

## SAFETY DATA SHEET

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Print Date 01/15/2022**SECTION 1: Identification of the substance/mixture and of the company/undertaking****1.1 Product identifiers**

Product name : Mercury(II) thiocyanate

Product Number : 481823

Brand : Aldrich

Index-No. : 080-002-00-6

CAS-No. : 592-85-8

**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**

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**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

Acute toxicity, Inhalation (Category 2), H330

Acute toxicity, Dermal (Category 1), H310

Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure (Category 2), H373

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 + H310 + H330 H373	Fatal if swallowed, in contact with skin or if inhaled. May cause damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure.
H410	Very toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects.
Precautionary statement(s)	
P260	Do not breathe dust/ fume/ gas/ mist/ vapors/ 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.
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

Contact with acids liberates very toxic gas.

## SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients

### 3.1 Substances

Synonyms	: Mercuric thiocyanate
Formula	: $C_2HgN_2S_2$
Molecular weight	: 316.75 g/mol
CAS-No.	: 592-85-8
EC-No.	: 209-773-0
Index-No.	: 080-002-00-6

Component	Classification	Concentration
<b>Mercury(II) thiocyanate</b>	Acute Tox. 2; Acute Tox. 1; STOT RE 2; Aquatic Acute 1; Aquatic Chronic 1; H300, H330, H310, H373, H400, H410 Concentration limits: >= 0.1 %: STOT RE 2,	<= 100 %

	H373; M-Factor - Aquatic Acute: 100	
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## SECTION 4: First aid measures

### 4.1 Description of first-aid measures

#### General advice

Consult a physician. Show this material 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

Flush eyes with water as a precaution.

#### 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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## SECTION 5: Firefighting measures

### 5.1 Extinguishing media

#### Suitable extinguishing media

Dry powder

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

Carbon oxides  
Nitrogen oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>)  
Sulfur oxides  
Mercury/mercury oxides.

### 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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## SECTION 6: Accidental release measures

### 6.1 Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

Wear respiratory protection. Avoid dust formation. Avoid breathing vapors, 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. Do not flush with water. Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal.

### 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

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.

**Advice on safe handling**  
Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Avoid formation of dust and aerosols.

#### Advice on protection against fire and explosion

Provide appropriate exhaust ventilation at places where dust is formed.

#### Hygiene measures

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

For precautions see section 2.2.

### 7.2 Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

#### Storage conditions

Keep container tightly closed in a dry and well-ventilated place.

Never allow product to get in contact with water during storage. Do not store near acids.

Light sensitive. Moisture sensitive. Keep in a dry place.

#### Storage class

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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## SECTION 8: Exposure controls/personal protection

### 8.1 Control parameters

#### Ingredients with workplace control parameters

Component	CAS-No.	Value	Control parameters	Basis
Mercury(II) thiocyanate	592-85-8	TWA	0.025 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	USA. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)
	Remarks	Not classifiable as a human carcinogen Danger of cutaneous absorption		
		C	0.1 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	USA. OSHA - TABLE Z-1 Limits for Air Contaminants - 1910.1000
		Skin notation		
		TWA	0.05 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	USA. NIOSH Recommended Exposure Limits
		Potential for dermal absorption		
		C	0.1 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	USA. NIOSH Recommended Exposure Limits
		Potential for dermal absorption		
		PEL	0.025 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	California permissible exposure limits for chemical contaminants (Title 8, Article 107)
		Skin		
		C	0.1 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.

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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: powder                                   |
| b) Odor   | No data available                              |
| c) Odor Threshold                               | No data available                              |
| d) pH   | No data available                              |
| e) Melting point/freezing point                 | Melting point/range: 165 °C (329 °F) - dec.    |
| f) Initial boiling point and boiling range      | No data available                              |
| g) Flash point                                  | 120 °C (248 °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) Vapor pressure                               | No data available                              |
| l) Vapor density                                | No data available                              |
| m) Density                                      | 3.71 g/cm <sup>3</sup> at 25 °C (77 °F) - lit. |
| 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                    | > 110 °C (> 230 °F) -                          |
| 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

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## SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity

### 10.1 Reactivity

Contact with acids liberates very toxic gas.

### 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, Nitric acid, Peroxides, Chlorates

### 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

LD50 Oral - Rat - 46 mg/kg

Inhalation: Irritating to respiratory system.

LD50 Dermal - 5 mg/kg

Dermal: No data available

No data available

#### Skin corrosion/irritation

No data available

#### Serious eye damage/eye irritation

No data available

#### Respiratory or skin sensitization

No data available

#### Germ cell mutagenicity

No data available

#### Carcinogenicity

IARC: 3 - Group 3: Not classifiable as to its carcinogenicity to humans (Mercury(II) thiocyanate)

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.

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.

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**

No data available

No data available

**Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure**

No data available

**Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure**

May cause damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure. **Aspiration hazard**

No data available

**11.2 Additional Information**

May cause nervous system disturbances., Exposure to mercury compounds can cause: , Irritation, Abdominal pain, Nausea, Vomiting, Diarrhea, cardiovascular collapse with hypotension, renal failure

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**SECTION 12: Ecological information**

**12.1 Toxicity**

Toxicity to fish LC50 - Pimephales promelas (fathead minnow) - 0.15 mg/l - 96 h

Toxicity to daphnia EC50 - Daphnia magna (Water flea) - 0.0052 mg/l - 48 h  
and other aquatic  
invertebrates

Toxicity to algae IC50 - Ankistrodesmus falcatus - 0.162 mg/l - 96 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 with long lasting effects.

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**SECTION 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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### SECTION 14: Transport information

#### DOT (US)

UN number: 1646 Class: 6.1 Packing group: II  
Proper shipping name: Mercury thiocyanate  
Reportable Quantity (RQ): 10 lbs  
1) Marine pollutant: yes Poison Inhalation Hazard: No

#### IMDG

UN number: 1646 Class: 6.1 Packing group: II EMS-No: F-A, S-A  
Proper shipping name: MERCURY THIOCYANATE  
Marine pollutant : yes  
Marine pollutant : yes

#### IATA

UN number: 1646 Class: 6.1 Packing group: II  
Proper shipping name: Mercury thiocyanate

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### SECTION 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

#### Massachusetts Right To Know Components

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

#### Pennsylvania Right To Know Components

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#### California Prop. 65 Components

WARNING: This product contains a chemical known in the State of California to cause birth defects or other reproductive harm. Mercury(II) thiocyanate	CAS-No. 592-85-8	Revision Date 2013-12-20
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## SECTION 16: Other information

### Further information

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