

SAFETY DATA SHEET

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1. Identification

Product Name Thimerosal

Cat No. : J61799

CAS-No 54-64-8
Synonyms Merthiolate sodium; Thimerosal

Recommended Use Laboratory chemicals.
Uses advised against Food, drug, pesticide or biocidal product use.
Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

Company

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Emergency Telephone Number

During normal business hours (Monday-Friday, 8am-7pm EST), call (800) 343-0660.
After normal business hours, call Carechem 24 at (866) 928-0789.

2. Hazard(s) identification**Classification**

This chemical is considered hazardous by the 2012 OSHA Hazard Communication Standard (29 CFR 1910.1200)

Acute oral toxicity	Category 2
Acute dermal toxicity	Category 1
Acute Inhalation Toxicity - Dusts and Mists	Category 2
Specific target organ toxicity - (repeated exposure)	Category 2
Target Organs - Kidney, Central nervous system (CNS).	

Label Elements**Signal Word**

Danger

Hazard Statements

May cause damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure
Fatal if swallowed, in contact with skin or if inhaled

**Precautionary Statements****Prevention**

Wash face, hands and any exposed skin thoroughly after handling
Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product
Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing
Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection
Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray
Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area
Wear respiratory protection

Response

Get medical attention/advice if you feel unwell

Inhalation

IF INHALED: Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing

Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician

Call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician if you feel unwell

Skin

Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician

IF ON SKIN: Gently wash with plenty of soap and water

Remove/Take off immediately all contaminated clothing

Wash contaminated clothing before reuse

Ingestion

IF SWALLOWED: Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician

Rinse mouth

Storage

Store locked up

Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed

Disposal

Dispose of contents/container to an approved waste disposal plant

Hazards not otherwise classified (HNOC)

Very toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects

WARNING. Reproductive Harm - <https://www.p65warnings.ca.gov/>.

3. Composition/Information on Ingredients

Component	CAS-No	Weight %
Sodium o-(ethylmercurithio)benzoate	54-64-8	>95

4. First-aid measures

Eye Contact

Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids, for at least 15 minutes. Immediate medical attention is required.

Skin Contact

Wash off immediately with soap and plenty of water while removing all contaminated clothes and shoes. Immediate medical attention is required.

Inhalation

Remove to fresh air. Do not use mouth-to-mouth method if victim ingested or inhaled the substance; give artificial respiration with the aid of a pocket mask equipped with a one-way valve or other proper respiratory medical device. Immediate medical attention is required. If not breathing, give artificial respiration.

Ingestion	Do NOT induce vomiting. Call a physician or poison control center immediately.
Most important symptoms and effects	No information available.
Notes to Physician	Treat symptomatically

5. Fire-fighting measures

Suitable Extinguishing Media	Water spray, carbon dioxide (CO ₂), dry chemical, alcohol-resistant foam.
Unsuitable Extinguishing Media	No information available
Flash Point	250 °C / 482 °F
Method -	No information available
Autoignition Temperature	No information available
Explosion Limits	
Upper	No data available
Lower	No data available
Sensitivity to Mechanical Impact	No information available
Sensitivity to Static Discharge	No information available

Specific Hazards Arising from the Chemical

Very toxic. Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating gases and vapors. Do not allow run-off from fire-fighting to enter drains or water courses.

Hazardous Combustion Products

Carbon monoxide (CO). Carbon dioxide (CO₂). Sulfur oxides. Mercury oxide.

Protective Equipment and Precautions for Firefighters

As in any fire, wear self-contained breathing apparatus pressure-demand, MSHA/NIOSH (approved or equivalent) and full protective gear.

NFPA

Health	Flammability	Instability	Physical hazards
4	1	1	N/A

6. Accidental release measures

Personal Precautions	Wear self-contained breathing apparatus and protective suit. Evacuate personnel to safe areas. Ensure adequate ventilation. Avoid dust formation. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing.
Environmental Precautions	Do not flush into surface water or sanitary sewer system. Do not allow material to contaminate ground water system. Prevent product from entering drains. Local authorities should be advised if significant spillages cannot be contained. Should not be released into the environment.

Methods for Containment and Clean Up Sweep up and shovel into suitable containers for disposal. Avoid dust formation.

7. Handling and storage

Handling	Use only under a chemical fume hood. Wear personal protective equipment/face protection. Avoid dust formation. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Do not breathe dust. Do not ingest. If swallowed then seek immediate medical assistance.
Storage	Keep containers tightly closed in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place. Store locked up.

8. Exposure controls / personal protection

Exposure Guidelines

Component	ACGIH TLV	OSHA PEL	NIOSH IDLH	Mexico OEL (TWA)
Sodium o-(ethylmercurithio)benzoate			IDLH: 10 mg/m ³ TWA: 0.05 mg/m ³ Ceiling: 0.1 mg/m ³	

Legend

NIOSH IDLH: NIOSH - National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health

Engineering Measures

Use only under a chemical fume hood. Ensure adequate ventilation, especially in confined areas. Ensure that eyewash stations and safety showers are close to the workstation location.

Personal Protective Equipment**Eye/face Protection**

Wear appropriate protective eyeglasses or chemical safety goggles as described by OSHA's eye and face protection regulations in 29 CFR 1910.133 or European Standard EN166.

Skin and body protection

Wear appropriate protective gloves and clothing to prevent skin exposure.

Respiratory Protection

Follow the OSHA respirator regulations found in 29 CFR 1910.134 or European Standard EN 149. Use a NIOSH/MSHA or European Standard EN 149 approved respirator if exposure limits are exceeded or if irritation or other symptoms are experienced.

Hygiene Measures

Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.

9. Physical and chemical properties

Physical State	Solid
Appearance	Light cream
Odor	Odorless
Odor Threshold	No information available
pH	6.7-8.2 1% aq.sol
Melting Point/Range	232 - 233 °C / 449.6 - 451.4 °F
Boiling Point/Range	No information available
Flash Point	250 °C / 482 °F
Evaporation Rate	Not applicable
Flammability (solid,gas)	No information available
Flammability or explosive limits	
Upper	No data available
Lower	No data available
Vapor Pressure	No information available
Vapor Density	Not applicable
Specific Gravity	No information available
Solubility	No information available
Partition coefficient; n-octanol/water	No data available
Autoignition Temperature	No information available
Decomposition Temperature	> 233°C
Viscosity	Not applicable
Molecular Formula	C9 H9 Hg Na O2 S
Molecular Weight	404.8

10. Stability and reactivity

Reactive Hazard

None known, based on information available

Stability	Stable under normal conditions. Light sensitive.
Conditions to Avoid	Avoid dust formation. Incompatible products. Excess heat. Exposure to light.
Incompatible Materials	Strong oxidizing agents, Strong acids, Bases, Reducing Agent
Hazardous Decomposition Products	Carbon monoxide (CO), Carbon dioxide (CO ₂), Sulfur oxides, Mercury oxide
Hazardous Polymerization	Hazardous polymerization does not occur.
Hazardous Reactions	None under normal processing.

11. Toxicological information

Acute Toxicity

Product Information

Component Information

Component	LD50 Oral	LD50 Dermal	LC50 Inhalation
Sodium o-(ethylmercurithio)benzoate	LD50 = 75 mg/kg (Rat)	Not listed	Not listed

Toxicologically Synergistic Products No information available

Delayed and immediate effects as well as chronic effects from short and long-term exposure

Irritation No information available

Sensitization No information available

Carcinogenicity The table below indicates whether each agency has listed any ingredient as a carcinogen.

Component	CAS-No	IARC	NTP	ACGIH	OSHA	Mexico
Sodium o-(ethylmercurithio)benzoate	54-64-8	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed

Mutagenic Effects Not mutagenic in AMES Test

Reproductive Effects No information available.

Developmental Effects Substances known to cause developmental toxicity in humans.

Teratogenicity No information available.

STOT - single exposure None known

STOT - repeated exposure Kidney Central nervous system (CNS)

Aspiration hazard No information available

Symptoms / effects, both acute and delayed No information available

Endocrine Disruptor Information No information available

Other Adverse Effects The toxicological properties have not been fully investigated.

12. Ecological information

Ecotoxicity

Very toxic to aquatic organisms, may cause long-term adverse effects in the aquatic environment. The product contains following substances which are hazardous for the environment. May cause long-term adverse effects in the environment. Do not allow material to contaminate ground water system.

Component	Freshwater Algae	Freshwater Fish	Microtox	Water Flea
Sodium o-(ethylmercurithio)benzoate	Not listed	LC50: 7.5 mg/L/24h (Ictalurus catus)	Not listed	Not listed

Persistence and Degradability May persist based on information available.

Bioaccumulation/ Accumulation No information available.

Mobility . Will likely be mobile in the environment due to its water solubility.

Component	log Pow
Sodium o-(ethylmercurithio)benzoate	-1.88

13. Disposal considerations

Waste Disposal Methods Chemical waste generators must determine whether a discarded chemical is classified as a hazardous waste. Chemical waste generators must also consult local, regional, and national hazardous waste regulations to ensure complete and accurate classification.

14. Transport information

DOT

UN-No UN2025
 Proper Shipping Name MERCURY COMPOUNDS, SOLID, N.O.S.
 Hazard Class 6.1
 Packing Group II

TDG

UN-No UN2025
 Proper Shipping Name MERCURY COMPOUNDS, SOLID, N.O.S.
 Hazard Class 6.1
 Packing Group II

IATA

UN-No UN2025
 Proper Shipping Name Mercury compound, solid, n.o.s.
 Hazard Class 6.1
 Packing Group II

IMDG/IMO

UN-No UN2025
 Proper Shipping Name Mercury compound, solid, n.o.s.
 Hazard Class 6.1
 Packing Group II

15. Regulatory information

United States of America Inventory

Component	CAS-No	TSCA	TSCA Inventory notification - Active/Inactive	TSCA - EPA Regulatory Flags
Sodium o-(ethylmercurithio)benzoate	54-64-8	X	ACTIVE	-

Legend:

TSCA - Toxic Substances Control Act, (40 CFR Part 710)

X - Listed

'-' - Not Listed

TSCA 12(b) - Notices of Export Not applicable

International Inventories

Canada (DSL/NDL), Europe (EINECS/ELINCS/NLP), Philippines (PICCS), Japan (ENCS), Australia (AICS), China (IECSC), Korea (ECL).

Component	CAS-No	DSL	NDL	EINECS	PICCS	ENCS	AICS	IECSC	KECL
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Sodium o-(ethylmercurithio)benzoate	54-64-8	X	-	200-210-4	X	X	X	X	KE-13896
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U.S. Federal Regulations**SARA 313**

Component	CAS-No	Weight %	SARA 313 - Threshold Values %
Sodium o-(ethylmercurithio)benzoate	54-64-8	>95	1.0

SARA 311/312 Hazard Categories See section 2 for more information

CWA (Clean Water Act)

Component	CWA - Hazardous Substances	CWA - Reportable Quantities	CWA - Toxic Pollutants	CWA - Priority Pollutants
Sodium o-(ethylmercurithio)benzoate	-	-	X	-

Clean Air Act

Component	HAPS Data	Class 1 Ozone Depletors	Class 2 Ozone Depletors
Sodium o-(ethylmercurithio)benzoate	X		-

OSHA - Occupational Safety and Health Administration Not applicable

CERCLA Not applicable

California Proposition 65 This product contains the following Proposition 65 chemicals.

Component	CAS-No	California Prop. 65	Prop 65 NSRL	Category
Sodium o-(ethylmercurithio)benzoate	54-64-8	Developmental	-	Developmental

U.S. State Right-to-Know Regulations

Component	Massachusetts	New Jersey	Pennsylvania	Illinois	Rhode Island
Sodium o-(ethylmercurithio)benzoate	-	-	X	X	-

U.S. Department of Transportation

Reportable Quantity (RQ): N
 DOT Marine Pollutant N
 DOT Severe Marine Pollutant N

U.S. Department of Homeland Security This product does not contain any DHS chemicals.

Other International Regulations

Mexico - Grade No information available

16. Other information

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