

# 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 : Chloramphenicol

Product Number : R4408  
Brand : Sigma  
CAS-No. : 56-75-7

### 1.2 Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against

Identified uses : Laboratory chemicals, Synthesis of substances

Uses advised against : The product is being supplied under the TSCA R&D Exemption (40 CFR Section 720.36). It is the recipient's responsibility to comply with the requirements of the R&D exemption. The product may not be used for a non-exempt commercial purpose under TSCA unless appropriate consent is granted in writing by MilliporeSigma.

### 1.3 Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

Company : Sigma-Aldrich Inc.  
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UNITED STATES  
Telephone : +1 314 771-5765  
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### 1.4 Emergency telephone

Emergency Phone # : 800-424-9300 CHEMTREC (USA) +1-703-527-3887 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)

Flammable liquids (Category 2), H225  
Serious eye damage (Category 1), H318  
Carcinogenicity (Category 2), H351  
Reproductive toxicity (Category 2), H361

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 Statements

H225 Highly flammable liquid and vapor.  
H318 Causes serious eye damage.  
H351 Suspected of causing cancer.  
H361 Suspected of damaging fertility or the unborn child.

Precautionary Statements

P201 Obtain special instructions before use.  
P202 Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood.  
P210 Keep away from heat/ sparks/ open flames/ hot surfaces. No smoking.  
P233 Keep container tightly closed.  
P240 Ground/bond container and receiving equipment.  
P241 Use explosion-proof electrical/ ventilating/ lighting/ equipment.  
P242 Use only non-sparking tools.  
P243 Take precautionary measures against static discharge.  
P280 Wear protective gloves/ protective clothing/ eye protection/ face protection.  
P303 + P361 + P353 IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/ shower.  
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.  
P370 + P378 In case of fire: Use dry sand, dry chemical or alcohol-resistant foam to extinguish.  
P403 + P235 Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep cool.  
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

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### SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients

#### 3.2 Mixtures

Synonyms : Chloromycetin  
D-(-)threo-2,2-Dichloro-N-[ $\alpha$ -hydroxy- $\alpha$ -(hydroxymethyl)-  $\beta$ -(4-nitrophenyl)ethyl]acetamide, D-(-)-threo-2-Dichloroacetamido-1-(4-nitro

Formula : C11 H12 Cl2 N2 O5

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Component		Classification	Concentration
<b>ethanol</b>			
CAS-No.	64-17-5	Flam. Liq. 2; Eye Irrit. 2A; H225, H319 Concentration limits: >= 50 %: Eye Irrit. 2A, H319;	>= 70 - < 90 %
EC-No.	200-578-6		
Index-No.	603-002-00-5		
Registration number	01-2119457610-43-XXXX		
<b>Chloramphenicol</b>			
CAS-No.	56-75-7	Eye Dam. 1; Carc. 2; Repr. 2; H318, H351, H361	>= 10 - < 20 %
<b>2-Propanol</b>			
CAS-No.	67-63-0	Flam. Liq. 2; Eye Irrit. 2A; STOT SE 3; H225, H319, H336 Concentration limits: >= 20 %: STOT SE 3, H336;	>= 1 - < 5 %
EC-No.	200-661-7		
Index-No.	603-003-00-0		
Registration number	01-2119457558-25-XXXX		

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

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. Consult a physician.

#### In case of eye contact

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

#### If swallowed

After swallowing: immediately make victim drink water (two glasses at most). 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**

Foam Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) 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

Nitrogen oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>)

Hydrogen chloride gas

Combustible.

Pay attention to flashback.

Vapors are heavier than air and may spread along floors.

Development of hazardous combustion gases or vapours possible in the event of fire.

Forms explosive mixtures with air at ambient temperatures.

### **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/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: Do not breathe vapors, 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. Risk of explosion.

### **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.

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## **SECTION 7: Handling and storage**

### **7.1 Precautions for safe handling**

#### **Advice on safe handling**

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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**

Keep container tightly closed in a dry and well-ventilated place. Keep away from heat and sources of ignition.

**Storage stability** Recommended storage temperature  
-20 °C

**Storage class**

Storage class (TRGS 510): 3: Flammable liquids

**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
ethanol	64-17-5	TWA	1,000 ppm 1,900 mg/m3	USA. Occupational Exposure Limits (OSHA) - Table Z-1 Limits for Air Contaminants
		STEL	1,000 ppm	USA. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)
	Remarks	Confirmed animal carcinogen with unknown relevance to humans		
		TWA	1,000 ppm 1,900 mg/m3	USA. NIOSH Recommended Exposure Limits
		PEL	1,000 ppm 1,900 mg/m3	California permissible exposure limits for chemical contaminants (Title 8, Article 107)
Chloramphenicol	56-75-7	TWA	0.5 mg/m3	USA. Workplace Environmental Exposure Levels (WEEL)
2-Propanol	67-63-0	TWA	200 ppm	USA. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)
		Not classifiable as a human carcinogen		
		STEL	400 ppm	USA. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)
		Not classifiable as a human carcinogen		

		ST	500 ppm 1,225 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	USA. NIOSH Recommended Exposure Limits
		TWA	400 ppm 980 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	USA. NIOSH Recommended Exposure Limits
		TWA	400 ppm 980 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	USA. Occupational Exposure Limits (OSHA) - Table Z-1 Limits for Air Contaminants
		PEL	400 ppm 980 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	California permissible exposure limits for chemical contaminants (Title 8, Article 107)
		STEL	500 ppm 1,225 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	California permissible exposure limits for chemical contaminants (Title 8, Article 107)

#### Biological occupational exposure limits

Component	CAS-No.	Parameters	Value	Biological specimen	Basis
2-Propanol	67-63-0	Acetone	40 mg/l	Urine	ACGIH - Biological Exposure Indices (BEI)
	Remarks	End of shift at end of workweek			

## 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

required

#### Body Protection

Flame retardant antistatic protective clothing.

#### Respiratory protection

Recommended Filter type: Filter type ABEK

The entrepreneur 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.

required when vapours/aerosols 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. Risk of explosion.

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### SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties

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

a) Appearance	Form: liquid
b) Odor	No data available
c) Odor Threshold	No data available
d) pH	No data available
e) Melting point/freezing point	No data available
f) Initial boiling point and boiling range	No data available
g) Flash point	( )No data available
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	No data available
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	Not classified as explosive.
t) Oxidizing properties	none

#### 9.2 Other safety information

No data available

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## SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity

### 10.1 Reactivity

Vapors may form explosive mixture with air.

### 10.2 Chemical stability

Reacts with air to form peroxides.

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

### 10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions

No data available

### 10.4 Conditions to avoid

Warming.

### 10.5 Incompatible materials

Alkali metals, Ammonia, Oxidizing agents, Peroxides

### 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

#### Mixture

#### Acute toxicity

Oral: No data available

Acute toxicity estimate Oral - > 5,000 mg/kg

(Calculation method)

Acute toxicity estimate Inhalation - 4 h - > 200 mg/l - vapor(Calculation method)

Symptoms: Possible symptoms:, mucosal irritations

Dermal: No data available

#### Skin corrosion/irritation

No data available

#### Serious eye damage/eye irritation

Remarks: Mixture causes serious eye damage.

#### Respiratory or skin sensitization

No data available

#### Germ cell mutagenicity

No data available

#### Carcinogenicity

Evidence of a carcinogenic effect.

IARC: 2A - Group 2A: Probably carcinogenic to humans (Chloramphenicol)

NTP: RAHC - Reasonably anticipated to be a human carcinogen (Chloramphenicol)

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 of damaging the unborn child.

Suspected of damaging fertility.

**Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure**

No data available

**Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure**

No data available

**Aspiration hazard**

No data available

**11.2 Additional Information**

Central nervous system depression, narcosis, Damage to the heart., To the best of our knowledge, the chemical, physical, and toxicological properties have not been thoroughly investigated.

Other dangerous properties can not be excluded.

This substance should be handled with particular care.

Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.

Stomach - Irregularities - Based on Human Evidence

Liver - Irregularities - Based on Human Evidence

Kidney - Irregularities - Based on Human Evidence

**Components**

**ethanol**

**Acute toxicity**

LD50 Oral - Rat - male and female - 10,470 mg/kg

(OECD Test Guideline 401)

LC50 Inhalation - Rat - male and female - 4 h - 124.7 mg/l - vapor

(OECD Test Guideline 403)

Dermal: No data available

**Skin corrosion/irritation**

Skin - Rabbit

Result: No skin irritation - 24 h

(OECD Test Guideline 404)

**Serious eye damage/eye irritation**

Eyes - Rabbit

Result: Causes serious eye irritation.

(OECD Test Guideline 405)

**Respiratory or skin sensitization**

Maximization Test - Guinea pig

Result: negative  
(OECD Test Guideline 406)  
Remarks: (in analogy to similar products)  
The value is given in analogy to the following substances: Methanol

**Germ cell mutagenicity**

Test Type: Ames test  
Test system: Salmonella typhimurium  
Result: negative  
Test Type: In vitro mammalian cell gene mutation test  
Test system: mouse lymphoma cells  
Result: negative  
Method: OECD Test Guideline 478  
Species: Mouse - male  
Result: Positive results were obtained in some in vivo tests.

**Carcinogenicity**

No data available

**Reproductive toxicity**

No data available

**Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure**

No data available

**Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure**

**Aspiration hazard**

No data available

**Chloramphenicol**

**Acute toxicity**

LD50 Oral - Rat - 2,500 mg/kg  
Remarks: (RTECS)  
Inhalation: No data available  
Dermal: No data available

**Skin corrosion/irritation**

No data available

**Serious eye damage/eye irritation**

Remarks: Causes serious eye damage.

**Respiratory or skin sensitization**

No data available  
Prolonged or repeated exposure may cause allergic reactions in certain sensitive individuals.

**Germ cell mutagenicity**

No data available

**Carcinogenicity**

Suspected of causing cancer.

**Reproductive toxicity**

Suspected of damaging the unborn child.

Suspected of damaging fertility.

**Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure**

No data available

**Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure**

No data available

**Aspiration hazard**

No data available

**2-Propanol**

**Acute toxicity**

LD50 Oral - Rat - 5,840 mg/kg

(OECD Test Guideline 401)

LC50 Inhalation - Rat - male and female - 4 h - 37.5 mg/l - vapor

(OECD Test Guideline 403)

LD50 Dermal - Rabbit - 12,800 mg/kg

Remarks: (RTECS)

**Skin corrosion/irritation**

Skin - Rabbit

Result: No skin irritation - 4 h

(OECD Test Guideline 404)

**Serious eye damage/eye irritation**

Eyes - Rabbit

Result: Eye irritation

(OECD Test Guideline 405)

Remarks: (Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008, Annex VI)

**Respiratory or skin sensitization**

Buehler Test - Guinea pig

Result: negative

(OECD Test Guideline 406)

**Germ cell mutagenicity**

Test Type: Ames test

Test system: Salmonella typhimurium

Result: negative

Test Type: In vitro mammalian cell gene mutation test

Test system: Chinese hamster ovary cells

Result: negative

Method: OECD Test Guideline 474

Species: Mouse - male and female - Bone marrow

Result: negative

**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.

**Reproductive toxicity**

No data available

**Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure**

Inhalation, Oral - May cause drowsiness or dizziness. - Central nervous system  
Remarks: Classified according to Regulation (EU) 1272/2008, Annex VI (Table 3.1/3.2)

Acute inhalation toxicity - Central nervous system

**Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure**

No data available

**Aspiration hazard**

No data available

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**SECTION 12: Ecological information****12.1 Toxicity****Mixture**

No data available

**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 Endocrine disrupting properties**

No data available

**12.7 Other adverse effects**

No data available

**Components****ethanol**

Toxicity to fish	flow-through test LC50 - Pimephales promelas (fathead minnow) - 15,300 mg/l - 96 h (US-EPA)
Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates	static test LC50 - Ceriodaphnia dubia (water flea) - 5,012 mg/l - 48 h Remarks: (ECHA)
Toxicity to algae	static test ErC50 - Chlorella vulgaris (Fresh water algae) - 275 mg/l - 72 h (OECD Test Guideline 201)
Toxicity to bacteria	static test IC50 - activated sludge - > 1,000 mg/l - 3 h (OECD Test Guideline 209)

Toxicity to fish(Chronic toxicity) semi-static test NOEC - Danio rerio (zebra fish) - 250 mg/l - 120 h  
Remarks: (ECHA)

Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates(Chronic toxicity) semi-static test NOEC - Daphnia magna (Water flea) - 9.6 mg/l - 9 d  
Remarks: (ECHA)

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Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates EC50 - Daphnia magna (Water flea) - 345 mg/l - 48 h  
Remarks: (ECOTOX Database)

### **2-Propanol**

Toxicity to fish flow-through test LC50 - Pimephales promelas (fathead minnow) - 9,640 mg/l - 96 h  
(OECD Test Guideline 203)

Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates EC50 - Daphnia magna (Water flea) - 13,299 mg/l - 48 h  
Remarks: (IUCLID)

Toxicity to algae IC50 - Desmodesmus subspicatus (green algae) - > 1,000 mg/l - 72 h  
Remarks: (IUCLID)

Toxicity to bacteria EC5 - Pseudomonas putida - 1,050 mg/l - 16 h  
Remarks: (Lit.)

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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.

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## **SECTION 14: Transport information**

### **DOT (US)**

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UN number: 1170 Class: 3 Packing group: II  
Proper shipping name: Ethanol solutions  
Reportable Quantity (RQ):  
Poison Inhalation Hazard: No

**IMDG**

UN number: 1170 Class: 3 Packing group: II EMS-No: F-E, S-D  
Proper shipping name: ETHANOL SOLUTION

**IATA**

UN number: 1170 Class: 3 Packing group: II  
Proper shipping name: Ethanol solution

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**SECTION 15: Regulatory information**

**CERCLA Reportable Quantity**

This material does not contain any components with a CERCLA RQ.

**SARA 304 Extremely Hazardous Substances Reportable Quantity**

This material does not contain any components with a section 304 EHS RQ.

**SARA 302 Extremely Hazardous Substances Threshold Planning Quantity**

This material does not contain any components with a section 302 EHS TPQ.

**SARA 311/312 Hazards** : Fire Hazard  
Acute Health Hazard  
Chronic Health Hazard

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

2-Propanol 67-63-0 >= 1 - < 5 %

**US State Regulations**

**Massachusetts Right To Know**

ethanol	64-17-5
Chloramphenicol	56-75-7
2-Propanol	67-63-0

**Pennsylvania Right To Know**

ethanol	64-17-5
Chloramphenicol	56-75-7
2-Propanol	67-63-0

**Maine Chemicals of High Concern**

Product does not contain any listed chemicals

**Vermont Chemicals of High Concern**

Product does not contain any listed chemicals

**Washington Chemicals of High Concern**

Product does not contain any listed chemicals

## California Prop. 65

WARNING: This product can expose you to chemicals including ethanol, which is/are known to the State of California to cause cancer and birth defects or other reproductive harm. For more information go to [www.P65Warnings.ca.gov](http://www.P65Warnings.ca.gov).

### The ingredients of this product are reported in the following inventories:

TSCA : All substances listed as active on the TSCA inventory

### TSCA list

No substances are subject to a Significant New Use Rule.

No substances are subject to TSCA 12(b) export notification requirements.

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## SECTION 16: Other information

### Further information

The information is believed to be correct but is not exhaustive and will be used solely as a guideline, which is based on current knowledge of the chemical substance or mixture and is applicable to appropriate safety precautions for the product. 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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