

**Safety data sheet**  
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## 1 Identification of the substance/mixture and of the company/undertaking

### 1.1. Product identifier

- **Trade name:** *Chloramphenicol*
- **Synonyma** Chloromycetin

**SERVA**  
Electrophoresis

- **Article number:** 16785

- **CAS Number:**

56-75-7

- **EC number:**

200-287-4

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

- **Application of the substance / the preparation** Laboratory chemicals

- **1.3. Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet**

- **Manufacturer/Supplier:**

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- **Information department:** Product Safety department Tel.: +49 6221 13840-35

- **1.4. Emergency telephone number:** +49 6131 19240 (university hospital Mainz)

## 2 Hazards identification

- **2.1. Classification of the substance or mixture**

- **Classification according to Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008**



GHS08

Resp. Sens. 1 H334 May cause allergy or asthma symptoms or breathing difficulties if inhaled.

Muta. 1A H340 May cause genetic defects.

Carc. 1A H350 May cause cancer.

Repr. 2 H361d Suspected of damaging the unborn child.



GHS07

Skin Sens. 1 H317 May cause an allergic skin reaction.

- **Classification according to Directive 67/548/EEC or Directive 1999/45/EC**



T; Toxic

R45-46: May cause cancer. May cause heritable genetic damage.



Xn; Harmful

R63: Possible risk of harm to the unborn child.



Xn; Sensitising

R42/43: May cause sensitisation by inhalation and skin contact.

- **Classification system:**

The classification was made according to the latest editions of the EU-lists, and expanded upon from company and literature data.

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**· 2.2. Label elements****· Labelling according to Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008***The substance is classified and labelled according to the CLP regulation.***· Hazard pictograms GHS08****· Signal word Danger****· Hazard statements***H334 May cause allergy or asthma symptoms or breathing difficulties if inhaled.**H317 May cause an allergic skin reaction.**H340 May cause genetic defects.**H350 May cause cancer.**H361d Suspected of damaging the unborn child.***· Precautionary statements***P280 Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection.**P201 Obtain special instructions before use.**P281 Use personal protective equipment as required.**P285 In case of inadequate ventilation wear respiratory protection.**P302+P352 IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water.**P405 Store locked up.***· 2.3. Other hazards****· Results of PBT and vPvB assessment****· PBT:** Not applicable.**· vPvB:** Not applicable.**3 Composition/information on ingredients****· 3.1. Chemical characterization: Substances****· CAS No. Description:***56-75-7 chloramphenicol***· Identification number(s):****· EC number:** 200-287-4**· Description:****· Empirical formula:**  $C_{11}H_{12}Cl_2N_2O_5$ **· MW:** 323,1**4 First aid measures****· 4.1. Description of first aid measures****· General information** Remove contaminated clothing.**· After inhalation***Supply fresh air and to be sure call for a doctor.**In case of unconsciousness place patient stably in side position for transportation.***· After skin contact** Immediately wash with water and soap and rinse thoroughly.**· After eye contact***Rinse opened eye for several minutes under running water. If symptoms persist, consult doctor.***· After swallowing***Rinse out mouth and then drink plenty of water.**If symptoms persist consult doctor.***· Information for doctor****· 4.2. Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed***No further relevant information available.***· 4.3. Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed***No further relevant information available.*

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### 5 Firefighting measures

- **5.1. Extinguishing media**
- **Suitable extinguishing agents**  
CO<sub>2</sub>, extinguishing powder or water spray. Fight larger fires with water spray or alcohol resistant foam.
- **5.2. Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture**  
In case of fire, the following can be released:  
Nitrogen oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>)  
Hydrogen chloride (HCl)  
Carbon monoxide (CO)  
In certain fire conditions, traces of other toxic gases cannot be excluded.
- **5.3. Advice for firefighters**
- **Protective equipment:** Wear self-contained respiratory protective device.

### 6 Accidental release measures

- **6.1. Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures** Wear protective clothing.
- **6.2. Environmental precautions:** Do not allow to enter sewers/ surface or ground water.
- **6.3. Methods and material for containment and cleaning up:**  
Pick up mechanically.  
Dispose contaminated material as waste according to item 13.  
Ensure adequate ventilation.
- **6.4. Reference to other sections**  
See Section 8 for information on personal protection equipment.  
See Section 13 for disposal information.

### 7 Handling and storage

- **Handling**
- **7.1. Precautions for safe handling**  
Ensure good ventilation/exhaustion at the workplace.  
Open and handle receptacle with care.
- **Information about protection against explosions and fires:** Keep respiratory protective device available.
- **7.2. Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities**
- **Storage**
- **Requirements to be met by storerooms and receptacles:** Store only in the original receptacle.
- **Information about storage in one common storage facility:** Not required.
- **Further information about storage conditions:**  
Store under lock and key and with access restricted to technical experts or their assistants only.  
Protect from exposure to the light.
- **7.3. Specific end use(s)** No further relevant information available.

### 8 Exposure controls/personal protection

- **Additional information about design of technical systems:** No further data; see item 7.
- **8.1. Control parameters**
- **Components with limit values that require monitoring at the workplace:** Not required.
- **Additional information:** The lists that were valid during the creation were used as basis.
- **8.2. Exposure controls**
- **Personal protective equipment**
- **General protective and hygienic measures**  
Keep away from foodstuffs, beverages and feed.  
Immediately remove all soiled and contaminated clothing  
Wash hands before breaks and at the end of work.

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- Store protective clothing separately.
- **Breathing equipment:**  
Short term filter device:  
Filter P3.
  - **Protection of hands:**  
Protective gloves.  
The glove material has to be impermeable and resistant to the product/ the substance/ the preparation.  
Due to missing tests no recommendation to the glove material can be given for the product/ the preparation/ the chemical mixture.  
Selection of the glove material on consideration of the penetration times, rates of diffusion and the degradation
  - **Material of gloves**  
The selection of the suitable gloves does not only depend on the material, but also on further marks of quality and varies from manufacturer to manufacturer.
  - **Penetration time of glove material**  
The exact break through time has to be found out by the manufacturer of the protective gloves and has to be observed.
  - **For the permanent contact of a maximum of 15 minutes gloves made of the following materials are suitable:**  
Nitrile rubber, NBR  
Chloroprene rubber, CR
  - **Eye protection:** Safety glasses
  - **Body protection:** Protective work clothing.

## 9 Physical and chemical properties

- **9.1. Information on basic physical and chemical properties**
- **General Information**
- **Appearance:**

|                |                    |
|----------------|--------------------|
| <b>Form:</b>   | Crystalline powder |
| <b>Colour:</b> | White              |
| <b>Odour:</b>  | Odourless          |
- **pH-value (10 g/l) at 20°C:** 5.0 - 7.0
- **Change in condition**

|                                     |              |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|
| <b>Melting point/Melting range:</b> | 149 - 153°C  |
| <b>Boiling point/Boiling range:</b> | undetermined |
- **Flash point:** Not applicable
- **Flammability (solid, gaseous)** Product is not flammable.
- **Danger of explosion:** Product does not present an explosion hazard.
- **Density:** Not determined
- **Bulk density at 20°C:** ca. 700 kg/m<sup>3</sup>
- **Solubility in / Miscibility with**

|                  |                  |
|------------------|------------------|
| <b>Water:</b>    | Slightly soluble |
| <b>Alcohols:</b> | Readily soluble  |
- **9.2. Other information** No further relevant information available.

## 10 Stability and reactivity

- **10.1. Reactivity**
- **10.2. Chemical stability**
- **Thermal decomposition / conditions to be avoided:**  
No decomposition if used and stored according to specifications.

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- **10.3. Possibility of hazardous reactions** No dangerous reactions known
- **10.4. Conditions to avoid** No further relevant information available.
- **10.5. Incompatible materials:** acids, oxidising agents
- **10.6. Hazardous decomposition products:**  
Carbon monoxide and carbon dioxide  
Hydrogen chloride (HCl)  
Nitrogen oxides (NOx)

## 11 Toxicological information

- **11.1. Information on toxicological effects**

- **Acute toxicity:**

- **LD/LC50 values that are relevant for classification:**

|      |      |                   |
|------|------|-------------------|
| Oral | LD50 | 1500 mg/kg (Maus) |
|      |      | 2500 mg/kg (rat)  |

- **Primary irritant effect:**
- **on the skin:** No irritant effect.
- **on the eye:** No irritating effect.
- **Sensitization:**  
Sensitization possible through inhalation.  
Sensitization possible through skin contact.
- **Other information (about experimental toxicology):** Dysentery, change of blood count
- **CMR effects (carcinogenicity, mutagenicity and toxicity for reproduction)**  
Muta. 1A, Carc. 1A, Repr. 2

## 12 Ecological information

- **12.1. Toxicity**

- **Acquatic toxicity:**

|          |                          |
|----------|--------------------------|
| EC50/48h | 345 mg/l (Daphnia magna) |
|----------|--------------------------|

- **12.2. Persistence and degradability** No further relevant information available.
- **Behaviour in environmental systems:**
- **12.3. Bioaccumulative potential** No further relevant information available.
- **12.4. Mobility in soil** No further relevant information available.
- **Additional ecological information:**
- **General notes:**  
Water danger class 3 (German Regulation) (Self-assessment): extremely hazardous for water.  
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.
- **12.5. Results of PBT and vPvB assessment**
- **PBT:** PBT - assessment not available.
- **vPvB:** vPvB - assessment not available.
- **12.6. Other adverse effects** No further relevant information available.

## 13 Disposal considerations

- **13.1. Waste treatment methods**

- **Recommendation**

Must not be disposed of together with household garbage. Do not allow product to reach sewage system.

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- **Uncleaned packagings:**
- **Recommendation:** Disposal must be made according to official regulations.

### 14 Transport information

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| · <b>14.1. UN-Number</b><br>· <b>ADR, ADN, IMDG, IATA</b>                                    | Void   |
| · <b>14.2. UN proper shipping name</b><br>· <b>ADR, ADN, IMDG, IATA</b>                      | Void   |
| · <b>14.3. Transport hazard class(es)</b><br>· <b>ADR, ADN, IMDG, IATA</b><br>· <b>Class</b> | Void   |
| · <b>14.4. Packing group</b><br>· <b>ADR, IMDG, IATA</b>                                     | Void   |
| · <b>14.5. Environmental hazards:</b>  | Not applicable.                                      |
| · <b>14.6. Special precautions for user</b>  | Not applicable.                                      |
| · <b>14.7. Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL73/78 and the IBC Code</b>       | Not applicable.                                      |
| · <b>Transport/Additional information:</b>   | Not dangerous according to the above specifications. |
| · <b>UN "Model Regulation":</b>  | -  |

### 15 Regulatory information

- **15.1. Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture**
- **National regulations**
- **Information about limitation of use:**  
Employment restrictions concerning pregnant and lactating women must be observed.
- **Water hazard class:** Water danger class 3 (Self-assessment): extremely hazardous for water.
- **15.2. Chemical safety assessment:** A Chemical Safety Assessment has not been carried out.

### 16 Other information

This information is based on our present knowledge. However, this shall not constitute a guarantee for any specific product features and shall not establish a legally valid contractual relationship.

· **Department issuing MSDS:** Product safety department

· **Contact:** +49 6221 13840-35

· **Abbreviations and acronyms:**

PBT: persistent, bioaccumulative, toxic substance (REACH)

vPvB: very persistent, very bioaccumulative substance (REACH)

REACH: Regulation concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals

CLP: Regulation on classification, labelling and packaging of substances and mixtures

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

RID: Règlement international concernant le transport des marchandises dangereuses par chemin de fer (Regulations Concerning the International Transport of Dangerous Goods by Rail)

IMDG: International Maritime Code for Dangerous Goods

IATA: International Air Transport Association

ICAO: International Civil Aviation Organization

GHS: Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals

EINECS: European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances

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

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LC50: Lethal concentration, 50 percent  
LD50: Lethal dose, 50 percent

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· **\* Data compared to the previous version altered.**

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