1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

Product name: Gold(III) chloride hydrate
Product Number: 254169
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Product Safety - Americas Region
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2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

Emergency Overview

OSHA Hazards
Toxic by ingestion, Skin sensitiser, Corrosive

GHS Classification
Acute toxicity, Oral (Category 4)
Skin corrosion (Category 1B)
Serious eye damage (Category 1)
Skin sensitization (Category 1)

GHS Label elements, including precautionary statements

Pictogram

Signal word: Danger
Hazard statement(s)
H302 Harmful if swallowed.
H314 Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.
H317 May cause an allergic skin reaction.

Precautionary statement(s)
P280 Wear protective gloves/ protective clothing/ eye protection/ face protection.
P305 + P351 + P338 IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.
P310 Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/ physician.

HMIS Classification
Health hazard: 3
Flammability: 0
Physical hazards: 0

NFPA Rating
Health hazard: 3
Fire: 0
Reactivity Hazard: 0

Potential Health Effects

**Inhalation**
May be harmful if inhaled. Material is extremely destructive to the tissue of the mucous membranes and upper respiratory tract.

**Skin**
May be harmful if absorbed through skin. Causes skin burns.

**Eyes**
Causes eye burns.

**Ingestion**
Toxic if swallowed.

### 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

**Synonyms**
- Chloroauric acid
- Hydrogen tetrachloroaurate(III)hydrate
- Tetrachloroauric(III) acid

**Formula**
$\text{HAuCl}_4 \cdot x\text{H}_2\text{O}$

**Molecular Weight**
339.79 g/mol

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### 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

**General advice**
Consult a physician. Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance. Move out of dangerous area.

**If inhaled**
If breathed in, move person into fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. Consult a physician.

**In case of skin contact**
Take off contaminated clothing and shoes immediately. Wash off with soap and plenty of water. Consult a physician.

**In case of eye contact**
Rinse thoroughly with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes and consult a physician. Continue rinsing eyes during transport to hospital.

**If swallowed**
Do NOT induce vomiting. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Rinse mouth with water. Consult a physician.

### 5. FIREFIGHTING MEASURES

**Suitable extinguishing media**
Use water spray, alcohol-resistant foam, dry chemical or carbon dioxide.

**Special protective equipment for firefighters**
Wear self contained breathing apparatus for fire fighting if necessary.

**Hazardous combustion products**
Hazardous decomposition products formed under fire conditions. - Hydrogen chloride gas

### 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

**Personal precautions**
Use personal protective equipment. Avoid dust formation. Avoid breathing vapors, mist or gas. Ensure adequate ventilation. Evacuate personnel to safe areas. Avoid breathing dust.

**Environmental precautions**
Do not let product enter drains.

**Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up**
Pick up and arrange disposal without creating dust. Sweep up and shovel. Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal.
7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

**Precautions for safe handling**
Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Avoid formation of dust and aerosols. Provide appropriate exhaust ventilation at places where dust is formed. Normal measures for preventive fire protection.

**Conditions for safe storage**
Keep container tightly closed in a dry and well-ventilated place.
Light sensitive. Strongly hygroscopic.

8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

Contains no substances with occupational exposure limit values.

**Personal protective equipment**

**Respiratory protection**
Where risk assessment shows air-purifying respirators are appropriate use a full-face particle respirator type N100 (US) or type P3 (EN 143) respirator cartridges as a backup to engineering controls. If the respirator is the sole means of protection, use a full-face supplied air respirator. Use respirators and components tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or CEN (EU).

**Hand protection**
Handle with gloves. Gloves must be inspected prior to use. Use proper glove removal technique (without touching glove’s outer surface) to avoid skin contact with this product. Dispose of contaminated gloves after use in accordance with applicable laws and good laboratory practices. Wash and dry hands.

**Eye protection**
Face shield and safety glasses Use equipment for eye protection tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or EN 166(EU).

**Skin and body protection**
Complete suit protecting against chemicals, The type of protective equipment must be selected according to the concentration and amount of the dangerous substance at the specific workplace.

**Hygiene measures**
Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice. Wash hands before breaks and at the end of workday.

9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

**Appearance**

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**Safety data**

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10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Chemical stability
Stable under recommended storage conditions.

Possibility of hazardous reactions
no data available

Conditions to avoid
Avoid moisture. Light.

Materials to avoid
Reducing agents

Hazardous decomposition products
Hazardous decomposition products formed under fire conditions. - Hydrogen chloride gas
Other decomposition products - no data available

11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Acute toxicity

Oral LD50
LD50 Oral - rat - > 464 mg/kg

Inhalation LC50
no data available

Dermal LD50
no data available

Other information on acute toxicity
no data available

Skin corrosion/irritation
no data available

Serious eye damage/eye irritation
no data available

Respiratory or skin sensitization
May cause allergic skin reaction.

Germ cell mutagenicity
no data available

Carcinogenicity

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

ACGIH: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a carcinogen or potential carcinogen by ACGIH.

NTP: No component 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 identified as a carcinogen or potential carcinogen by OSHA.

Reproductive toxicity

no data available

Teratogenicity

no data available

Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure (Globally Harmonized System)
no data available

Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure (Globally Harmonized System)
no data available

Aspiration hazard

no data available

Potential health effects

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Eyes  Causes eye burns.

Signs and Symptoms of Exposure
Cough, Shortness of breath, Headache, Nausea, Vomiting

Synergistic effects
no data available

Additional Information
RTECS: Not available

12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Toxicity

no data available

Persistence and degradability

no data available

Bioaccumulative potential

no data available

Mobility in soil

no data available

PBT and vPvB assessment

no data available

Other adverse effects

no data available

13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Product
Offer surplus and non-recyclable solutions to a licensed disposal company. Contact a licensed professional waste disposal service to dispose of this material. Dissolve or mix the material with a combustible solvent and burn in a chemical incinerator equipped with an afterburner and scrubber.

Contaminated packaging
Dispose of as unused product.
14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

**DOT (US)**
- UN number: 3260  Class: 8  Packing group: III
- Proper shipping name: Corrosive solid, acidic, inorganic, n.o.s. (Gold(III) chloride hydrate)
- Marine pollutant: No
- Poison Inhalation Hazard: No

**IMDG**
- UN number: 3260  Class: 8  Packing group: III  EMS-No: F-A, S-B
- Proper shipping name: CORROSIVE SOLID, ACIDIC, INORGANIC, N.O.S. (Gold(III) chloride hydrate)
- Marine pollutant: No

**IATA**
- UN number: 3260  Class: 8  Packing group: III
- Proper shipping name: Corrosive solid, acidic, inorganic, n.o.s. (Gold(III) chloride hydrate)

15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

**OSHA Hazards**
- Toxic by ingestion, Skin sensitiser, Corrosive

**SARA 302 Components**
- SARA 302: No chemicals in this material are subject to the reporting requirements of SARA Title III, Section 302.

**SARA 313 Components**
- SARA 313: 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

**Massachusetts Right To Know Components**
- No components are subject to the Massachusetts Right to Know Act.

**Pennsylvania Right To Know Components**

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**California Prop. 65 Components**
- This product does not contain any chemicals known to State of California to cause cancer, birth defects, or any other reproductive harm.

16. OTHER INFORMATION

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