

1. Identification of the substance/mixture and of the company/undertaking

1.1 Product identifier

Product name : Thimerosal
Product code : GA6948
CAS number : 54-64-8
EINECS : 200-210-4

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

PC21: Laboratory chemicals.

1.3 Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

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1.4 Emergency telephone number

Emergency telephone number: +44 (0) 1225 667 798 (09.00 - 17.00 GMT)

1.5 REACH

A registration number is not available for this substance as the substance or its uses are exempted from registration, the annual tonnage does not require a registration or the registration is envisaged for a later registration deadline.

2. Hazards identification

2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture

Classification under CLP

Acute Oral Tox. 2, Acute Derm. Tox. 1, Acute Inha. Tox. 2, STOT RE 2, Aquatic Acute 1, Aquatic Chronic 1.

2.2 Label elements

Label elements under CLP

Pictograms



Signal words

Danger

Hazard statements

H300 Fatal if swallowed.
H310 Fatal in contact with skin.
H330 Fatal if inhaled.
H373 May cause damage to organs.
H410 Very toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects.

Precautionary statements

P260 Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/vapours/spray.
P273 Avoid release to the environment.
P280 Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection.
P284 Wear respiratory protection.
P301 + P310 IF SWALLOWED: Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician.
P304 + P341 IF INHALED: If breathing is difficult, remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing.
P310 Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician.
P308 + P313 IF exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/attention.

2.3 Other hazards

PBT

This substance is not identified as a PBT substance.

3.0 Composition/information on ingredients

3.1 Substances

Product name	: Thimerosal	MW:	404.81
CAS number	: 54-64-8	MF:	C9H9HgNaO2S
EINECS	: 200-210-4		

4.0 First aid measures

4.1 Description of first aid measures

Skin contact

Wash immediately with plenty of soap and water. Remove all contaminated clothes and footwear immediately unless stuck to skin. Drench the affected skin with running water for 10 minutes or longer if substance is still on skin. Consult a doctor. Transfer to hospital if there are burns or symptoms of poisoning.

Eye contact

Bathe the eye with running water for 15 minutes. Transfer to hospital for specialist examination. Consult a doctor.

Ingestion

Wash out mouth with water. Do not induce vomiting. If conscious, give half a litre of water to drink immediately. If unconscious and breathing is OK, place in the recovery position. Consult a doctor. Transfer to hospital as soon as possible.

Inhalation

Consult a doctor. Remove casualty from exposure ensuring one's own safety whilst doing so. If conscious, ensure the casualty sits or lies down. If unconscious and breathing is OK, place in the recovery position. If unconscious, check for breathing and apply artificial respiration if necessary. If breathing becomes bubbly, have the casualty sit and provide oxygen if available. Transfer to hospital as soon as possible.

4.2 Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed

Skin contact

There may be mild irritation at the site of contact. There may be redness or whiteness of the skin in the area of exposure. There may be irritation and redness at the site of contact. Irritation or pain may occur at the site of contact. Absorption through the skin may be fatal.

Eye contact

There may be irritation and redness. There may be pain and redness. There may be severe pain. The eyes may water profusely.

Ingestion

There may be soreness and redness of the mouth and throat. Nausea and stomach pain may occur. There may be vomiting. Convulsions may occur. There may be loss of consciousness. There may be irritation of the throat.

Inhalation

There may be irritation of the throat with a feeling of tightness in the chest. There may be shortness of breath with a burning sensation in the throat. There may be loss of consciousness. Convulsions may occur. Absorption through the lungs can occur causing symptoms similar to those of ingestion.

Delayed / immediate effects

Immediate effects can be expected after short-term exposure.

4.3 Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

Immediate / special treatment

Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance. Immediate medical attention is required. Not applicable.

5.0 Fire-fighting measures

5.1 Extinguishing media

Use water spray to cool containers. Suitable extinguishing media for the surrounding fire should be used.

5.2 Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture

Exposure hazards

Toxic. In combustion emits toxic fumes.

5.3 Advice for fire-fighters

Wear self-contained breathing apparatus. Wear protective clothing to prevent contact with skin and eyes.

6.0 Accidental release measures

6.1 Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

Personal precautions

Refer to section 8 of SDS for personal protection details. Notify the police and fire brigade immediately. If outside do not approach from downwind. If outside keep bystanders upwind and away from danger point. Mark out the contaminated area with signs and prevent access to unauthorised personnel. Do not attempt to take action without suitable protective clothing - see section 8 of SDS.

6.2 Environmental precautions

Do not discharge into drains or rivers.

6.3 Methods and material for containment and cleaning up

Clean-up procedures

Absorb into dry earth or sand. Transfer to a closable, labelled salvage container for disposal by an appropriate method. Clean-up should be dealt with only by qualified personnel familiar with the specific substance.

6.3 Reference to other sections

Refer to section 8 of SDS.

7.0 Handling and storage

7.1 Precautions for safe handling

Handling requirements

Ensure there is sufficient ventilation of the area. Ensure there is exhaust ventilation of the area. Do not handle in a confined space. Avoid the formation or spread of dust in the air. Avoid direct contact with the substance.

7.2 Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Storage conditions

Store in cool, well ventilated area. Keep container tightly closed. Avoid contact with water or humidity.

7.3 Specific end use(s)

No data available.

8.0 Exposure controls/personal protection

8.1 Control parameters

Workplace exposure limits

Not applicable.

8.2 Exposure controls

Engineering measures

Ensure there is sufficient ventilation of the area. Ensure there is exhaust ventilation of the area. Not applicable.

Respiratory protection

Respiratory protective device with particle filter. Particle filter class P1 (EN143). Self-contained breathing apparatus must be available in case of emergency.

Hand protection

Protective gloves. Impermeable gloves.

Eye protection

Safety glasses. Safety glasses with side-shields. Ensure eye bath is to hand.

Skin protection

Protective clothing.

9.0 Physical and chemical properties

9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties

Physical Form: Crystalline powder
Colour: White
Melting Point: ~235 [°C]

9.2 Other information

Not applicable.

10.0 Stability and reactivity

10.1 Reactivity

Stable under recommended transport or storage conditions.

10.2 Chemical stability

Stable under normal conditions.

10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions

Hazardous reactions

Hazardous reactions will not occur under normal transport or storage conditions. Decomposition may occur on exposure to conditions or materials listed below.

10.4 Conditions to avoid

Heat.

10.5 Incompatible materials

Materials to avoid

Strong acids. Strong oxidising agents.

11.0 Toxicological information

11.1 Information on toxicological effects

Toxicity values

Not applicable.

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Other information

12.0 Ecological information

12.1 Toxicity

Not applicable.

12.2 Persistence and degradability

Not biodegradable. Biodegradable.

12.3 Bioaccumulative potential

No bioaccumulation potential. Bioaccumulation potential.

12.4 Mobility in soil

Readily absorbed into soil.

12.5 Results of PBT and vPvB assessment

This substance is not identified as a PBT substance.

12.6 Other adverse effects

Negligible ecotoxicity. Toxic to aquatic organisms.

13.0 Disposal considerations

13.1 Waste treatment methods

Disposal operations

Transfer to a suitable container and arrange for collection by specialised disposal company.

NB

The user's attention is drawn to the possible existence of regional or national regulations regarding disposal.

14.0 Transport information

14.1 UN number

UN2025

14.2 UN proper shipping name

Mercury compound, solid, n.o.s. (Thimerosal)

14.3 Transport hazard class(es)

6.1

14.4 Packing group

III

14.5 Environmental hazards

N/A

14.6 Special precautions for user

No special precautions.

15.0 Regulatory information

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

Not applicable.

Chemical Safety Assessment

A chemical safety assessment has not been carried out for the substance or the mixture by the supplier.

16.0 Other information

Other information

This safety data sheet is prepared in accordance with Commission Regulation (EU) No 453/2010.

Legal disclaimer

The above information is believed to be correct but does not purport to be all inclusive and shall be used only as a guide. This company shall not be held liable for any damage resulting from handling or from contact with the above product.