

## SAFETY DATA SHEET

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Print Date 04/15/2023**SECTION 1: Identification of the substance/mixture and of the company/undertaking****1.1 Product identifiers**Product name :  $\gamma$ -Butyrolactone

Product Number : B103608

Brand : Aldrich

CAS-No. : 96-48-0

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

Identified uses : Laboratory chemicals, Synthesis of substances

**1.3 Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet**Company : Sigma-Aldrich Inc.  
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Hours/day; 7 Days/week**SECTION 2: Hazards identification****2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture****GHS Classification in accordance with 29 CFR 1910 (OSHA HCS)**

Acute toxicity, Oral (Category 4), H302

Serious eye damage (Category 1), H318

Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure (Category 3), Central nervous system, H336

Short-term (acute) aquatic hazard (Category 3), H402

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	Harmful if swallowed.
H318	Causes serious eye damage.
H336	May cause drowsiness or dizziness.
H402	Harmful to aquatic life.
Precautionary statement(s)	
P261	Avoid breathing dust/ fume/ gas/ mist/ vapors/ spray.
P264	Wash skin thoroughly after handling.
P270	Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.
P271	Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area.
P273	Avoid release to the environment.
P280	Wear eye protection/ face protection.
P301 + P312 + P330	IF SWALLOWED: Call a POISON CENTER/ doctor if you feel unwell. Rinse mouth.
P304 + P340 + P312	IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing. Call a POISON CENTER/ doctor if you feel unwell.
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.
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 disposal plant.

### 2.3 Hazards not otherwise classified (HNOC) or not covered by GHS - none

## SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients

### 3.1 Substances

Synonyms	: 4-Hydroxybutyric acid lactone GBL γ-Hydroxybutyric acid lactone gamma-Butyrolactone
Formula	: C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>6</sub> O <sub>2</sub>
Molecular weight	: 86.09 g/mol
CAS-No.	: 96-48-0
EC-No.	: 202-509-5

Component	Classification	Concentration
<b>γ-Butyrolactone</b>	Acute Tox. 4; Eye Dam. 1; STOT SE 3; Aquatic Acute 3; H302, H318, H336, H402	<= 100 %

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## SECTION 4: First aid measures

### 4.1 Description of first-aid measures

#### General advice

Show this material safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance.

#### If inhaled

After inhalation: fresh air. Call in physician.

#### In case of skin contact

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

#### 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: immediately make victim drink water (two glasses at most). Consult a physician.

### 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

Combustible liquid.

Combustible.

Vapors are heavier than air and may spread along floors.

Forms explosive mixtures with air on intense heating.

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

### 5.3 Advice for firefighters

In the event of fire, wear self-contained breathing apparatus.

### 5.4 Further information

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: Do not breathe vapors, aerosols. 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 with liquid-absorbent and neutralising material (e.g. Chemizorb® H<sup>+</sup>, Merck Art. No. 101595). Dispose of properly. Clean up affected area.

### **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**

Avoid generation of vapours/aerosols.

#### **Hygiene measures**

Change contaminated clothing. Preventive skin protection recommended. Wash hands after working with substance.

For precautions see section 2.2.

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

#### **Storage conditions**

Tightly closed.

hygroscopic

Storage class (TRGS 510): 10: Combustible liquids

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

Apart from the uses mentioned in section 1.2 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**

Change contaminated clothing. Preventive skin protection recommended. Wash hands 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

### Body Protection

protective clothing

### Respiratory protection

required when vapours/aerosols 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

a) Appearance	Form: liquid, clear Color: colorless
b) Odor	unpleasant
c) Odor Threshold	No data available
d) pH	4 - 5 at 100 g/l at 20 °C (68 °F)
e) Melting point/freezing point	Melting point/range: -45 °C (-49 °F) - lit.
f) Initial boiling point and boiling range	204 - 205 °C 399 - 401 °F - lit.
g) Flash point	98 °C (208 °F) - closed cup
h) Evaporation rate	No data available
i) Flammability (solid, gas)	No data available
j) Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits	Upper explosion limit: 16 %(V) Lower explosion limit: 1.4 %(V)
k) Vapor pressure	ca.0.34 hPa at 20 °C (68 °F) - (calculated) 3 hPa at ca.52 °C(ca.126 °F) - Tested according to Directive 92/69/EEC.
l) Vapor density	2.97 - (Air = 1.0)
m) Relative density	No data available
n) Water solubility	1,000 g/l at 20 °C (68 °F) - OECD Test Guideline 105 - miscible in all proportions
o) Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water	log Pow: -0.566 at 25 °C (77 °F) - OECD Test Guideline 107 - Bioaccumulation is not expected.
p) Autoignition	435 °C (815 °F) at 1,013.25 hPa - DIN 51794

- temperature
- q) Decomposition temperature No data available
- r) Viscosity No data available
- s) Explosive properties No data available
- t) Oxidizing properties No data available

## 9.2 Other safety information

Relative vapor density 2.97 - (Air = 1.0)

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## SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity

### 10.1 Reactivity

Forms explosive mixtures with air on intense heating.  
A range from approx. 15 Kelvin below the flash point is to be rated as critical.

### 10.2 Chemical stability

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

### 10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions

No data available

### 10.4 Conditions to avoid

Strong heating.

### 10.5 Incompatible materials

Strong acids, Strong bases, Strong oxidizing agents, Strong reducing agents, Zinc, Plastics

### 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

LD50 Oral - Rat - male and female - 1,582 mg/kg  
(OECD Test Guideline 401)

LC50 Inhalation - Rat - male and female - 4 h - > 5.1 mg/l  
(OECD Test Guideline 403)

LD50 Dermal - Guinea pig - > 5,000 mg/kg

Remarks: (RTECS)

No data available

#### Skin corrosion/irritation

Skin - Rabbit

Result: No skin irritation - 20 h

Remarks: (ECHA)

### **Serious eye damage/eye irritation**

Eyes - Rabbit

Result: Irreversible effects on the eye  
(OECD Test Guideline 405)

### **Respiratory or skin sensitization**

Local lymph node assay (LLNA) - Mouse

Result: negative  
(OECD Test Guideline 429)

### **Germ cell mutagenicity**

Test Type: Genotoxicity in vivo

Species: Drosophila melanogaster

Application Route: Oral

Method: OECD Test Guideline 477

Result: negative

### **Carcinogenicity**

This product is or contains a component that is not classifiable as to its carcinogenicity based on its IARC, ACGIH, NTP, or EPA classification.

IARC: No ingredient of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as probable, possible or confirmed human carcinogen by IARC.

NTP: No ingredient of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a known or anticipated carcinogen by NTP.

OSHA: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is on OSHA's list of regulated carcinogens.

### **Reproductive toxicity**

No data available

### **Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure**

May cause drowsiness or dizziness.

### **Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure**

No data available

### **Aspiration hazard**

No data available

## **11.2 Additional Information**

Repeated dose toxicity - Rat - male - Oral - 90 d - NOAEL (No observed adverse effect level) - 225 mg/kg  
Remarks:  
(ECHA)

RTECS: LU3500000

an anesthetic effect on the central nervous system characterized by a loss of sensation., Preliminary excitement is the initial effect followed by relaxation, stupor, or sleep., Nausea, Dizziness, Headache

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

Systemic effects:

Drowsiness  
depressed respiration  
Tiredness  
Headache

After absorption of large quantities:

cardiovascular disorders  
narcosis

Other dangerous properties can not be excluded.

Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.

Liver - Irregularities - Based on Human Evidence

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## SECTION 12: Ecological information

### 12.1 Toxicity

Toxicity to fish	static test LC50 - Lepomis macrochirus (Bluegill sunfish) - 56 mg/l - 96 h (OECD Test Guideline 203)
Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates	static test EC50 - Daphnia magna (Water flea) - > 500 mg/l - 48 h (Directive 67/548/EEC, Annex V, C.2.)
Toxicity to algae	static test ErC50 - Desmodesmus subspicatus (green algae) - > 1,000 mg/l - 72 h (DIN 38412)
Toxicity to bacteria	static test IC50 - Tetrahymena pyriformis - 4,518 mg/l - 40 h Remarks: (ECHA)

### 12.2 Persistence and degradability

Biodegradability aerobic - Exposure time 14 d  
Result: 95 % - Readily biodegradable.  
(OECD Test Guideline 301C)

Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD) 1,160 mg/g

### 12.3 Bioaccumulative potential

No data available

### 12.4 Mobility in soil

No data available

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## 12.5 Results of PBT and vPvB assessment

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

## 12.6 Other adverse effects

Additional ecological information      Biological effects:

Endangers drinking-water supplies if allowed to enter soil and/or waters in large quantities.

Discharge into the environment must be avoided.

Adsorbed organic bound halogens (AOX)

Remarks: Product does not contain any organic halogens.

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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. See [www.retrologistik.com](http://www.retrologistik.com) for processes regarding the return of chemicals and containers, or contact us there if you have further questions.

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## SECTION 14: Transport information

#### DOT (US)

Not dangerous goods

#### IMDG

Not dangerous goods

#### IATA

Not dangerous goods

#### Further information

Not classified as dangerous in the meaning of transport regulations.

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## SECTION 15: Regulatory information

#### SARA 302 Components

This material does not contain any components with a section 302 EHS TPQ.

#### SARA 313 Components

This material does not contain any chemical components with known CAS numbers that exceed the threshold (De Minimis) reporting levels established by SARA Title III, Section 313.

**SARA 311/312 Hazards**

Acute Health Hazard, Chronic Health Hazard

**Massachusetts Right To Know Components**

No components are subject to the Massachusetts Right to Know Act.

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**Pennsylvania Right To Know Components**

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**New Jersey Right To Know Components**

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**SECTION 16: Other information****Further information**

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