SAFETY DATA SHEET (SDS)

in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 (REACH), Annex II — Regulation (EU) 2020/878

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2-Mercaptoethanol

2-sulfanylethanol

CAS 60-24-2

C_2H_6OS | EC 200-464-6

MOLAR MASS	LOGP
78.14	-0.2

HAZARD CLASSIFICATION (GHS / CLP)



Danger

H301 H302 H310 H311 H314 H315 H317 H318 H331 H332 H361 H373 H400 H410 H411

Classification from aggregated ECHA C&L notifications (PubChem PUG-View); notifier consensus <75% — protective approach (all reported hazards). Requires verification against the official source (ECHA C&L / manufacturer's data sheet).

1. Identification of the substance/mixture and of the company/undertaking

1.1 Substance name	2-Mercaptoethanol
1.1 IUPAC name	2-sulfanylethanol
1.1 CAS number	60-24-2
1.1 EC number	200-464-6
1.1 PubChem CID	1567
1.1 InChIKey	DGVVWUTYPXICAM-UHFFFAOYSA-N
1.1 SMILES	C(CS)O
1.1 Molecular formula	C_2H_6OS [7]
1.1 Molar mass	78.14 g/mol [7]
1.1 Exact mass	78.0139 Da [7]

1.2 Uses

For laboratory and research purposes. Not for use in the production of food, medicines or cosmetics without appropriate authorisation.

1.3 Details of the supplier

REFERENCE COPY — NO SUPPLIER DETAILS — NOT FOR DISTRIBUTION	Supplier details are not included in this reference copy. The supplier placing the substance on the market must complete this section and remains responsible for the sheet under REACH. MolGod.org prepares documentation and is not the supplier of this substance.

1.4 Emergency telephone number

Emergency telephone	112 (EU-wide emergency number)

Contact the poison centre designated in the country of placing on the market (CLP Art. 45).

2. Hazards identification

GHS:



PPE:



Prohibitions:



Danger

Hazard statements (H) [3][4]

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H411	Toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects

Precautionary statements (P) [3][4]

P201	Obtain special instructions before use
P202	Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood
P260	Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/vapours/spray
P264	Wash thoroughly after handling
P270	Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product
P271	Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area
P272	Contaminated work clothing should not be allowed out of the workplace
P273	Avoid release to the environment
P280	Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection
P301+P310	IF SWALLOWED: Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician
P301+P312	IF SWALLOWED: Call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician if you feel unwell

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P301+P330+P331	IF SWALLOWED: Rinse mouth; Do NOT induce vomiting
P302+P352	IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of water
P303+P361+P353	IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing; Rinse skin with water or shower
P304+P340	IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing
P305+P351+P338	IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes; Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing
P308+P313	IF exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/attention
P310	Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician
P311	Call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician
P312	Call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician if you feel unwell
P314	Get medical advice/attention if you feel unwell
P321	Specific treatment
P330	Rinse mouth
P332+P313	If skin irritation occurs: Get medical advice/attention
P333+P313	If skin irritation or rash occurs: Get medical advice/attention
P362+P364	Take off contaminated clothing
P363	Wash contaminated clothing before reuse
P391	Collect spillage
P403+P233	Store in a well-ventilated place: Keep container tightly closed
P405	Store locked up
P501	Dispose of contents/container to an approved waste collection point

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3. Composition/information on ingredients

Substance type	pure substance
CAS Number	60-24-2
EC number	200-464-6
Molecular formula	C_2H_6OS
Concentration	≥99% (typical reagent-grade purity — to be confirmed by the supplier's specification)

4. First aid measures



Inhalation

Move the affected person to fresh air. Keep at rest. Call a physician. Semi-sitting position. Give oxygen if available. If not breathing: artificial respiration (qualified personnel only). [1][2][12]

Skin contact

Remove contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with soap and water (min. 15 minutes). Call a physician immediately. [1][2][12]

Eye contact

Rinse eyes with running water (min. 15 minutes). Remove contact lenses if possible. Call an ophthalmologist immediately. [1][2][12]

Ingestion

Do NOT induce vomiting (unless directed by a physician). Rinse mouth with water. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Emergency number: 112 (EU-wide). Contact the poison centre designated in your country (CLP Art. 45). [1][2][12]

Symptoms and effects

nausea, vomiting, diarrhoea; cough, shortness of breath, headache, dizziness; skin redness and irritation; eye irritation and watering. [3]

Notes for physician

Requires verification

Emergency numbers: Emergency: 112 (EU-wide). Poison centre: as designated in the country of placing on the market (CLP Art. 45).

5. Firefighting measures

Suitable extinguishing media	Adapt extinguishing media to surroundings. CO2, dry powder, foam.
Unsuitable extinguishing media	No specific restrictions.
Specific hazards	Thermal decomposition products: CO, CO2, SOx. [13]
Advice for firefighters	Use self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA). Full protective suit.
Flash Point	73.9°C [7]
Auto-ignition temperature	295°C [7]

6. Accidental release measures

Personal precautions	Use personal protective equipment (see Section 8). Avoid breathing dust/vapours. [1][2][12]
Environmental precautions	Prevent entry into sewers, groundwater and surface water. [1][2][12]
Methods for containment and cleaning up	Absorb with inert material (sand, vermiculite, diatomaceous earth) and collect into sealed, labelled containers. Do not release into drains. [1][2][12]
Related sections	8; 13

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7. Handling and storage

Precautions	Work in a fume hood or with adequate ventilation. No eating, drinking or smoking in the work area. [1][2][12]
Storage temperature	Store at room temperature (15-25°C) or as indicated on the label. [1][2][12]
Humidity	Store in a dry place (<60% RH). [1][2][12]
Light	Protect from direct sunlight. [1][2][12]
Incompatible materials	Strong oxidizers. [13]

8. Exposure controls/personal protection

8.1 Control parameters

OEL — NDS (Poland)	No NDS (OEL) value in the available working list — verify in the current MRPiPS regulation before use; do not assume the absence of a limit value.
OEL (EU)	The EU OEL value has not been verified against the available dataset — check the IOELV/BOELV directives; do not assume the absence of a value.
DNEL	No data available.
PNEC	No data available.

8.2 Personal protective equipment (PPE) [5][6][16]



9. Physical and chemical properties

Property (item 9.1)	Value	Source
Physical state	No data available.	
Colour	Water-white mobile liquid [7]	
Odour	Strong, disagreeable odor [7]	
pH (1% aqueous solution)	No data available.	
Melting point	No data available.	
Boiling point	157.3942°C [8] [7]	
Flash point	73.9°C (experimental data) [7]	
Flammability	No data available.	
Lower and upper explosion limit	No data available.	

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Property (item 9.1)	Value	Source
Density (20°C)	1.1142 g/cm³ [7]	
Vapour pressure	0.133 kPa (1 mmHg, 20°C) (experimental data) [7]	
Relative vapour density	No data available.	
Dynamic viscosity	3.43 mPa·s [7]	
Kinematic viscosity	No data available.	
Refractive index nD^{20}	1.4996 (experimental data) [7]	
Auto-ignition temperature	295°C (experimental data) [7]	
Decomposition temperature	Not applicable	
Water solubility	No data available.	
Particle characteristics	No data available.	
Partition coefficient n-octanol/water (log value)	-0.2 [9]	
Molar mass	78.14 g/mol [7]	
Molecular formula	C_2H_6OS [7]	
Lipinski rule (RO5)	PASS	

Where a property above reads "No data available", no measured value was found in the public sources consulted for this substance. The property has not been determined by MolGod.org and no value is inferred. "Not applicable" means the property has no meaning for this substance in the form supplied.

10. Stability and reactivity

Reactivity	Stable under normal storage and handling conditions.
Chemical stability	Thermally stable under recommended conditions.
Hazardous reactions	No hazardous reactions known under normal conditions.
Conditions to avoid	High temperatures, direct sunlight, moisture.
Incompatible materials	Strong oxidizers.
Decomposition products	Thermal decomposition products: CO, CO2, SOx.

11. Toxicological information

LD50 (oral)	LD50 190 mg/kg (mouse, oral) [7]
LD50 (dermal)	No data available.
LC50 (inhalation)	No data available.
Skin irritation	Category 1 (H314) — corrosive; sub-category (1A/1B/1C) per supplier self-classification (no harmonised Annex VI entry). [3]
Eye irritation	Category 1 — serious eye damage.
Sensitisation	Skin, Category 1 (H317): May cause an allergic skin reaction. [3]
Mutagenicity	No data available.
Carcinogenicity	No data available.
IARC classification (carcinogenicity)	No individual IARC monograph for this CAS — this is not confirmation of the absence of carcinogenicity (cf. CLP/GHS classification in section 2).
Reproductive toxicity	Classification from aggregated ECHA C&L notifications (non-harmonised) — requires verification; no entry in Annex VI to CLP.
STOT — single exposure	No data available.

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STOT — repeated exposure	Category 2 (H373): May cause damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure. [3]
Aspiration hazard	No data available.

12. Ecological information

Aquatic toxicity	Classification per ECHA C&L notifications (self-classification, Art. 4(3)): H400 — Very toxic to aquatic life (Aquatic Acute 1); H410 — Very toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects (Aquatic Chronic 1); H411 — Toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects (Aquatic Chronic 2). Numerical LC_{50}/EC_{50} data unverified in the available dataset — do not assume absence of toxicity.
Persistence / biodegradability	No data available.
Bioaccumulative potential	log Kow = -0.2 [9]. Low bioaccumulation potential (log Kow < 4.5 — PBT/vPvB screening criterion per ECHA Guidance R.11). [17][18]
Mobility in soil	No data available.
PBT/vPvB assessment	Insufficient data to assess PBT/vPvB.
Endocrine disrupting properties	No information.

13. Disposal considerations

Disposal method	Hand over for disposal to licensed contractors in accordance with national and local regulations. Do not discharge into sewers.
Waste code (EWC)	16 05 06* — Laboratory and analytical chemicals (e.g. chemical reagents) containing hazardous substances. Verification of the EWC code required. [11]
Packaging	Cleaned packaging may be recycled. Contaminated packaging must be treated as hazardous waste.

14. Transport information



Class 6.1 — Toxic substances



Class 8 — Corrosive substances

UN number	UN 2966 [7]
Transport hazard class	Suggested from GHS classification — VERIFICATION REQUIRED.
Environmental hazard	CLP classification (H400/H410/H411) indicates aquatic environmental hazard — marine pollutant marking may be required; confirm per ADR 2.2.9 / IMDG criteria [3]
Special precautions	Handle as dangerous goods according to the assigned class (ADR/IMDG/IATA); apply the precautions appropriate to that class.
CN/HS code	CN/HS code: verification required in the Eurostat Combined Nomenclature.
Notes	UN number per the indicated source. Verify the transport class and packing group in ADR Table A / UN Model Regulations before shipment. [7]
Environmentally hazardous (mark: fish and tree)	Yes

15. Regulatory information

SVHC status	SVHC status not verified against the available dataset — check the current ECHA Candidate List; do not assume absence. [1]

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REACH Annex XIV	Not verified against the ECHA Authorisation List — check REACH Annex XIV. [1]
REACH Annex XVII	Not confirmed in the available Annex XVII dataset — verify against the current ECHA list before placing on the market; do not assume absence of restriction. [1]

16. Other information

Legal status of classification: supplier self-classification under Art. 4(3) CLP — no harmonised entry in Annex VI.Entries with an entry-into-force date after 21.10.2026 were omitted as future (not yet applicable).

Data aggregated automatically from public reference databases (PubChem, ECHA, NIST and others).

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Abbreviations

ADR	European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road
ATE	Acute Toxicity Estimate
CAS	Chemical Abstracts Service
CLP	Classification, Labelling and Packaging (Reg. (EC) 1272/2008)
CMR	Carcinogenic, Mutagenic, toxic to Reproduction
DNEL	Derived No-Effect Level
EC	European Community number
EPI	Personal protective equipment
GHS	Globally Harmonized System
IATA	International Air Transport Association
IMDG	International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code
SDS	Safety Data Sheet
LC50	Lethal Concentration, 50%
LD50	Lethal Dose, 50%
NDS	Maximum admissible concentration (workplace, PL)
NDSCh	Short-term exposure limit (PL)
OEL	Occupational Exposure Limit
PBT	Persistent, Bioaccumulative and Toxic
PNEC	Predicted No-Effect Concentration
REACH	Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (Reg. (EC) 1907/2006)
STOT	Specific Target Organ Toxicity
SVHC	Substance of Very High Concern

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TPSA	Topological Polar Surface Area
vPvB	very Persistent and very Bioaccumulative

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External links

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NFPA 704 (supplementary information — NFPA/USA system; not a required element of an EU safety data sheet under REACH Annex II)



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