

## SAFETY DATA SHEET

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### 1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

Product name : Chloramphenicol

Product Number : C7795  
Brand : Sigma  
Product Use : For laboratory research purposes.

Supplier : Sigma-Aldrich Canada Co.  
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Product Safety - Americas Region  
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### 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

#### Emergency Overview

##### Target Organs

Blood, Bone marrow, Nerves., Liver Blood, Bone marrow, Nerves., Liver

##### WHMIS Classification

D2A Very Toxic Material Causing Other Toxic Effects Carcinogen  
D2B Toxic Material Causing Other Toxic Effects Mutagen

##### GHS Classification

Acute toxicity, Oral (Category 5)  
Carcinogenicity (Category 2)

##### GHS Label elements, including precautionary statements

Pictogram



Signal word Warning

Hazard statement(s)

H303 May be harmful if swallowed.  
H351 Suspected of causing cancer.

Precautionary statement(s)

P201 Obtain special instructions before use.  
P202 Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood.  
P280 Wear protective gloves/ protective clothing/ eye protection/ face protection.  
P312 Call a POISON CENTER/doctor if you feel unwell.  
P405 Store locked up.  
P501 Dispose of contents/ container to an approved waste disposal plant.

##### HMIS Classification

Health hazard: 1

**Chronic Health Hazard:** \*  
**Flammability:** 0  
**Physical hazards:** 0

#### Potential Health Effects

**Inhalation** May be harmful if inhaled. May cause respiratory tract irritation.  
**Skin** May be harmful if absorbed through skin. May cause skin irritation.  
**Eyes** May cause eye irritation.  
**Ingestion** May be harmful if swallowed.

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### 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Synonyms : D-(-)-*threo*-2-Dichloroacetamido-1-(4-nitrophenyl)-1,3-propanediol  
Chloromycetin®  
D-(-)-*threo*-2,2-Dichloro-*N*-[β-hydroxy-α-(hydroxymethyl)-β-(4-nitrophenyl)ethyl]acetamide  
D-*threo*-2,2-Dichloro-*N*-[β-hydroxy-α-(hydroxymethyl)-4-nitrophenethyl]acetamide

Formula : C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>12</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>  
Molecular weight : 323.13 g/mol

CAS-No.	EC-No.	Index-No.	Concentration
<b>Chloramphenicol</b>			
56-75-7	200-287-4	-	<=100%

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### 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

#### General advice

Consult a physician. Show this 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. 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.

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### 5. FIREFIGHTING MEASURES

#### Suitable extinguishing media

Use water spray, alcohol-resistant foam, dry chemical or carbon dioxide.

#### Special protective equipment for firefighters

Wear self-contained breathing apparatus for firefighting if necessary.

#### Hazardous combustion products

#### Explosion data - sensitivity to mechanical impact

No data available

#### Explosion data - sensitivity to static discharge

No data available

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### 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

#### Personal precautions

Use personal protective equipment. Avoid dust formation. Avoid breathing vapours, mist or gas. Ensure adequate ventilation. Evacuate personnel to safe areas. Avoid breathing dust.

#### Environmental precautions

Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so. Do not let product enter drains.

## Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up

Pick up and arrange disposal without creating dust. Sweep up and shovel. Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal.

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## 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

### Precautions for safe handling

Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Avoid formation of dust and aerosols. Provide appropriate exhaust ventilation at places where dust is formed.

### Conditions for safe storage

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

Recommended storage temperature 2 - 8 °C

Light sensitive.

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## 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

### Personal protective equipment

#### 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).

#### Hand 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.

##### Full contact

Material: Nitrile rubber

Minimum layer thickness: 0.11 mm

Break through time: 480 min

Material tested: Dermatril® (KCL 740 / Aldrich Z677272, Size M)

##### Splash contact

Material: Nitrile rubber

Minimum layer thickness: 0.11 mm

Break through time: 480 min

Material tested: Dermatril® (KCL 740 / Aldrich Z677272, Size M)

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If used in solution, or mixed with other substances, and under conditions which differ from EN 374, contact the supplier of the CE approved gloves. This recommendation is advisory only and must be evaluated by an industrial hygienist and safety officer familiar with the specific situation of anticipated use by our customers. It should not be construed as offering an approval for any specific use scenario.

#### Eye protection

Safety glasses with side-shields conforming to EN166 Use equipment for eye protection tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or EN 166(EU).

#### Skin and body protection

Impervious clothing, The type of protective equipment must be selected according to the concentration and amount of the dangerous substance at the specific workplace.

#### Hygiene measures

Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice. Wash hands before breaks and at the end of workday.

#### Specific engineering controls

Use mechanical exhaust or laboratory fumehood to avoid exposure.

## 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

### Appearance

Form	crystalline
Colour	light yellow

### Safety data

pH	No data available
Melting point/freezing point	Melting point/range: 148 - 150 °C (298 - 302 °F) - lit.
Boiling point	No data available
Flash point	No data available
Ignition temperature	No data available
Auto-ignition temperature	No data available
Lower explosion limit	No data available
Upper explosion limit	No data available
Vapour pressure	No data available
Density	No data available
Water solubility	practically insoluble
Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water	No data available
Solubility in other solvents	Ethanol
Relative vapour density	No data available
Odour	No data available
Odour Threshold	No data available
Evaporation rate	No data available

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## 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

### Chemical stability

Stable under recommended storage conditions.

### Possibility of hazardous reactions

No data available

### Conditions to avoid

Light.

### Materials to avoid

acids, Acid chlorides, Acid anhydrides, Oxidizing agents

### Hazardous decomposition products

Hazardous decomposition products formed under fire conditions. - Carbon oxides, Nitrogen oxides (NOx), Hydrogen chloride gas

Other decomposition products - No data available

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## 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### Acute toxicity

#### Oral LD50

LD50 Oral - Rat - 2,500 mg/kg

**Inhalation LC50**

No data available

**Dermal LD50**

No data available

**Other information on acute toxicity**

LD50 Intraperitoneal - Rat - 1,811 mg/kg

LD50 Intraperitoneal - Mouse - 1,100 mg/kg

No data available

**Skin corrosion/irritation**

No data available

**Serious eye damage/eye irritation**

No data available

**Respiratory or skin sensitisation**

Prolonged or repeated exposure may cause allergic reactions in certain sensitive individuals.

**Germ cell mutagenicity**

Laboratory experiments have shown mutagenic effects.

Genotoxicity in vitro - Rat - Liver

DNA damage

Genotoxicity in vivo - Mouse - Intraperitoneal

Cytogenetic analysis

**Carcinogenicity**

This product is or contains a component that has been reported to be probably carcinogenic based on its IARC, OSHA, ACGIH, NTP, or EPA classification.

Suspected human carcinogens

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

**Reproductive toxicity**

No data available

**Teratogenicity**

No data available

**Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure (Globally Harmonized System)**

No data available

**Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure (Globally Harmonized System)**

No data available

**Aspiration hazard**

No data available

**Potential health effects**

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**Signs and Symptoms of Exposure**

Nausea, Headache, Vomiting

To the best of our knowledge, the chemical, physical, and toxicological properties have not been thoroughly investigated.

**Synergistic effects**

No data available

**Additional Information**

RTECS: AB6825000

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**12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION****Toxicity**

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

**Persistence and degradability**

No data available

**Bioaccumulative potential**

No data available

**Mobility in soil**

No data available

**PBT and vPvB assessment**

No data available

**Other adverse effects**

No data available

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**13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS****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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**14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION****DOT (US)**

Not dangerous goods

**IMDG**

Not dangerous goods

**IATA**

Not dangerous goods

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**15. REGULATORY INFORMATION**

**WHMIS Classification**

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This product has been classified in accordance with the hazard criteria of the Controlled Products Regulations and the MSDS contains all the information required by the Controlled Products Regulations.

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**16. OTHER INFORMATION****Text of H-code(s) and R-phrase(s) mentioned in Section 3****Further information**

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