

## SAFETY DATA SHEET

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**SECTION 1: Identification of the substance/mixture and of the company/undertaking****1.1 Product identifiers**

Product name : Mercury(II) chloride

Product Number : 215465  
Brand : SIGALD  
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**

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527-3887 CHEMTREC (International) 24  
Hours/day; 7 Days/week

**SECTION 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  
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  
Short-term (acute) aquatic hazard (Category 1), H400  
Long-term (chronic) aquatic hazard (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	Fatal if swallowed.
H314	Causes severe skin burns and 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/ vapors/ spray.
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.
P363	Wash contaminated clothing 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.

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## SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients

### 3.1 Substances

Synonyms	: Mercuric chloride
Formula	: Cl <sub>2</sub> Hg
Molecular weight	: 271.50 g/mol
CAS-No.	: 7487-94-7
EC-No.	: 231-299-8
Index-No.	: 080-010-00-X

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Component	Classification	Concentration
<b>Mercury dichloride</b>		
	Acute Tox. 2; Skin Corr. 1B; Eye Dam. 1; Muta. 2; Repr. 2; STOT RE 1; Aquatic Acute 1; Aquatic Chronic 1; H300, H314, H318, H341, H361, H372, H400, H410 M-Factor - Aquatic Acute: 100 - Aquatic Chronic: 10	<= 100 %

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

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## SECTION 4: First aid measures

### 4.1 Description of first-aid measures

#### General advice

First aiders need to protect themselves. Show this material safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance.

#### If inhaled

After inhalation: fresh air. Call in physician.

#### In case of skin contact

In case of skin contact: Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/ shower. Call a physician immediately.

#### In case of eye contact

After eye contact: rinse out with plenty of water. Immediately call in ophthalmologist. Remove contact lenses.

#### If swallowed

If swallowed: give water to drink (two glasses at most). Seek medical advice immediately. In exceptional cases only, if medical care is not available within one hour, induce vomiting (only in persons who are wide awake and fully conscious), administer activated charcoal (20 - 40 g in a 10% slurry) and consult a doctor as quickly as possible. Do not attempt to neutralise.

### 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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## SECTION 5: Firefighting measures

### 5.1 Extinguishing media

#### Suitable extinguishing media

Use extinguishing measures that are appropriate to local circumstances and the surrounding environment.

**Unsuitable extinguishing media**

For this substance/mixture no limitations of extinguishing agents are given.

**5.2 Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture**

Hydrogen chloride gas

Mercury/mercury oxides.

Not combustible.

Ambient fire may liberate hazardous vapours.

**5.3 Advice for firefighters**

Stay in danger area only with self-contained breathing apparatus. Prevent skin contact by keeping a safe distance or by wearing suitable protective clothing.

**5.4 Further information**

Suppress (knock down) gases/vapors/mists with a water spray jet. Prevent fire extinguishing water from contaminating surface water or the ground water system.

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**SECTION 6: Accidental release measures****6.1 Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures**

Advice for non-emergency personnel: Avoid generation and inhalation of dusts in all circumstances. Avoid substance contact. Ensure adequate ventilation. Evacuate the danger area, observe emergency procedures, consult an expert.

For personal protection see section 8.

**6.2 Environmental precautions**

Do not let product enter drains.

**6.3 Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up**

Cover drains. Collect, bind, and pump off spills. Observe possible material restrictions (see sections 7 and 10). Take up carefully. Dispose of properly. Clean up affected area. Avoid generation of dusts.

**6.4 Reference to other sections**

For disposal see section 13.

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**SECTION 7: Handling and storage****7.1 Precautions for safe handling****Advice on safe handling**

Work under hood. Do not inhale substance/mixture.

**Hygiene measures**

Immediately change contaminated clothing. Apply preventive skin protection. Wash hands and face after working with substance.

For precautions see section 2.2.

**7.2 Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities****Storage conditions**

Tightly closed. Dry. Keep in a well-ventilated place. Keep locked up or in an area accessible only to qualified or authorized persons.

Light sensitive. Moisture sensitive. Product is sensitive to light and moisture.

**Storage class**

Storage class (TRGS 510): 6.1A: 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

## SECTION 8: Exposure controls/personal protection

### 8.1 Control parameters

#### Ingredients with workplace control parameters

Component	CAS-No.	Value	Control parameters	Basis
Mercury dichloride	7487-94-7	TWA	0.025 mg/m3	USA. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)
	Remarks	Not classifiable as a human carcinogen Danger of cutaneous absorption		
		C	0.1 mg/m3	USA. OSHA - TABLE Z-1 Limits for Air Contaminants - 1910.1000
		Skin notation		
		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		
		PEL	0.025 mg/m3	California permissible exposure limits for chemical contaminants (Title 8, Article 107)
		Skin		
		C	0.1 mg/m3	California permissible exposure limits for chemical contaminants (Title 8, Article 107)
		Skin		

### 8.2 Exposure controls

#### Appropriate engineering controls

Immediately change contaminated clothing. Apply preventive skin protection. Wash hands and face after working with substance.

#### Personal protective equipment

##### Eye/face protection

Use equipment for eye protection tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or EN 166(EU). Tightly fitting safety goggles

##### Skin protection

This recommendation applies only to the product stated in the safety data sheet, supplied by us and for the designated use. When dissolving in or mixing with other substances and under conditions deviating from those stated in EN374 please

contact the supplier of CE-approved gloves (e.g. KCL GmbH, D-36124 Eichenzell, Internet: [www.kcl.de](http://www.kcl.de)).

Full contact

Material: Nitrile rubber

Minimum layer thickness: 0.11 mm

Break through time: 480 min

Material tested: KCL 741 Dermatril® L

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Splash contact

Material: Nitrile rubber

Minimum layer thickness: 0.11 mm

Break through time: 480 min

Material tested: KCL 741 Dermatril® L

### **Body Protection**

protective clothing

### **Respiratory protection**

required when dusts are generated.

Our recommendations on filtering respiratory protection are based on the following standards: DIN EN 143, DIN 14387 and other accompanying standards relating to the used respiratory protection system.

### **Control of environmental exposure**

Do not let product enter drains.

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## **SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties**

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

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|---|---|
| a) Appearance                                   | Form: solid                                 |
| b) Odor   | No data available                           |
| c) Odor 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                  |
| 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)	Vapor pressure	1.7 hPa at 236 °C (457 °F)
l)	Vapor density	No data available
m)	Density	5.440 g/cm <sup>3</sup>
	Relative density	No data available
n)	Water solubility	No data available
o)	Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water	No data available
p)	Autoignition temperature	No data available
q)	Decomposition temperature	No data available
r)	Viscosity	No data available
s)	Explosive properties	No data available
t)	Oxidizing properties	none

## 9.2 Other safety information

No data available

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## SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity

### 10.1 Reactivity

No data available

### 10.2 Chemical stability

The product is chemically stable under standard ambient conditions (room temperature) .

### 10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions

Risk of explosion with:

Fluorine

Alkali metals

hydrazine and derivatives

Exothermic reaction with:

Strong bases

Strong oxidizing agents

### 10.4 Conditions to avoid

Avoid moisture. Light.

no information available

### 10.5 Incompatible materials

Lead, Copper, Light metals, silver, Zinc, Tin

### 10.6 Hazardous decomposition products

In the event of fire: see section 5

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## SECTION 11: Toxicological information

### 11.1 Information on toxicological effects

#### Acute toxicity

Acute toxicity estimate Oral - 5.1 mg/kg

(Calculation method)

Oral: No data available

Inhalation: No data available

Acute toxicity estimate Dermal - 41 mg/kg

(Calculation method)

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 sensitization

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 ingredient 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 ingredient 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 on OSHA's list of regulated carcinogens.

#### 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

### 11.2 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

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## SECTION 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 (Mercury dichloride)  Bioconcentration factor (BCF): 5,680
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### 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 Endocrine disrupting properties

No data available

### 12.7 Other adverse effects

No data available

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## SECTION 13: Disposal considerations

### 13.1 Waste treatment methods

#### Product

Waste material must be disposed of in accordance with the national and local regulations. Leave chemicals in original containers. No mixing with other waste. Handle uncleaned containers like the product itself. See [www.retrologistik.com](http://www.retrologistik.com) for processes regarding the return of chemicals and containers, or contact us there if you have further questions.

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## SECTION 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
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Proper shipping name: MERCURIC CHLORIDE  
Marine pollutant : yes

**IATA**

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

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**SECTION 15: Regulatory information**

**SARA 302 Components**

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**SARA 313 Components**

The following components are subject to reporting levels established by SARA Title III, Section 313:

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**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.

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**SECTION 16: Other information**

**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](http://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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