

1 Identification

Product identifier

Product name: Mercury(II) selenide

Stock number: 12832

CAS Number:

20601-83-6

EC number:

243-910-5

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

Identified use: SU24 Scientific research and development

Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

Manufacturer/Supplier:

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Emergency telephone number:

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2 Hazard(s) identification

Classification of the substance or mixture in accordance with 29 CFR 1910 (OSHA HCS)



GHS06 Skull and crossbones

Acute Tox. 2 H300 Fatal if swallowed.

Acute Tox. 2 H310 Fatal in contact with skin.

Acute Tox. 2 H330 Fatal if inhaled.



GHS08 Health hazard

STOT RE 2 H373 May cause damage to the central nervous system, the kidneys, the reproductive system and the brain through prolonged or repeated exposure.
Route of exposure: Oral, Inhalation.

Hazards not otherwise classified No information known.

Label elements

GHS label elements The product is classified and labeled in accordance with 29 CFR 1910 (OSHA HCS)

Hazard pictograms



GHS06 GHS08

Signal word

Danger

Hazard statements

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Precautionary statements

P260 Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray.

P284 [In case of inadequate ventilation] wear respiratory protection.

P301+P310 IF SWALLOWED: Immediately call a POISON CENTER/ doctor.

P320 Specific treatment is urgent (see on this label).

P405 Store locked up.

P501 Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local/regional/national/international regulations.

WHMIS classification

D1A - Very toxic material causing immediate and serious toxic effects



Classification system

HMIS ratings (scale 0-4)

(Hazardous Materials Identification System)

HEALTH 3 Health (acute effects) = 3

FIRE 0 Flammability = 0

REACTIVITY 1 Physical Hazard = 1

Other hazards

Results of PBT and vPvB assessment

PBT: Not applicable.

vPvB: Not applicable.

3 Composition/information on ingredients

Chemical characterization: Substances

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Concentration: ≤100%

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4 First-aid measures

Description of first aid measures

General information

Immediately remove any clothing soiled by the product.
Remove breathing apparatus only after contaminated clothing has been completely removed.
In case of irregular breathing or respiratory arrest provide artificial respiration.

After inhalation

Supply fresh air. If required, provide artificial respiration. Keep patient warm.
Seek immediate medical advice.

After skin contact

Immediately wash with water and soap and rinse thoroughly.
Seek immediate medical advice.

After eye contact Rinse opened eye for several minutes under running water. Then consult a doctor.

After swallowing Do not induce vomiting; immediately call for medical help.

Information for doctor

Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed

Fatal if inhaled.
Fatal in contact with skin.
Fatal if swallowed.
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Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed No further relevant information available.

5 Fire-fighting measures

Extinguishing media

Suitable extinguishing agents Product is not flammable. Use fire-fighting measures that suit the surrounding fire.

Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture

If this product is involved in a fire, the following can be released:

Mercury oxide
Selenium dioxide (SeO2)

Advice for firefighters

Protective equipment:

Wear self-contained respirator.
Wear fully protective impervious suit.

6 Accidental release measures

Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

Wear protective equipment. Keep unprotected persons away.

Ensure adequate ventilation

Environmental precautions: Do not allow product to reach sewage system or any water course.

Methods and material for containment and cleaning up:

Dispose of contaminated material as waste according to section 13.
Ensure adequate ventilation.

Prevention of secondary hazards: No special measures required.

Reference to other sections

See Section 7 for information on safe handling
See Section 8 for information on personal protection equipment.
See Section 13 for disposal information.

Protective Action Criteria for Chemicals

PAC-1: Substance is not listed.

PAC-2: Substance is not listed.

PAC-3: Substance is not listed.

7 Handling and storage

Handling

Precautions for safe handling

Keep container tightly sealed.
Store in cool, dry place in tightly closed containers.
Ensure good ventilation at the workplace.
Open and handle container with care.
Only handle and refill product in closed systems.
Information about protection against explosions and fires: The product is not flammable

Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Storage

Requirements to be met by storerooms and receptacles: No special requirements.

Information about storage in one common storage facility: Store away from oxidizing agents.

Further information about storage conditions:

Keep container tightly sealed.
Store in cool, dry conditions in well sealed containers.
Specific end use(s) No further relevant information available.

8 Exposure controls/personal protection

Additional information about design of technical systems:

Properly operating chemical fume hood designed for hazardous chemicals and having an average face velocity of at least 100 feet per minute.

Control parameters

Components with limit values that require monitoring at the workplace:

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PEL (USA)	Long-term value: 0.2 mg/m³ as Se
REL (USA)	Long-term value: 0.2 mg/m³ as Se
TLV (USA)	Long-term value: 0.2 mg/m³ as Se
EL (Canada)	Long-term value: 0.025 mg/m³ as Hg; Skin, R

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Ingredients with biological limit values:	
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BEI (USA)	35 µg/L Medium: urine Time: prior to shift Parameter: Total inorganic mercury (background)
	15 µg/L Medium: blood Time: end of shift at end of workweek Parameter: Total inorganic mercury (background)

Additional information: No data

Exposure controls
Personal protective equipment
General protective and hygienic measures
The usual precautionary measures for handling chemicals should be followed.
Keep away from foodstuffs, beverages and feed.
Remove all soiled and contaminated clothing immediately.
Wash hands before breaks and at the end of work.
Store protective clothing separately.
Avoid contact with the eyes and skin.
Maintain an ergonomically appropriate working environment.
Breathing equipment: Use self-contained respiratory protective device in emergency situations.
Recommended filter device for short term use:
Use a respirator with type P100 (USA) or P3 (EN 143) cartridges as a backup to engineering controls. Risk assessment should be performed to determine if air-purifying respirators are appropriate. Only use equipment tested and approved under appropriate government standards.
Protection of hands:
Impervious gloves
Check protective gloves prior to each use for their proper condition.
The selection of suitable gloves not only depends on the material, but also on quality. Quality will vary from manufacturer to manufacturer.
Eye protection: Safety glasses with side shields / NIOSH (US) or EN 166(EU)
Body protection: Protective work clothing.

9 Physical and chemical properties

Information on basic physical and chemical properties	
General Information	
Appearance:	
Form:	Powder
Odor:	Odorless
Odor threshold:	Not determined.
pH-value:	Not applicable.
Change in condition	
Melting point/Melting range:	Subl °C
Boiling point/Boiling range:	Not determined
Sublimation temperature / start:	Not determined
Flammability (solid, gaseous)	Not determined.
Ignition temperature:	Not determined
Decomposition temperature:	Not determined
Auto igniting:	Not determined.
Danger of explosion:	
Explosion limits:	
Lower:	Not determined
Upper:	Not determined
Vapor pressure:	Not applicable.
Density at 20 °C (68 °F):	8.21 g/cm³ (68.512 lbs/gal)
Relative density	Not determined.
Vapor density	Not applicable.
Evaporation rate	Not applicable.
Solubility in / Miscibility with	
Water:	Insoluble
Partition coefficient (n-octanol/water):	Not determined.
Viscosity:	
dynamic:	Not applicable.
kinematic:	Not applicable.
Other information	No further relevant information available.

10 Stability and reactivity

Reactivity No information known.
Chemical stability Stable under recommended storage conditions.
Thermal decomposition / conditions to be avoided: Decomposition will not occur if used and stored according to specifications.
Possibility of hazardous reactions Reacts with strong oxidizing agents
Conditions to avoid No further relevant information available.
Incompatible materials: Oxidizing agents
Hazardous decomposition products:
Mercury oxide
Selenium dioxide (SeO2)

11 Toxicological information

Information on toxicological effects
Acute toxicity:
Fatal if inhaled.
Fatal in contact with skin.
Fatal if swallowed.
Danger through skin absorption.
LD/LC50 values that are relevant for classification: No data
Skin irritation or corrosion: May cause irritation
Eye irritation or corrosion: May cause irritation

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Sensitization: No sensitizing effects known.
Germ cell mutagenicity: No effects known.
Carcinogenicity:
EPA-D: Not classifiable as to human carcinogenicity: inadequate human and animal evidence of carcinogenicity or no data are available.
IARC-3: Not classifiable as to carcinogenicity to humans.
ACGIH A4: Not classifiable as a human carcinogen: Inadequate data on which to classify the agent in terms of its carcinogenicity in humans and/or animals.
Reproductive toxicity: No effects known.

Specific target organ system toxicity - repeated exposure:
May cause damage to the central nervous system, the kidneys, the reproductive system and the brain through prolonged or repeated exposure. Route of exposure: Oral, Inhalation.

Specific target organ system toxicity - single exposure: No effects known.

Aspiration hazard: No effects known.
Subacute to chronic toxicity: No effects known.
Additional toxicological information: To the best of our knowledge the acute and chronic toxicity of this substance is not fully known.

12 Ecological information

Toxicity
Aquatic toxicity: No further relevant information available.
Persistence and degradability No further relevant information available.
Bioaccumulative potential No further relevant information available.
Mobility in soil No further relevant information available.
Ecotoxicological effects:
Remark: Very toxic for aquatic organisms
Additional ecological information:
General notes:
Do not allow product to reach ground water, water course or sewage system, even in small quantities.
Danger to drinking water if even extremely small quantities leak into the ground.
Also poisonous for fish and plankton in water bodies.
May cause long lasting harmful effects to aquatic life.
Avoid transfer into the environment.
Very toxic for aquatic organisms
Results of PBT and vPvB assessment
PBT: Not applicable.
vPvB: Not applicable.
Other adverse effects No further relevant information available.

13 Disposal considerations

Waste treatment methods
Recommendation Consult state, local or national regulations to ensure proper disposal.
Uncleaned packagings:
Recommendation: Disposal must be made according to official regulations.

14 Transport information

UN-Number DOT, IMDG, IATA	UN2025
UN proper shipping name DOT ADR IMDG, IATA	Mercury compounds, solid, n.o.s. (Mercury(II) selenide) 2025 Mercury compounds, solid, n.o.s. (Mercury(II) selenide) MERCURY COMPOUND, SOLID, N.O.S. (Mercury(II) selenide)
Transport hazard class(es) DOT 	
Class Label ADR	6.1 Toxic substances 6.1
	
Class Label IMDG, IATA	6.1 (T5) Toxic substances 6.1
	
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Packing group DOT, ADR, IMDG, IATA	II
Environmental hazards:	Not applicable.
Special precautions for user EMS Number: Segregation groups	Warning: Toxic substances F-A, S-A Heavy metals and their salts (including their organometallic compounds), mercury and mercury compounds
Stowage Category	A
Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL73/78 and the IBC Code	Not applicable.

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Transport/Additional information:	
DOT	
Quantity limitations	On passenger aircraft/rail: 25 kg On cargo aircraft only: 100 kg
Marine Pollutant (DOT):	No
IMDG	
Limited quantities (LQ)	500 g
Excepted quantities (EQ)	Code: E4 Maximum net quantity per inner packaging: 1 g Maximum net quantity per outer packaging: 500 g
UN "Model Regulation":	UN 2025 MERCURY COMPOUNDS, SOLID, N.O.S. (MERCURY(II) SELENIDE), 6.1, II

15 Regulatory information

Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture
GHS label elements The product is classified and labeled in accordance with 29 CFR 1910 (OSHA HCS)
Hazard pictograms



GHS06 GHS08

Signal word Danger

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National regulations

All components of this product are listed in the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Toxic Substances Control Act Chemical substance Inventory.
All components of this product are listed on the Canadian Non-Domestic Substances List (NDSL).

SARA Section 313 (specific toxic chemical listings)

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California Proposition 65

Prop 65 - Chemicals known to cause cancer Substance is not listed.

Prop 65 - Developmental toxicity

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Prop 65 - Developmental toxicity, female Substance is not listed.

Prop 65 - Developmental toxicity, male Substance is not listed.

Information about limitation of use: For use only by technically qualified individuals.

Other regulations, limitations and prohibitive regulations

Substance of Very High Concern (SVHC) according to the REACH Regulations (EC) No. 1907/2006. Substance is not listed.

The conditions of restrictions according to Article 67 and Annex XVII of the Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 (REACH) for the manufacturing, placing on the market and use must be observed.

Substance is not listed.

Annex XIV of the REACH Regulations (requiring Authorisation for use) Substance is not listed.

Chemical safety assessment: A Chemical Safety Assessment has not been carried out.

16 Other information

Employers should use this information only as a supplement to other information gathered by them, and should make independent judgement of suitability of this information to ensure proper use and protect the health and safety of employees. This information is furnished without warranty, and any use of the product not in conformance with this Safety Data Sheet, or in combination with any other product or process, is the responsibility of the user.

Department issuing SDS: Global Marketing Department

Date of preparation/Revision: Print date, revision date and version number are in the header of each page.

Abbreviations and acronyms:

ADR: Accord européen sur le transport des marchandises dangereuses par Route (European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road)

IMDG: International Maritime Code for Dangerous Goods

DOT: US Department of Transportation

IATA: International Air Transport Association

EINECS: European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances

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

HMIS: Hazardous Materials Identification System (USA)

WHMIS: Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System (Canada)

LC50: Lethal concentration, 50 percent

LD50: Lethal dose, 50 percent

PBT: Persistent, Bioaccumulative and Toxic

SVHC: Substances of Very High Concern

vPvB: very Persistent and very Bioaccumulative

ACGIH: American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists (USA)

OSHA: Occupational Safety and Health Administration (USA)

NTP: National Toxicology Program (USA)

IARC: International Agency for Research on Cancer

EPA: Environmental Protection Agency (USA)

Acute Tox. 2: Acute toxicity - Category 2

STOT RE 2: Specific target organ toxicity (repeated exposure) - Category 2