SAFETY DATA SHEET

according to Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006

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SECTION 1: Identification of the substance/mixture and of the company/undertaking

1.1 Product identifiers

Product name : 2-Mercaptoethanol

Product Number : M3148
Brand : Sigma
REACH No. : 01-2119517582-41-XXXX
CAS-No. : 60-24-2

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

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1.4 Emergency telephone number

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SECTION 2: Hazards identification

2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture

Acute toxicity, (Category 3)	H301: Toxic if swallowed.
Acute toxicity, (Category 3)	H331: Toxic if inhaled.
Acute toxicity, (Category 2)	H310: Fatal in contact with skin.
Skin irritation, (Category 2)	H315: Causes skin irritation.
Serious eye damage, (Category 1)	H318: Causes serious eye damage.
Skin sensitisation, (Sub-category 1A)	H317: May cause an allergic skin reaction.

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Reproductive toxicity, (Category 2)	H361f: Suspected of damaging fertility.
Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure, (Category 2), Liver, Heart	H373: May cause damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure if swallowed.
Short-term (acute) aquatic hazard, (Category 1)	H400: Very toxic to aquatic life.
Long-term (chronic) aquatic hazard, (Category 2)	H411: Toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects.

2.2 Label elements

Labelling according Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008

Pictogram



Signal Word	Danger
Hazard Statements	
H301 + H331	Toxic if swallowed or if inhaled.
H310	Fatal in contact with skin.
H315	Causes skin irritation.
H317	May cause an allergic skin reaction.
H318	Causes serious eye damage.
H361f	Suspected of damaging fertility.
H373	May cause damage to organs (Liver, Heart) through prolonged or repeated exposure if swallowed.
H410	Very toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects.
Precautionary Statements	
P273	Avoid release to the environment.
P280	Wear protective gloves/ protective clothing/ eye protection/ face protection.
P301 + P310	IF SWALLOWED: Immediately call a POISON CENTER/ doctor.
P302 + P352 + P310	IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of water. Immediately call a POISON CENTER/ doctor.
P304 + P340 + P311	IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing. Call a POISON CENTER/ doctor.
P305 + P351 + P338	IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.
Supplemental Hazard Statements	none

Reduced Labelling (<= 125 ml)

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Supplemental Hazard Statements	none

2.3 Other hazards

This substance/mixture contains no components considered to be either persistent, bioaccumulative and toxic (PBT), or very persistent and very bioaccumulative (vPvB) at levels of 0.1% or higher.

Ecological information:
The substance/mixture does not contain components considered to have endocrine disrupting properties according to REACH Article 57(f) or Commission Delegated regulation (EU) 2017/2100 or Commission Regulation (EU) 2018/605 at levels of 0.1% or higher.
Toxicological information:
The substance/mixture does not contain components considered to have endocrine disrupting properties according to REACH Article 57(f) or Commission Delegated regulation (EU) 2017/2100 or Commission Regulation (EU) 2018/605 at levels of 0.1% or higher.
Stench.
Stench., Rapidly absorbed through skin.

SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients

3.1 Substances

Synonyms	:	2-Hydroxyethylmercaptan β-Mercaptoethanol beta mercaptoethanol Thioethylene glycol BME
Formula	:	C2H6OS
Molecular weight	:	78,13 g/mol
CAS-No.	:	60-24-2
EC-No.	:	200-464-6

Component		Classification	Concentration
Mercaptoethanol			
CAS-No. EC-No.	60-24-2 200-464-6	Acute Tox. 3; Acute Tox. 2; Skin Irrit. 2; Eye Dam. 1; Skin Sens. 1A; Repr. 2; STOT RE 2; Aquatic Acute 1; Aquatic Chronic 2;	<= 100 %

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	H301, H331, H310, H315, H318, H317, H361f, H373, H400, H411 M-Factor - Aquatic Acute: 1	

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

SECTION 4: First aid measures

4.1 Description of first aid measures

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

If inhaled
After inhalation: fresh air. Immediately call in physician. If breathing stops: immediately apply artificial respiration, if necessary also oxygen.

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.

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

SECTION 5: Firefighting measures

5.1 Extinguishing media

Suitable extinguishing media
Water Foam Carbon dioxide (CO2) Dry powder

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

5.2 Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture
Carbon oxides
Sulphur oxides
Combustible.
Vapours are heavier than air and may spread along floors.
Forms explosive mixtures with air on intense heating.
Development of hazardous combustion gases or vapours possible in the event of fire.

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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
Remove container from danger zone and cool with water. Suppress (knock down) gases/vapours/mists with a water spray jet. Prevent fire extinguishing water from contaminating surface water or the ground water system.

SECTION 6: Accidental release measures

6.1 Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures
Advice for non-emergency personnel: Do not breathe vapours, aerosols. Avoid substance contact. Ensure adequate ventilation. Keep away from heat and sources of ignition.
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 with liquid-absorbent material (e.g. Chemizorb®). Dispose of properly. Clean up affected area.

6.4 Reference to other sections
For disposal see section 13.

SECTION 7: Handling and storage

7.1 Precautions for safe handling

Advice on safe handling
Work under hood. Do not inhale substance/mixture. Avoid generation of vapours/aerosols.

Advice on protection against fire and explosion
Keep away from open flames, hot surfaces and sources of ignition.Take precautionary measures against static discharge.

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. Keep in a well-ventilated place. Keep locked up or in an area accessible only to qualified or authorised persons.
Storage stability Recommended storage temperature
2 - 8 °C
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

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SECTION 8: Exposure controls/personal protection

8.1 Control parameters

Ingredients with workplace control parameters

Derived No Effect Level (DNEL)

Application Area	Exposure routes	Health effect	Value
Worker DNEL, acute	inhalation	Systemic effects	0,17 mg/m3
Worker DNEL, longterm	inhalation	Systemic effects	0,17 mg/m3
Worker DNEL, longterm	dermal	Systemic effects	
Worker DNEL, acute	dermal	Systemic effects	

Predicted No Effect Concentration (PNEC)

Compartment	Value
Fresh water	0,0004 mg/l
Marine water	0,00004 mg/l
Aquatic intermittent release	0,004 mg/l
Sewage treatment plant	60 mg/l
Fresh water sediment	0,0015 mg/kg
Marine sediment	0,00015 mg/kg
Soil	0,000063 mg/kg

8.2 Exposure controls

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 EN 16523-1 please contact the supplier of CE-approved gloves (e.g. KCL GmbH, D-36124 Eichenzell, Internet: www.kcl.de).
Full contact
Material: butyl-rubber
Minimum layer thickness: 0,7 mm
Break through time: 480 min
Material tested:Butoject® (KCL 898)

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Splash contact

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Material: Nitrile rubber
Minimum layer thickness: 0,4 mm
Break through time: 120 min
Material tested:Camatril® (KCL 730 / Aldrich Z677442, Size M)

Body Protection
protective clothing

Respiratory protection
Recommended Filter type: Filter B-(P3)

The entrepeneur has to ensure that maintenance, cleaning and testing of respiratory protective devices are carried out according to the instructions of the producer. These measures have to be properly documented.

Control of environmental exposure
Do not let product enter drains.

SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties

9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties

a)	Physical state	liquid
b)	Color	colourless
c)	Odor	characteristic
d)	Melting point/freezing point	Melting point/ range: -50 °C
e)	Initial boiling point and boiling range	157 °C
f)	Flammability (solid, gas)	No data available
g)	Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits	Upper explosion limit: 18 %(V) Lower explosion limit: 2,3 %(V)
h)	Flash point	74 °C - closed cup
i)	Autoignition temperature	No data available
j)	Decomposition temperature	No data available
k)	pH	4,5 - 6 at 500 g/l at 20 °C
l)	Viscosity	Viscosity, kinematic: No data available Viscosity, dynamic: 3,4 mPa.s at 20 °C
m)	Water solubility	at 20 °C soluble
n)	Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water	log Pow: -0,056 at 25 °C - Bioaccumulation is not expected.
o)	Vapor pressure	0,76 hPa at 20 °C
p)	Density	1,114 g/mL at 25 °C
	Relative density	No data available

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q)	Relative vapour density	No data available
r)	Particle characteristics	No data available
s)	Explosive properties	Not classified as explosive.
t)	Oxidizing properties	none

9.2 Other safety information

Relative vapour density	2,70 - (Air = 1.0)

SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity

10.1 Reactivity

Forms explosive mixtures with air on intense heating.
A range from approx. 15 Kelvin below the flash point is to be rated as critical.

10.2 Chemical stability

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

10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions

Violent reactions possible with:
Strong oxidizing agents
A risk of explosion and/or of toxic gas formation exists with the following substances:
Acids

10.4 Conditions to avoid

Strong heating.

10.5 Incompatible materials

Metals, Oxidizing agents, Strong oxidizing agents

10.6 Hazardous decomposition products

In the event of fire: see section 5

SECTION 11: Toxicological information

11.1 Information on toxicological effects

Acute toxicity

LD50 Oral - Mouse - 190 mg/kg
Remarks: (RTECS)
Symptoms: Irritations of mucous membranes in the mouth, pharynx, oesophagus and gastrointestinal tract.
Acute toxicity estimate Oral - 190 mg/kg
(ATE value derived from LD50/LC50 value)
LC50 Inhalation - Rat - male - 4 h - 2,05 mg/l - vapour

Remarks: (ECHA)
Symptoms: Possible damages:, mucosal irritations, Cough, Shortness of breath
Acute toxicity estimate Inhalation - 2,05 mg/l - vapour

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(ATE value derived from LD50/LC50 value)
LD50 Dermal - Rabbit - male and female - 112 - 224 mg/kg
Remarks: (ECHA)
Acute toxicity estimate Dermal - 50 mg/kg
(ATE value derived from LD50/LC50 value)

Skin corrosion/irritation
Skin - Rabbit
Result: Irritations
(OECD Test Guideline 404)

Serious eye damage/eye irritation
Eyes - Rabbit
Result: Severe irritations
(Draize Test)
Remarks: (External MSDS)
Remarks: Risk of corneal clouding.

Respiratory or skin sensitization
Maximisation Test - Guinea pig
Result: positive
(OECD Test Guideline 406)

Germ cell mutagenicity
No data available

Test Type: Chromosome aberration test
Species: Mouse
Cell type: Bone marrow
Application Route: Intraperitoneal
Method: OECD Test Guideline 474
Result: negative

Carcinogenicity
No data available

Reproductive toxicity
Suspected of damaging fertility.

Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure
No data available

Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure
Ingestion - May cause damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure.
- Liver, Heart

Aspiration hazard
No data available

11.2 Additional Information

Endocrine disrupting properties

Product:

Assessment	The substance/mixture does not contain components considered to have endocrine disrupting properties according to REACH Article 57(f) or Commission Delegated regulation (EU) 2017/2100 or Commission Regulation (EU) 2018/605 at levels of 0.1% or higher.

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Repeated dose toxicity - Rat - male and female - Oral - 49 d - No observed adverse effect level - 15 mg/kg - Lowest observed adverse effect level - 50 mg/kg

RTECS: KL5600000
burning sensation, Cough, wheezing, laryngitis, Shortness of breath, Headache, Nausea, Vomiting, Weakness, Unconsciousness, Material is extremely destructive to tissue of the mucous membranes and upper respiratory tract, eyes, and skin., spasm, inflammation and edema of the larynx, spasm, inflammation and edema of the bronchi, pneumonitis, pulmonary edema
To the best of our knowledge, the chemical, physical, and toxicological properties have not been thoroughly investigated.

Systemic effects:

CNS disorders
Nausea
Vomiting
Convulsions
narcosis

The following applies to mercaptans in general: offensive odour.

Other dangerous properties can not be excluded.

This substance should be handled with particular care.

SECTION 12: Ecological information

12.1 Toxicity

Toxicity to fish	static test LC50 - Leuciscus idus (Golden orfe) - 37 mg/l - 96 h (DIN 38412 T15)
Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates	static test EC50 - Daphnia magna (Water flea) - 0,4 mg/l - 48 h (OECD Test Guideline 202)
Toxicity to algae	static test ErC50 - Desmodesmus subspicatus (green algae) - 19 mg/l - 72 h (OECD Test Guideline 201)
Toxicity to bacteria	static test EC50 - Pseudomonas putida - 125 mg/l - 17 h (DIN 38 412 Part 8)
Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates(Chronic toxicity)	semi-static test NOEC - Daphnia magna (Water flea) - > 0,0632 mg/l - 21 d (OECD Test Guideline 211)

12.2 Persistence and degradability

Biodegradability	aerobic - Exposure time 60 d Result: 69 % - Not readily biodegradable. (OECD Test Guideline 310) Remarks: (ECHA)
Biochemical Oxygen	105 mg/g

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Demand (BOD)	Remarks: (IUCLID)
Chemical Oxygen Demand (COD)	1,894 mg/g Remarks: (IUCLID)

12.3 Bioaccumulative potential
Does not accumulate in organisms.

12.4 Mobility in soil
No data available

12.5 Results of PBT and vPvB assessment
This substance/mixture contains no components considered to be either persistent, bioaccumulative and toxic (PBT), or very persistent and very bioaccumulative (vPvB) at levels of 0.1% or higher.

12.6 Endocrine disrupting properties
Product:

Assessment	:	The substance/mixture does not contain components considered to have endocrine disrupting properties according to REACH Article 57(f) or Commission Delegated regulation (EU) 2017/2100 or Commission Regulation (EU) 2018/605 at levels of 0.1% or higher.

12.7 Other adverse effects

SECTION 13: Disposal considerations

13.1 Waste treatment methods
No data available

SECTION 14: Transport information

14.1 UN number
ADR/RID: 2966 IMDG: 2966 IATA: 2966

14.2 UN proper shipping name
ADR/RID: THIOGLYCOL
IMDG: THIOGLYCOL
IATA: Thioglycol

14.3 Transport hazard class(es)
ADR/RID: 6.1 IMDG: 6.1 IATA: 6.1

14.4 Packaging group
ADR/RID: II IMDG: II IATA: II

14.5 Environmental hazards
ADR/RID: yes IMDG Marine pollutant: yes IATA: no

14.6 Special precautions for user

Tunnel restriction code	:	(D/E)
Further information	:	No data available

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14.7 Maritime transport in bulk according to IMO instruments

Not applicable for product as supplied.

SECTION 15: Regulatory information

15.1 Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture

This material safety data sheet complies with the requirements of Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006.

National legislation

Seveso III: Directive 2012/18/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council on the control of major-accident hazards involving dangerous substances.	H2	ACUTE TOXIC
	E1	ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS

15.2 Chemical safety assessment

A Chemical Safety Assessment has been carried out for this substance.

SECTION 16: Other information

Full text of H-Statements

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Full text of other abbreviations

ADN - European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterways; ADR - Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road; AIIC - Australian Inventory of Industrial Chemicals; ASTM - American Society for the Testing of Materials; bw - Body weight; CMR - Carcinogen, Mutagen or Reproductive Toxicant; DIN - Standard of the German Institute for Standardisation; DSL - Domestic Substances List (Canada); ECx - Concentration associated with x% response; ELx - Loading rate associated with x% response; EmS - Emergency Schedule; ENCS - Existing and New Chemical Substances (Japan); ErCx - Concentration associated with x% growth rate response; GHS - Globally Harmonised System; GLP - Good Laboratory Practice; IARC - International Agency for Research on Cancer; IATA - International Air Transport Association; IBC - International Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships carrying Dangerous Chemicals in Bulk; IC50 - Half maximal inhibitory concentration; ICAO - International Civil Aviation Organization; IECSC - Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances in China; IMDG - International Maritime Dangerous Goods; IMO - International Maritime Organisation; ISHL - Industrial Safety and Health Law (Japan); ISO - International Organisation for Standardisation; KECI - Korea Existing Chemicals Inventory; LC50 - Lethal Concentration to 50 % of a test population; LD50 - Lethal Dose to 50% of a test population (Median Lethal Dose); MARPOL - International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships; n.o.s. - Not Otherwise Specified; NO(A)EC - No Observed (Adverse) Effect Concentration; NO(A)EL - No Observed (Adverse) Effect Level; NOELR - No Observable Effect Loading Rate; NZIoC - New Zealand Inventory of Chemicals; OECD - Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development; OPPTS - Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention; PBT - Persistent, Bioaccumulative and Toxic substance; PICCS - Philippines Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances; (Q)SAR - (Quantitative) Structure Activity Relationship; REACH - Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals; RID - Regulations concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Rail; SADT - Self-Accelerating Decomposition Temperature; SDS - Safety Data Sheet; TCSI - Taiwan Chemical Substance Inventory; TECI - Thailand Existing Chemicals Inventory; TSCA - Toxic Substances Control Act (United States); UN - United Nations; UNRTDG - United Nations Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods; vPvB - Very Persistent and Very Bioaccumulative

Further information

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