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# SAFETY DATA SHEET

## 1. CHEMICAL IDENTIFICATION AND COMPANY INFORMATION

PRODUCT NAME: 2-Mercaptoethanol  
PRODUCT NUMBER: M649  
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RECOMMENDED USE: For Research Use Only

RESTRICTIONS ON USE: Products sold by *PhytoTechnology Laboratories®* are intended for research and laboratory use only. Products are not to be used as human or animal therapeutics, cosmetics, agricultural or pesticidal products, food additives, or as household chemicals.

## 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

Classification of the substance or mixture

GHS Classification:

- H227 – Flammable liquids (Category 4)
- H301 – Acute toxicity, Oral (Category 3)
- H310 – Acute toxicity, Dermal (Category 2)
- H315 – Skin irritation (Category 2)
- H318 – Serious eye damage (Category 1)
- H331 – Acute toxicity, Inhalation (Category 3)
- H373 – Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure, Oral – Liver and Heart (Category 2)
- H410 – Chronic aquatic toxicity (Category 1)

GHS Label elements, including hazard and precautionary statements:



Signal Word: **Danger**

Hazard Statements:

- H227 – Combustible liquid.
- H301 + H331 – Toxic if swallowed or if inhaled
- H310 – Fatal in contact with skin.
- H318 – Causes serious eye damage.
- H373 – May cause damage to organs (Liver, Heart) through prolonged or repeated exposure if swallowed.
- H410 – Very toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects.

Precautionary Statements:

- P210 – Keep away from heat/sparks/open flames/hot surfaces. - No smoking.
- P260 – Do not breathe fume/gas/ mist/ vapors/spray.
- P273 – Avoid release to the environment.
- P280 – Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection.
- P302 + P350 + P310 – IF ON SKIN: Gently wash with plenty of soap and water. Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/ physician.
- 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 or doctor/ physician.
- P314 – Get medical advice/ attention if you feel unwell

### 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Synonyms: Thioethylene glycol; 2-Hydroxyethylmercaptan; BME;  $\beta$ -Mercaptoethanol□  
CAS No.: 60-24-2  
Formula:  $C_2H_6OS$ □  
Molecular Weight: 78.13 g/mol  
EC No.: 200-464-6

| Ingredient         | CAS Number | Percent | Hazardous   |
|--------------------|------------|---------|---|
| 2-Mercapthoethanol | 60-24-2    | ~100%   | Workplace Environmental Exposure Levels –<br>TWA: 0.2 ppm |

### 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

General Advice: Consult a physician. Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance. Move out of dangerous area.

| Route of Entry | Symptoms  | First Aid Procedures   |
|----------------|---|--|
| Ingestion      | May cause irritation if swallowed   | If swallowed, wash out mouth with water. Do NOT induce vomiting. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. <b>Get medical attention.</b>  |
| Inhalation     | May cause irritation to respiratory tract   | Safely remove victim to fresh air. If not breathing, institute cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR). If breathing is difficult, ensure clear airway and give oxygen. <b>Get medical attention.</b>    |
| Eye Contact    | Direct contact may cause irritation. May cause redness, tearing, or blurred vision. | Flush immediately with large amounts of water for at least 15 minutes. Eyelids should be held away from the eyeball to ensure thorough rinsing. <b>Get medical attention if irritation persists.</b> |
| Skin Contact   | Irritating. May cause reddening, itching or inflammation.                           | Wash area thoroughly with soap and water. Remove and wash contaminated clothing. <b>Get medical attention if irritation persists.</b>  |

Most Important Symptoms or Effects, Both Acute and Delayed:

See section 2 and/or section 11

Recommendation for Immediate Medical Care and Special Treatment Needed:

No data available

### 5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

Suitable Extinguishing Media: Water spray, carbon dioxide, dry chemical powder, or appropriate foam. Use extinguishing media suitable for surrounding fire.

Special Protective Equipment and Precaution for Firefighters: In the event of a fire, wear full protective clothing and NIOSH approved self-contained breathing apparatus. Evacuate the area and fight fire from a safe distance.

Hazardous Combustion Products: May emit toxic fumes under fire conditions.

Toxic Gases Produced: Carbon oxides, sulphur oxides

### 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Personal Precautions, Protective Equipment and Emergency Procedures:

Use personal protection recommended in Section 8. Avoid breathing vapors, mist or gas. Remove all sources of ignition. Ensure adequate ventilation, especially in confined areas. Remove from source of ignition Evacuate personnel to safe areas. Beware of vapor accumulating to form explosive concentrations.

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| 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.   |
| Method of Containment and Cleanup: | Wear suitable protective clothing. Contain spillage, and then collect with an electrically protected vacuum cleaner or by wet-brushing and place in container for disposal according to local regulation. Contact local regulation for disposal. Do not let products enter drains. |

## 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

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|----------------------------------|---|
| Precaution for Safe Handling:    | Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Avoid breathing vapors or mist. Avoid incompatible substances. Keep away from sources of ignition. Wash thoroughly after use. |
| Conditions for Safe Storage:     | Keep in a tightly closed container and store in a cool, dry, and well-ventilated area.  |
| Incompatibilities:               | Strong oxidizing agents and metals  |
| Recommended Storage Temperature: | 2 – 6 °C  |

## 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

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| OSHA's Permissible Exposure Limits (PELs):   | No data available  |
| Threshold Limit Values (TLVs):               | No data available  |
| USA Workplace Environmental Exposure Levels: | 0.2 ppm  |
| Engineering Controls:                        | Handle in accordance to general industrial hygiene and safety practice.  |
| Personal Protective Equipment (PPE):         |  |
| Eye/Face Protection:                         | Chemical safety glasses or goggles. Have eye-washing facilities readily available where eye contact can occur. |
| Skin Protection:                             | Protective gloves  |
| Body Protection:                             | Lab coat   |
| Respiratory Protection:                      | Appropriate respirator.  |

## 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

|  |   |
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| Appearance:                              | Colorless liquid  |
| pH:                                      | No data available   |
| Solubility:                              | Miscible with water   |
| Melting Point:                           | < -49.99 °C (< -57.98 °F)   |
| Vapor Density:                           | 2.70 - (Air = 1.0)  |
| Vapor Pressure:                          | 0.76 hPa (0.57 mmHg) at 20 °C (68 °F)<br>4.67 hPa (3.50 mmHg) at 40 °C (104 °F) |
| Odor:                                    | Pungent/Stench odor   |
| Odor Threshold:                          | No data available   |
| Viscosity:                               | No data available   |
| Relative Density:                        | 1.114 g/cm <sup>3</sup> at 25 °C (77 °F) □                                      |
| Evaporation Rate:                        | No data available   |
| Initial Boiling Point and Boiling Range: | 157 °C (315 °F)   |
| Flammability (solid, gas):               | No data available   |
| Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water): | log Pow: -0.326 log Pow: -0.056 at 25 °C (77 °F)                                |
| Auto-ignition Temperature:               | No data available   |

Decomposition Temperature: No data available  
Flash Point (Closed Cup): 68 °C (154 °F)  
Flammable Limits: Upper (%) – 18% (V) Lower (%) – 2.3% (V)

## 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Reactivity: No data available  
Chemical Stability: Stable under normal conditions of use  
Possibility of Hazard Reactions: Will not occur  
Conditions to Avoid: Heat, flames and sparks  
Incompatibles Materials: Strong oxidizing agents and metals  
Hazardous Decomposition Products: Carbon oxides, sulphur oxides

## 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Toxicity: LD<sub>50</sub> (Oral-Rat)(mg/Kg): 162  
LC<sub>50</sub> (Inhalation-Rat): 2 mg/L – 4 hr  
LD<sub>50</sub> (Dermal-Rabbit)(mg/Kg): 112

Carcinogenicity: NTP: No  
IARC: No  
Z List: No  
OSHA Reg: No

Germ cell mutagenicity: Experiments showed mutagenic effects in cultured bacterial cells.

Reproductive Toxicity: No data available

Symptoms Associated with Overexposure: Burning sensation, cough, wheezing, laryngitis, shortness of breath, headache, nausea, vomiting, weakness, unconsciousness. Material is extremely destructive to tissue of the mucous membranes and upper respiratory tract, eyes, and skin., spasm, inflammation and edema of the larynx, spasm, inflammation and edema of the bronchi, pneumonitis, pulmonary edema

Specific Target Organ Toxicity: Single Exposure: No data available  
Repeated Exposure: Ingestion - May cause damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure. - Liver, Heart

Target Organs: Liver and heart

Medical Conditions Aggravated By Exposure: None identified

Routes of Entry: Inhalation, Ingestion

NIOSH/RTECS NO: KL5600000

***The toxicological properties of this product have not been thoroughly investigated***

## 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Ecotoxicity: Toxicity to fish – LC50 – golden orfe – 100 mg/L – 96 hr

Persistence and Degradability: Biodegradability: not readily biodegradable  
Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD): 105 mg/g  
Chemical Oxygen Demand (COD): 1.894 mg/g

Bioaccumulative Potential: No data available

Mobility in Soil: No data available

Other Adverse Effects: Very toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects.

### 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATION

Disposal Procedure: Dispose in accordance with all applicable federal, state, and local environmental regulations.

EPA Hazardous Waste Number: No data available

### 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

Domestic (D.O.T.): Proper Shipping Name: Thioglycol  
Hazard Class: 6.1 Packing group: II  
UN: 2966  
Poison inhalation hazard: No

International:

IMDG: Proper Shipping Name: Thioglycol  
Hazard Class: 6.1 Packing group: II EMS-No.: F-A. S-A  
UN: 2966  
Marine pollutant: Yes

IATA: Proper Shipping Name: Thioglycol  
Hazard Class: 6.1 Packing group: II  
UN: 2966

### 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

TSCA: Yes

SARA TITLE III:

Section 302 (EHS) Ingredients: No  
Section 313 Ingredients: No  
Section 304 (EHS/CERCLA) Ingredients: No  
Section 311/312 Hazard: Fire Hazard, Acute Health Hazard, Chronic Health Hazard

Massachusetts Right to Know Components: CAS No.: 60-24-2 2-Mercaptoethanol

Pennsylvania Right to Know Components: CAS No.: 60-24-2 2-Mercaptoethanol

New Jersey Right to Know Components: CAS No.: 60-24-2 2-Mercaptoethanol

California Prop. 65 Components: This product does not contain any chemicals known to State of California to cause cancer, birth defects, or any other reproductive harm.

### 16. OTHER INFORMATION

|              |                      |                              |                          |                        |
|--------------|----------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| HMIS Rating: | <b>Health Hazard</b> | <b>Chronic Health Hazard</b> | <b>Flammability</b>      | <b>Physical Hazard</b> |
|              | 4                    | *                            | 2                        | 0                      |
| NFPA Rating: | <b>Health Hazard</b> | <b>Fire Hazard</b>           | <b>Reactivity Hazard</b> | <b>Special Hazard</b>  |
|              | 3                    | 2                            | 0                        |                        |

\*Chronic Hazard: Chronic (long-term) health effects may result from repeated overexposure.

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