# Safety Data Sheet



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# 1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

Product Name Mercury

Synonyms Colloidal mercury; Hydrargyrum; Metallic mercury; Quicksilver; Liquid silver

Chemical Formula Hg

CAS No. 7439-97-6 EINECS No. 231-106-7 Hazard Symbols T N

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### 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

### **Emergency Overview:**

Appearance: Silver liquid

Danger! Harmful if inhaled. Corrosive. This substance has caused adverse reproductive and fetal effects in animals. May be absorbed through intact skin. May cause central nervous system effects. May cause liver and kidney damage. Inhalation of fumes may cause metal-fume fever. May cause severe respiratory tract irritation with possible burns. Causes eye and skin irritation and possible burns. May cause severe digestive tract irritation with possible burns. Possible sensitizer.

Target Organs: Blood, kidneys, central nervous system, liver, brain

**NFPA Ratings:** (0 = Minimal; 1 = Slight; 2 = Moderate; 3 = Serious; 4 = Severe)

Health Hazard = 3 Flammability = 0 Reactivity = 0



**HMIS Ratings:** (0 = Minimal; 1 = Slight; 2 = Moderate; 3 = Serious; 4 = Severe)

Health Hazard = 3

Flammability = 0

Physical Hazard = 0

HEALTH HAZARD	3
FLAMMABILITY	0
PHYSICAL HAZARD	0

Eye Exposure to mercury or mercury compounds can cause discoloration on

the front surface of the lens, which does not interfere with vision. Causes eye irritation and possible burns. Contact with mercury or mercury

compounds can cause ulceration of the conjunctiva and cornea.

Skin May be absorbed through the skin in harmful amounts. May cause skin

sensitization, an allergic reaction, which becomes evident upon reexposure to this material. Causes skin irritation and possible burns. May cause skin rash (in milder cases), and cold and clammy skin with

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cyanosis or pale color.

Ingestion May cause severe and permanent damage to the digestive tract. May cause perforation of the digestive tract. May cause effects similar to

those for inhalation exposure. May cause systemic effects.

Inhalation

Causes chemical burns to the respiratory tract. Inhalation of fumes may

cause metal-fume fever, which is characterized by flu-like symptoms with metallic taste, fever, chills, cough, weakness, chest pain, muscle pain and increased white blood cell count. May cause central nervous system effects including vertigo, anxiety, depression, muscle incoordination and emotional instability. Aspiration may lead to pulmonary edema. May

cause systemic effects. May cause respiratory sensitization.

Chronic

May cause liver and kidney damage. May cause reproductive and fetal effects. Effects may be delayed. Chronic exposure to mercury may cause permanent central nervous system damage, fatigue, weight loss, tremors, personality changes. Chronic ingestion may cause accumulation of mercury in body tissues. Prolonged or repeated exposure may cause inflammation of the mouth and gums, excessive salivation, and loosening of the teeth.

# 3. COMPOSITION / INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Chemical Name: Mercury
CAS No: 7439-97-6

Chemical Formula: Hg
Molecular Weight: 200.59

# 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

Eye Exposure Get medical aid immediately. Do NOT allow victim to rub or keep eyes

closed. Extensive irrigation with water is required (at least 30 minutes).

Skin Exposure Get medical aid immediately. Immediately flush skin with plenty of soap

and water for at least 15 minutes while removing contaminated clothing and shoes. Wash clothing before reuse. Destroy contaminated shoes.

Oral Exposure Do NOT induce vomiting. If victim is conscious and alert, give 2-4 cupfuls

of milk or water. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Get medical aid immediately. Wash mouth out with water.

Inhalation Exposure Get medical aid immediately. Remove from exposure to fresh air

immediately. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. Do NOT use mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. If breathing has ceased, apply artificial respiration, using oxygen and a suitable mechanical device such as a bag and a

mask.

Notes to Physician The concentration of mercury in whole blood is a reasonable measure of

the body-burden of mercury and thus is used for monitoring purposes. Treat symptomatically and supportively. Persons with kidney disease, chronic respiratory disease, liver disease, or skin disease may be at

increased risk from exposure to this substance.

Antidote The use of d-Penicillamine as a chelating agent should be determined by

qualified medical personnel. The use of Dimercaprol or BAL (British Anti-Lewisite) as a chelating agent should be determined by qualified medical

personnel.

### 5. FIREFIGHTING MEASURES

General Information As in any fire, wear a self-contained breathing apparatus in pressure-

demand, MSHA/NIOSH (approved or equivalent), and full protective gear. Water runoff can cause environmental damage. Dike and collect water used to fight fire. During a fire, irritating and highly toxic gases may

be generated by thermal decomposition or combustion.

Suitable Extinguishing

Media

Substance is nonflammable; use agent most appropriate to extinguish surrounding fire. Use water spray, dry chemical, carbon dioxide, or

appropriate foam.

Autoignition Temperature

Flash Point

Not applicable

Not applicable

**Explosion Limits** 

Lower Upper Not available Not available

### 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Personal Precautions Use proper personal protective equipment as indicated in Section 8.

Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Avoid inhalation of vapor or mist.

Normal measures for preventive fire protection.

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.

Methods for Cleaning Up Absorb spill with inert material (e.g. vermiculite, sand or earth), then

place in suitable container. Avoid runoff into storm sewers and ditches which lead to waterways. Clean up spills immediately, observing precautions in the Protective Equipment section. Provide ventilation.

# 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

Handling Wash thoroughly after handling. Remove contaminated clothing and

wash before reuse. Minimize dust generation and accumulation. Keep container tightly closed. Do not get on skin or in eyes. Do not ingest or inhale. Use only in a chemical fume hood. Discard contaminated shoes.

Do not breathe vapor.

Storage Keep container closed when not in use. Store in a tightly closed container.

Store in a cool, dry, well-ventilated area away from incompatible substances. Keep away from metals. Store protected from azides.

### 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

Engineering Controls Facilities storing or utilizing this material should be equipped with an

eyewash facility and a safety shower. Use only under a chemical fume

hood.

**Exposure Limits** 

ACGIH 0.025 mg/m<sup>3</sup>; skin - potential for cutaneous absorption

NIOSH 0.05 mg/m³ TWA (vapor)
OSHA - Final PELs 1 mg/10m³ Ceiling (vapor)

OSHA Vacated PELs Mercury: 0.05 mg/m³ TWA (vapor)

**Personal Protective Equipment** 

Eye 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.

Hand Wear appropriate protective gloves to prevent skin exposure.

Body Wear appropriate protective clothing to prevent skin exposure.

Respirators A respiratory protection program that meets OSHA's 29 CFR 1910.134

and ANSI Z88.2 requirements or European Standard EN 149 must be followed whenever workplace conditions warrant a respirator's use.

### 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

**Appearance** 

Physical State Liquid
Color Silver
Odor Odorless

**Safety Data** 

pH: N/A Specific Gravity/Density: 13.59 (water=1)

Vapor Pressure: 0.002 mm Hg @ 25 °C Vapor Density: 0.468

Evaporation Rate: N/A Viscosity: 15.5 mP @ 25 °C

Boiling Point: 356.72 °C Freezing/Melting Point: -38.87 °C Decomposition Temperature: N/A Solubility in Water: Insoluble Molecular Formula: Hg Molecular Weight: 200.59

## 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Chemical Stability Stable under normal temperatures and pressures

Conditions to Avoid High temperatures, incompatible materials

Incompatible Materials Metals, aluminum, ammonia, chlorates, copper, copper alloys,

ethylene oxide, halogens, iron, nitrates, sulfur, sulfuric acid, oxygen, acetylene, lithium, rubidium, sodium carbide, lead, nitromethane, peroxyformic acid, calcium, chlorine dioxide, metal oxides, azides, 3-bromopropyne, alkynes + silver perchlorate, methylsilane + oxygen,

tetracarbonylnickel + oxygen, boron diiodophosphide

Hazardous Decomposition

**Products** 

Mercury/mercury oxides

Hazardous Polymerization Will not occur

#### 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

RTECS No. OV4550000 CAS No. 7439-97-6 LD50/LC50 Not available

Carcinogenicity

**ACGIH** A4 - Not Classifiable as a Human Carcinogen

IARC Group 3 carcinogen

**Epidemiology** Intraperitoneal, Rat: TDLo = 400 mg/kg/14D-I (Tumorigenic - equivocal

tumorigenic agent by RTECS criteria - tumors at site of application).

Inhalation, Rat: TCLo = 1 mg/m<sup>3</sup>/24H (female 1-20 day(s) after Teratogenicity

conception) Effects on Embryo or Fetus - fetotoxicity (except death, e.g.,

stunted fetus).

Reproductive Effects Inhalation, Rat: TCLo = 890 ng/m<sup>3</sup>/24H (male 16 week(s) pre-mating)

> Paternal Effects - spermatogenesis (incl. genetic material, sperm morphology, motility, and count); Inhalation, Rat: TCLo = 7440 mg/m<sup>3</sup>/24H (male 16 week(s) pre-mating) Fertility - post-implantation mortality (e.g. dead and/or resorbed implants per total number of

implants).

The brain is the critical organ in humans for chronic vapor exposure; in Neurotoxicity

severe cases, spontaneous degeneration of the brain cortex can occur

as a late sequela to past exposure.

Mutagenicity Cytogenetic Analysis: Unreported, man = 150 µg/m<sup>3</sup>

Other Studies No information available

#### 12. **ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

# **Ecotoxicity**

Fish Rainbow Trout: LC50 = 0.16-0.90 mg/L; 96 Hr

> Bluegill/Sunfish: LC50 = 0.16-0.90 mg/L; 96 Hr Channel Catfish: LC50 = 0.35 mg/L; 96 Hr

Water Flea (Daphnia): EC50 = 0.01 mg/L; 48 Hr

In aquatic systems, mercury appears to bind to dissolved matter or fine particulates, while the transport of mercury bound to dust particles in the atmosphere or bed sediment particles in rivers and lakes is generally less substantial. The conversion, in aquatic environments, of inorganic mercury cmpd to methyl mercury implies that recycling of mercury from

sediment to water to air and back could be rapid.

Other Harmful to aquatic life in very low concentrations

Persistence and Degradability No data available

Bioaccumulative Potential Bioaccumulation Carassius auratus (goldfish) - 1,789 d - 0.25 μg/l

Bioconcentration Factor

(BCF)

155.986

Mobility in Soil No data available Results of PBT and vPvB Assessment PBT/vPvB assessment not available, as chemical safety assessment not

required/not conducted

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.

### 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Product Chemical waste generators must determine whether a discarded

chemical is classified as a hazardous waste. US EPA guidelines for the

classification determination are listed in 40 CFR Parts 261.3.

Additionally, waste generators must consult state and local hazardous waste regulations to ensure complete and accurate classification.

RCRA P-Series: None listed.

RCRA U-Series: CAS# 7439-97-6: Waste No. U151.

Contaminated Packaging Dispose of as unused product.

# 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

### DOT

Proper Shipping Name Mercury
Hazard Class 8 (6.1)
UN/NA UN2809
Packing Group III
Information reported for product/size 1LB

# International (Water, I.M.O. and Air, I.C.A.O.)

Proper Shipping Name
Hazard Class
UN/NA
UN2809
Packing Group
III
Information reported for product/size
Mercury
8 (6.1)
UN2809
III

### **IMDG**

Proper Shipping Name MERCURY
UN No. 2809
Class 8 (6.1)
Packing Group III
EMS-No F-A, S-B
Marine pollutant No

# IATA

Proper Shipping Name Mercury
UN No. 2809
Class 8 (6.1)
Packing Group III

REGULATORY INFORMATION 15.

> **REACH Number** 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.

**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, Chronic Health Hazard

Massachusetts Right to Know

Components

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Pennsylvania Right to Know

Components

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**New Jersey Right to Know** 

Components

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California Prop. 65 Components WARNING: This product contains a chemical known to the State of

California to cause birth defects or other reproductive harm:

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OTHER INFORMATION 16.

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ISOFLEX USA's Commonly Used Abbreviations and Acronyms\*

American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists ACGIH

ADR European Agreement Concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by

Road

As Low As Is Reasonably Achievable ALARA

Atomic Mass Unit AMU

ANSI American National Standards Institute

BLS **Basic Life Support** 

Biochemical Oxygen Demand BOD5

Continuous Air Monitor CAM

CAS Chemical Abstracts Service (division of the American Chemical Society)

CEN **European Committee for Standardization** 

CERCLA Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act

CLP Classification, Labelling and Packaging (European Union)

COD Chemical Oxygen Demand

Controlled Products Regulations (Canada) CPR

Clean Water Act (USA) CWA

DAC Derived Air Concentration (USA) DOE United States Department of Energy (USA)
DOT United States Department of Transportation (USA)

DSL Domestic Substances List (Canada) EC50 Half Maximal Effective Concentration

EINECS European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances

EHS Environmentally Hazardous Substance

ELINCS European List of Notified Chemical Substances

EMS Emergency Response Procedures for Ships Carrying Dangerous Goods

EPA Environmental Protection Agency (USA)

EPCRA Emergency Planning and Community Right-To-Know Act (EPCRA) of 1986

GHS Globally Harmonized System

HMIS Hazardous Materials Identification System (USA)
IARC International Agency for Research on Cancer
IATA International Air Transport Association

IBC Intermediate Bulk Containers

ICAO International Civil Aviation Organization IDLH Immediately Dangerous to Life or Health

IMDG International Maritime Code for Dangerous Goods

LC50 Lethal concentration, 50 percent

LD50 Lethal dose, 50 percent

LDLO Lethal Dose Low

LOEC Lowest-Observed-Effective Concentration

MARPOL International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships

MSHA Mine Safety and Health Administration (USA)

NCRP National Council on Radiation Protection & Measurements (USA)

NDSL Non-Domestic Substances List (Canada)
NFPA National Fire Protection Association (USA)

NIOSH National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (USA)

NOEC No Observed Effect Concentration

N.O.S. Not Otherwise Specified

NRC Nuclear Regulatory Commission (USA)
NTP National Toxicology Program (USA)

OSHA Occupational Safety and Health Administration (USA)
PBT Persistent Bioaccumulative and Toxic Chemical

PEL Permissible Exposure Limit
PIH Poisonous by Inhalation Hazard

RCRA Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (USA)

RCT Radiation Control Technician

REACH Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (Europe)
RID Regulations Concerning the International Transport of Dangerous Goods by Rail

RQ Reportable Quantity

RTECS Registry of Toxic Effects of Chemical Substances
SARA Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (USA)

SNUR Significant New Use Rule (TSCA)

TDG Transportation of Dangerous Goods (Canada)

TIH Toxic by Inhalation Hazard
TLV Threshold Limit Value
TPO Threshold Planning Quantity

TPQ Threshold Planning Quantity
TSCA Toxic Substances Control Act
TWA Time Weighted Average
UN United Nations (Number)
VOC Volatile Organic Compound

vPvB Very Persistent Very Bioaccumulative Chemical

WGK Wassergefährdungsklassen (Germany: Water Hazard Classes)

WHMIS Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System

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