

# SAFETY DATA SHEET

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## SECTION 1: Identification of the substance/mixture and of the company/undertaking

### 1.1 Product identifiers

Product name : Ethephon

Product Number : 45473  
Brand : Sigma-Aldrich  
CAS-No. : 16672-87-0

### 1.2 Other means of identification

Ethephon  
2-Chloroethylphosphonic acid

### 1.3 Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against

Identified uses : For R&D use only. Not for pharmaceutical, household or other uses.

### 1.4 Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

Company : Sigma-Aldrich Pty. Ltd.  
Suite 1, Level 1, Building B  
11 Talavera Road  
MACQUARIE PARK NSW 2113  
AUSTRALIA

Telephone : +61 1800 800 097

### 1.5 Emergency telephone

Emergency Phone # : Free call (24/7): 1800 448 465  
Int'l (24/7): +61 2 9037 2994  
(CHEMTREC)

## SECTION 2: Hazards identification

### 2.1 GHS Classification

Acute toxicity, Oral (Category 4), H302  
Acute toxicity, Inhalation (Category 4), H332  
Acute toxicity, Dermal (Category 3), H311  
Skin corrosion/irritation (Category 1C), H314  
Serious eye damage/eye irritation (Category 1), H318  
Long-term (chronic) aquatic hazard (Category 2), H411

For the full text of the H-Statements mentioned in this Section, see Section 16.

### 2.2 GHS Label elements, including precautionary statements

Pictogram



Signal Word

Danger

Hazard statement(s)

H302 + H332	Harmful if swallowed or if inhaled.
H311	Toxic in contact with skin.
H314	Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.
H411	Toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects.

Precautionary statement(s)

Prevention

P260	Do not breathe dust.
P264	Wash skin thoroughly after handling.
P273	Avoid release to the environment.
P280	Wear protective gloves/ protective clothing/ eye protection/ face protection.

Response

P301 + P330 + P331	IF SWALLOWED: Rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting.
P303 + P361 + P353	IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/ shower.
P304 + P340 + P310	IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing. Immediately call a POISON CENTER/ doctor.
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/ doctor.
P361 + P364	Take off immediately all contaminated clothing and wash it before reuse.
P391	Collect spillage.

**2.3 Other hazards** - none

**SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients**

Substance / Mixture : Substance

**3.1 Substances**

Synonyms : Ethephon  
2-Chloroethylphosphonic acid

Formula : C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>6</sub>ClO<sub>3</sub>P  
Molecular weight : 144.49 g/mol  
CAS-No. : 16672-87-0  
EC-No. : 240-718-3  
Index-No. : 015-154-00-4

**Hazardous ingredients**

Component	Classification	Concentration
<b>Ethephon</b>	Acute Tox. 4; Acute Tox. 3; Skin Corr./Irrit. 1C; Eye Dam./Irrit. 1; Aquatic Chronic 2; H302, H332, H311, H314, H318, H411	<= 100 %

For the full text of the H-Statements mentioned in this Section, see Section 16.

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## SECTION 4: First aid measures

### 4.1 Description of first-aid measures

#### General advice

First aiders need to protect themselves. Show this material safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance.

#### If inhaled

After inhalation: fresh air. Immediately call in physician. If breathing stops: immediately apply artificial respiration, if necessary also oxygen.

#### In case of skin contact

In case of skin contact: Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/ shower. Call a physician immediately.

#### In case of eye contact

After eye contact: rinse out with plenty of water. Immediately call in ophthalmologist. Remove contact lenses.

#### If swallowed

After swallowing: make victim drink water (two glasses at most), avoid vomiting (risk of perforation). Call a physician immediately. Do not attempt to neutralise.

### 4.2 Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed

The most important known symptoms and effects are described in the labelling (see section 2.2) and/or in section 11

### 4.3 Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

No data available

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## SECTION 5: Firefighting measures

### 5.1 Extinguishing media

#### Suitable extinguishing media

Water Foam Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) Dry powder

#### Unsuitable extinguishing media

For this substance/mixture no limitations of extinguishing agents are given.

### 5.2 Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture

Carbon oxides

Oxides of phosphorus

Hydrogen chloride gas

Combustible.

Development of hazardous combustion gases or vapours possible in the event of fire.

### 5.3 Advice for firefighters

Stay in danger area only with self-contained breathing apparatus. Prevent skin contact by keeping a safe distance or by wearing suitable protective clothing.

### 5.4 Further information

Suppress (knock down) gases/vapors/mists with a water spray jet. Prevent fire extinguishing water from contaminating surface water or the ground water system.

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## **SECTION 6: Accidental release measures**

### **6.1 Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures**

Advice for non-emergency personnel: Avoid generation and inhalation of dusts in all circumstances. Avoid substance contact. Ensure adequate ventilation. Evacuate the danger area, observe emergency procedures, consult an expert.  
For personal protection see section 8.

### **6.2 Environmental precautions**

Do not let product enter drains.

### **6.3 Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up**

Cover drains. Collect, bind, and pump off spills. Observe possible material restrictions (see sections 7 and 10). Take up carefully. Dispose of properly. Clean up affected area. Avoid generation of dusts.

### **6.4 Reference to other sections**

For disposal see section 13.

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## **SECTION 7: Handling and storage**

### **7.1 Precautions for safe handling**

#### **Advice on safe handling**

Work under hood. Do not inhale substance/mixture.

#### **Hygiene measures**

Immediately change contaminated clothing. Apply preventive skin protection. Wash hands and face after working with substance.  
For precautions see section 2.2.

### **7.2 Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities**

#### **Storage conditions**

Tightly closed. Dry. Keep in a well-ventilated place. Keep locked up or in an area accessible only to qualified or authorized persons.

#### **Storage stability**

Recommended storage temperature  
2 - 8 °C

Handle and store under inert gas.

#### **Storage class**

Storage class (TRGS 510): 6.1C: Combustible, acute toxic Cat.3 / toxic compounds or compounds which causing chronic effects

### **7.3 Specific end use(s)**

Apart from the uses mentioned in section 1.3 no other specific uses are stipulated.

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## **SECTION 8: Exposure controls/personal protection**

### **8.1 Control parameters**

#### **Ingredients with workplace control parameters**

Contains no substances with occupational exposure limit values.

## 8.2 Exposure controls

### Appropriate engineering controls

Immediately change contaminated clothing. Apply preventive skin protection. Wash hands and face after working with substance.

### Personal protective equipment

#### Eye/face protection

Use equipment for eye protection tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or EN 166(EU). Tightly fitting safety goggles

#### Skin protection

This recommendation applies only to the product stated in the safety data sheet, supplied by us and for the designated use. When dissolving in or mixing with other substances and under conditions deviating from those stated in EN374 please contact the supplier of CE-approved gloves (e.g. KCL GmbH, D-36124 Eichenzell, Internet: [www.kcl.de](http://www.kcl.de)).

Full contact

Material: Nitrile rubber

Minimum layer thickness: 0.11 mm

Break through time: 480 min

Material tested:KCL 741 Dermatril® L

Splash contact

Material: Nitrile rubber

Minimum layer thickness: 0.11 mm

Break through time: 480 min

Material tested:KCL 741 Dermatril® L

#### Body Protection

protective clothing

#### Respiratory protection

required when dusts are generated.

Our recommendations on filtering respiratory protection are based on the following standards: DIN EN 143, DIN 14387 and other accompanying standards relating to the used respiratory protection system.

#### Control of environmental exposure

Do not let product enter drains.

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## SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties

### 9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties

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| a) Physical state                          | solid                                  |
| b) Color                                   | No data available                      |
| c) Odor                                    | No data available                      |
| d) Melting point/freezing point            | Melting point/range: 70 - 72 °C - lit. |
| e) Initial boiling point and boiling range | No data available                      |

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| f) Flammability (solid, gas)                    | No data available  |
| g) Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits | No data available  |
| h) Flash point                                  | Not applicable   |
| i) Autoignition temperature                     | No data available  |
| j) Decomposition temperature                    | No data available  |
| k) pH   | No data available  |
| l) Viscosity                                    | Viscosity, kinematic: No data available<br>Viscosity, dynamic: No data available |
| m) Water solubility                             | No data available  |
| n) Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water       | No data available  |
| o) Vapor pressure                               | No data available  |
| p) Density                                      | No data available  |
| Relative density                                | No data available  |
| q) Relative vapor density                       | No data available  |
| r) Particle characteristics                     | No data available  |
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| s) Explosive properties                         | No data available  |
| t) Oxidizing properties                         | none   |

## 9.2 Other safety information

No data available

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## SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity

### 10.1 Reactivity

The following applies in general to flammable organic substances and mixtures: in correspondingly fine distribution, when whirled up a dust explosion potential may generally be assumed.

### 10.2 Chemical stability

The product is chemically stable under standard ambient conditions (room temperature) .

### 10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions

Strong bases  
Strong oxidizing agents

### 10.4 Conditions to avoid

Avoid moisture.  
no information available

## 10.5 Incompatible materials

No data available

## 10.6 Hazardous decomposition products

In the event of fire: see section 5

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## SECTION 11: Toxicological information

### 11.1 Information on toxicological effects

#### Acute toxicity

Acute toxicity estimate Oral - 500.1 mg/kg

(Expert judgment)

Remarks: Classified according to Regulation (EU) 1272/2008, Annex VI (Table 3.1/3.2)

Acute toxicity estimate Inhalation - 4 h - 1.6 mg/l - dust/mist

(Expert judgment)

Remarks: Classified according to Regulation (EU) 1272/2008, Annex VI (Table 3.1/3.2)

Acute toxicity estimate Dermal - 300.1 mg/kg

(Expert judgment)

Remarks: Classified according to Regulation (EU) 1272/2008, Annex VI (Table 3.1/3.2)

#### Skin corrosion/irritation

Remarks: Causes severe burns.

Classified according to Regulation (EU) 1272/2008, Annex VI (Table 3.1/3.2)

#### Serious eye damage/eye irritation

Remarks: Causes serious eye damage.

#### Respiratory or skin sensitization

No data available

#### Germ cell mutagenicity

No data available

#### Carcinogenicity

No data available

#### Reproductive toxicity

No data available

#### Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure

No data available

#### Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure

No data available

#### Aspiration hazard

No data available

### 11.2 Additional Information

RTECS: SZ7100000

Cholinesterase inhibitors can cause heavy salivation and secretion in the lungs, lachrymation, blurred vision, involuntary defecation, diarrhea, tremor, ataxia, sweating, hypothermia, lowered heart rate, and/or a fall in blood pressure as a result of their action at cholinergic nerve sites., Dizziness, Drowsiness, Confusion., Weakness, Muscle cramps/spasms., Change in pupil size., Fever, Seizures., Incoordination., Convulsions, Coma., To the best of our knowledge, the chemical, physical, and toxicological properties have not been thoroughly investigated.

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**SECTION 12: Ecological information****12.1 Toxicity**

No data available

**12.2 Persistence and degradability**

No data available

**12.3 Bioaccumulative potential**

No data available

**12.4 Mobility in soil**

No data available

**12.5 Results of PBT and vPvB assessment**

PBT/vPvB assessment not available as chemical safety assessment not required/not conducted

**12.6 Endocrine disrupting properties**

No data available

**12.7 Other adverse effects**

No data available

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**SECTION 13: Disposal considerations****13.1 Waste treatment methods****Product**

Waste material must be disposed of in accordance with the national and local regulations. Leave chemicals in original containers. No mixing with other waste. Handle uncleaned containers like the product itself.

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**SECTION 14: Transport information****14.1 UN number**

ADR/RID: 2923

IMDG: 2923

IATA-DGR: 2923

**14.2 UN proper shipping name**

ADR/RID: CORROSIVE SOLID, TOXIC, N.O.S. (Ethephon)

IMDG: CORROSIVE SOLID, TOXIC, N.O.S. (Ethephon)

IATA-DGR: Corrosive solid, toxic, n.o.s. (Ethephon)

**14.3 Transport hazard class(es)**

ADR/RID: 8 (6.1)

IMDG: 8 (6.1)

IATA-DGR: 8 (6.1)

**14.4 Packaging group**

ADR/RID: III

IMDG: III

IATA-DGR: III

**14.5 Environmental hazards**

ADR/RID: yes

IMDG Marine pollutant: yes

IATA-DGR: no

**14.6 Special precautions for user**

None

**14.7 Incompatible materials****Other regulations**

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**SECTION 15: Regulatory information****15.1 Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture**

Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Medicines and Poisons : No poison schedule number allocated

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**SECTION 16: Other information****Full text of H-Statements referred to under sections 2 and 3.**

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**Further information**

The above information is believed to be correct but does not purport to be all inclusive and shall be used only as a guide. The information in this document is based on the present state of our knowledge and is applicable to the product with regard to appropriate safety precautions. It does not represent any guarantee of the properties of the product. Sigma-Aldrich Corporation and its Affiliates shall not be held liable for any damage resulting from handling or from contact with the above product. See [www.sigma-aldrich.com](http://www.sigma-aldrich.com) and/or the reverse side of invoice or packing slip for additional terms and conditions of sale.

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