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#### MATERIALS SAFETY DATA SHEET

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## SECTION 1. CHEMICAL PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

Product Name: MercuryCheck Swabs II

**Product Number:** Hg8

**General Use:** Field test for Mercuric ion (Hg<sup>++</sup>)

Product Description: The fiber tip of each MercuryCheck Swab II is impregnated with a mercury

reactive dye. Within the barrel of the MercuryCheck Swab II is a glass ampoule containing a

neutral wetting solution.

#### **MANUFACTURER:**

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#### SECTION 2. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

None of the components of **MercuryCheck Swabs II** listed above are known to be hazardous to health or to the environment as they do not appear on any CERCLA, EPA or OSHA list of hazardous chemicals. Furthermore, none of the chemicals listed below is present in amounts that exceed 1% by weight of the Swab. Therefore, technically, HybriVet Systems, Inc. is not required to provide an MSDS for this product. However, as a courtesy to our customers we are providing the following information in the format of an MSDS.

COMPONENT	KNOWN HAZARD	WT%	CAS Registry #
Mercury reactive dye	Unknown	<1%	Trade secret
Sodium Phosphate, Dibasic (Na <sub>2</sub> HPO <sub>4</sub> )	Irritant	<1%	7558-79-4
Sodium Phosphate, Monobasic (NaH <sub>2</sub> P	O <sub>4</sub> ) Irritant	<1%	7558-80-7
Water		97%	

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## **SECTION 3. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION**

**EMERGENCY OVERVIEW:** MercuryCheck Swabs II look like a small white pen with a white cap. The end under the cap contains a fiber tip which is impregnated with the mercury reactive dye. Inside the white barrel of the Swab is a sealed glass ample filled with a wetting solution. The wetting solution is a neutral sodium phosphate buffer. The sodium phosphate buffer may cause a slight irritation to the eye or skin on contact. Combustion of the product produces no known toxic fumes or by products.

**POTENTIAL HEALTH EFFECTS:** To the best of our knowledge the chemical, physical, and toxicological properties have not been thoroughly investigated for the mercury reactive dye.

INHALATION: May be harmful.

EYE CONTACT: May cause eye irritation.

SKIN CONTACT: May cause moderate skin irritation or may be harmful if absorbed.

INGESTION: May be harmful if ingested.

CHRONIC: May be harmful upon chronic exposure.

## **SECTION 4. FIRST AID MEASURES**

INHALATION: If inhaled, remove to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen.

EYE CONTACT: In case of contact, immediately flush eyes with large amounts of water for a least 15 minutes.

SKIN CONTACT: In case of contact, immediately wash skin with soap and large amounts of water.

INGESTION: If swallowed and the person is conscious, immediately give large amounts of water. Get medical attention.

NOTE: Wash contaminated clothing before reuse.

## **SECTION 5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES**

Flashpoint and Method: N/A Flammable Limits: N/A

Autoignition Temperature: Not Available

GENERAL HAZARD: No special precautions need be taken.

#### FIRE FIGHTING INSTRUCTIONS:

Extinguishing media - water spray, carbon dioxide, dry chemical powder, alcohol or polymer foam or other extinguishing media appropriate for surrounding fire.

FIRE FIGHTING EQUIPMENT: Wear self-contained breathing apparatus and protective clothing to prevent contact with skin and eyes.

HAZARDOUS COMBUSTION PRODUCTS: Emits toxic fumes of carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide, and nitrogen oxides.

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# SECTION 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

LAND SPILL: Should a large quantity of **MercuryCheck Swabs II** (several case lots) be spilled and crushed, wear suitable protective clothing, chemical safety goggles, rubber boots and heavy rubber gloves. Carefully sweep up the debris and place in a bag and hold for waste disposal. Avoid raising dust. Ventilate area and wash spill site after material pick-up is complete.

WATER SPILL: Should a large quantity of **MercuryCheck Swabs II** be accidentally dumped into a large body of water, simply recover the Swabs and dispose appropriately.

## **SECTION 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE**

STORAGE TEMPERATURE: Ambient STORAGE PRESSURE: Atmospheric

GENERAL: Avoid contact with eyes, skin and clothing. Wash hands thoroughly after handling or wear protective gloves. Keep kits tightly closed and store in a cool dry place.

# SECTION 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

**ENGINEERING CONTROLS:** Use in a well-ventilated area.

#### PERSONAL PROTECTION:

RESPIRATOR: not necessary when using individual MercuryCheck Swabs II.

PROTECTIVE CLOTHING: No specialized clothing required.

EXPOSURE GUIDELINES: Avoid prolonged exposure.

## SECTION 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

#### A. Mercury reactive dye

Physical State: solid Appearance: powder Odor: none

pH: N/A

Freezing Point: N/A

Solubility in water: moderate

Vapor Pressure: N /A
(Air = 1)
Evaporation Rate: N/A

(n-Butyl Acetate = 1) Melting Point: 156°C to 159°C

## **B. Sodium Phosphate Buffer**

Physical State: liquid Appearance: clear

Odor: none

Viscosity: 1.0

Vapor Pressure: N /A

(Air = 1)

Evaporation Rate: N/A pH: 7.5

(n-Butyl Acetate = 1)

Freezing Point: 32°F (0°C) Boiling Point: 212°F (100°C) MercuryCheck Swabs; MSDS No. MC002 Page 4

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## SECTION 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

GENERAL: The reagents contained in MercuryCheck Swabs II are stable. Hazardous polymerization will not occur for sodium phosphate. No hazardous polymerization has been documented for the mercury reactive dye.

INCOMPATIBLE MATERIALS AND CONDITIONS TO AVOID: Strong oxidizing agents

HAZARDOUS DECOMPOSITION: Toxic fumes of carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide, and nitrogen oxides can form on combustion or decomposition.

# SECTION 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

To the best of our knowledge, the toxicological properties of the mercury reactive dye have not been thoroughly investigated.

#### **SECTION 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

No data are available on the adverse effects of these materials on the environment.

## **SECTION 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS**

Individual MercuryCheck Swabs II may be disposed of as nonhazardous waste.

## **SECTION 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION**

DOT (Department of Transportation): Not a hazardous material for DOT shipping.

PROPER SHIPPING NAME: MercuryCheck Swabs II

HAZARD CLASS: N/A

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: N/A

#### **SECTION 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION**

TSCA (Toxic Substance Control Act): Components of this product are listed on the TSCA Inventory.

- CERCLA (Comprehensive Response Compensation, and Liability Act): This product contains no Reportable Quantity (RQ) Substances. We recommend you contact local authorities to determine if there may be other local reporting requirements.
- SARA TITLE III (Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act): 311/312 Hazard Categories: The components of this product has been reviewed according to the EPA Hazard Categories promulgated under Sections 311 and 312 of the Superfund Amendment and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA Title III) and this product is considered, under applicable definitions, to meet the following categories:

Not to have met any hazard category.

313 Reportable Ingredients: None.

**CALIFORNIA PROPOSITION 65:** The following statement is made in order to comply with the California Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986. This product contains NO chemicals known to the state of California to cause cancer.

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## **SECTION 16. OTHER INFORMATION**

No specific notes.
REVISION SUMMARY: Revised 8/15/05 to change from red cap to white cap.

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