA. NIOSH Recommended Exposure Limits
	Remarks	Potential for dermal absorption		
		C	0.100000 mg/m3	USA. NIOSH Recommended Exposure Limits
		Potential for dermal absorption		

		TWA	0.100000 mg/m3	USA. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)
		Central Nervous System impairment Kidney damage Danger of cutaneous absorption varies		
		TWA	0.010000 mg/m3	USA. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)
		Central Nervous System impairment Kidney damage Peripheral Nervous System impairment Danger of cutaneous absorption varies		
		STEL	0.030000 mg/m3	USA. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)
		Central Nervous System impairment Kidney damage Peripheral Nervous System impairment Danger of cutaneous absorption varies		
		TWA	0.1 mg/m3	USA. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)
		Central Nervous System impairment Kidney damage Danger of cutaneous absorption varies		
		TWA	0.01 mg/m3	USA. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)
		Central Nervous System impairment Kidney damage Peripheral Nervous System impairment Danger of cutaneous absorption varies		
		STEL	0.03 mg/m3	USA. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)
		Central Nervous System impairment Kidney damage Peripheral Nervous System impairment Danger of cutaneous absorption varies		
		TWA	0.05 mg/m3	USA. NIOSH Recommended Exposure Limits
		Potential for dermal absorption		
		C	0.1 mg/m3	USA. NIOSH Recommended Exposure Limits
		Potential for dermal absorption		
		C	0.01 mg/m3	California permissible exposure limits for chemical contaminants (Title 8, Article 107)
		Skin		
		PEL	0.01 mg/m3	California permissible exposure limits for chemical contaminants (Title 8, Article 107)
		Skin		
		STEL	0.03 mg/m3	California permissible exposure limits for chemical contaminants (Title 8, Article 107)
		Skin		

		C	0.04 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	California permissible exposure limits for chemical contaminants (Title 8, Article 107)
		Skin		

## 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.

#### 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.

## 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

### 9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties

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| a) Appearance                                   | Form: powder<br>Colour: beige            |
| b) Odour  | No data available                        |
| c) Odour Threshold                              | No data available                        |
| d) pH   | 6.7 - 8.2 at 10 g/l at 20 °C (68 °F)     |
| e) Melting point/freezing point                 | 234 °C (453 °F) - Decomposes on heating. |
| f) Initial boiling point and boiling range      | No data available                        |
| g) Flash point                                  | 250 °C (482 °F) - closed cup             |
| 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                             | 0.500 g/cm <sup>3</sup>                  |
| 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

Bulk density	500 kg/m <sup>3</sup>
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## 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

Strong oxidizing agents, Strong acids, Strong bases

### 10.6 Hazardous decomposition products

Hazardous decomposition products formed under fire conditions. - Carbon oxides, Sulphur oxides, Sodium oxides, Mercury/mercury oxides.

Other decomposition products - No data available

In the event of fire: see section 5

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## 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### 11.1 Information on toxicological effects

#### Acute toxicity

LD50 Oral - Rat - 75 mg/kg

Inhalation: No data available

Behavioral: Ataxia. Ingestion may cause gastrointestinal irritation, nausea, vomiting and diarrhoea. Nutritional and Gross Metabolic: Changes in: Metabolic acidosis.

LD50 Subcutaneous - Rat - 98 mg/kg

#### Skin corrosion/irritation

No data available

#### Serious eye damage/eye irritation

Eyes - Rabbit

Result: Mild eye irritation

#### Respiratory or skin sensitisation

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

#### Germ cell mutagenicity

Hamster

Lungs

Micronucleus test

Mouse

Micronucleus test

## **Carcinogenicity**

- 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**

No data available

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: Not available

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 fish LC50 - Oncorhynchus mykiss (rainbow trout) - 21.2 mg/l - 48.0 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**

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

Very toxic to aquatic life.

No data available

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## **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.

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## **14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION**

### **DOT (US)**

UN number: 2025      Class: 6.1      Packing group: III  
Proper shipping name: Mercury compounds, solid, n.o.s. (Thimerosal)  
Marine pollutant:yes  
Poison Inhalation Hazard: No

**IMDG**

UN number: 2025      Class: 6.1      Packing group: III      EMS-No: F-A, S-A  
Proper shipping name: MERCURY COMPOUND, SOLID, N.O.S. (Thimerosal)  
Marine pollutant:yes      Marine pollutant: yes

**IATA**

UN number: 2025      Class: 6.1      Packing group: III  
Proper shipping name: Mercury compound, solid, n.o.s. (Thimerosal)

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**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**

Acute Health Hazard, Chronic Health Hazard

**Massachusetts Right To Know Components**

No components are subject to the Massachusetts Right to Know Act.

**Pennsylvania Right To Know Components**

	CAS-No.	Revision Date
Thimerosal	54-64-8	2007-07-01

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Thimerosal	54-64-8	2007-07-01

**New Jersey Right To Know Components**

	CAS-No.	Revision Date
Thimerosal	54-64-8	2007-07-01

**California Prop. 65 Components**

	CAS-No.	Revision Date
WARNING: This product contains a chemical known to the State of California to cause birth defects or other reproductive harm. Thimerosal	54-64-8	2013-12-20

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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
H300	Fatal if swallowed.
H300 + H310 + H330	Fatal if swallowed, in contact with skin or if inhaled
H310	Fatal in contact with skin.
H330	Fatal if inhaled.
H373	May cause damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure.

**HMIS Rating**

Health hazard:                    4  
Chronic Health Hazard:        \*



Flammability: 1  
Physical Hazard 0

**NFPA Rating**

Health hazard: 4  
Fire Hazard: 1  
Reactivity Hazard: 0

**Further information**

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