SAFETY DATA SHEET

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SECTION 1. IDENTIFICATION

1.1 Product identifiers

Product name : Gold(III) chloride trihydrate

Product Number : 520918
Brand : Aldrich
CAS-No. : 16961-25-4

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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ST. LOUIS MO 63103
UNITED STATES

Telephone : +1 314 771-5765
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1.4 Emergency telephone number

Emergency Phone # : 800-424-9300 CHEMTREC (USA) +1-703-527-3887 CHEMTREC (International) 24 Hours/day; 7 Days/week

SECTION 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

GHS classification in accordance with the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard (29 CFR 1910.1200)

Corrosive to metals : Category 1

Acute toxicity (Oral) : Category 4

Skin corrosion : Sub-category 1B

Serious eye damage : Category 1

Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure (Oral) : Category 2 (Kidney)

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Short-term (acute) aquatic hazard	:	Category 2
Long-term (chronic) aquatic hazard	:	Category 2

Other hazards

None known.

GHS label elements

Hazard pictograms :

Signal Word : Danger

Hazard Statements :
H290 May be corrosive to metals.
H302 Harmful if swallowed.
H314 Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.
H373 May cause damage to organs (Kidney) through prolonged or repeated exposure if swallowed.
H411 Toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects.

Precautionary statements :

Prevention:

P234 Keep only in original packaging.
P260 Do not breathe dust.
P264 Wash skin thoroughly after handling.
P270 Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.
P273 Avoid release to the environment.
P280 Wear protective gloves, protective clothing, eye protection and face protection.

Response:

P301 + P312 + P330 IF SWALLOWED: Call a POISON CENTER/ doctor if you feel unwell. Rinse mouth.
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.
P314 Get medical advice/ attention if you feel unwell.

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P363 Wash contaminated clothing before reuse.
P390 Absorb spillage to prevent material damage.
P391 Collect spillage.

Storage:

P405 Store locked up.
P406 Store in a corrosion resistant container with a resistant inner liner.

Disposal:

P501 Dispose of contents/ container to an approved waste disposal plant.

SECTION 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Substance / Mixture : Substance

Components

Chemical name	CAS No./Unique ID	Concentration (% w/w)	Trade secret
Tetrachloroauric acid trihydrate	16961-25-4*	>= 80 - <= 100	TSC

* Indicates that the identifier is a CAS No.
TSC- the actual concentration or concentration range is withheld as a trade secret

SECTION 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

General advice : First aiders need to protect themselves.
Show this 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. 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.

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

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Protection of first-aiders	:	For personal protection see section 8.
Notes to physician	:	No data available

SECTION 5. FIREFIGHTING MEASURES

Suitable extinguishing media	:	Use extinguishing measures that are appropriate to local circumstances and the surrounding environment.
Unsuitable extinguishing media	:	For this substance/mixture no limitations of extinguishing agents are given.
Specific hazards during fire fighting	:	Not combustible. Ambient fire may liberate hazardous vapours.
Hazardous combustion products	:	Hydrogen chloride gas
Specific extinguishing methods	:	No data available
Further information	:	Suppress (knock down) gases/vapours/mists with a water spray jet. Prevent fire extinguishing water from contaminating surface water or the ground water system.
Special protective equipment for fire-fighters	:	Stay in danger area only with self-contained breathing apparatus. Prevent skin contact by keeping a safe distance or by wearing suitable protective clothing.

SECTION 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures	:	Advice for non-emergency personnel: Avoid inhalation of dusts. Avoid substance contact. Ensure adequate ventilation. Evacuate the danger area, observe emergency procedures, consult an expert. Advice for emergency responders: For personal protection see section 8.

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Environmental precautions	:	Do not let product enter drains.
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 dry. Dispose of properly. Clean up affected area. Avoid generation of dusts.

SECTION 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

For precautions see section 2.2.

Conditions for safe storage	:	No metal containers.
Further information on storage conditions	:	Tightly closed. Dry.
Storage class	:	8A, Combustible, corrosive hazardous materials
Recommended storage temperature	:	Recommended storage temperature see product label.
Further information on storage stability	:	Moisture sensitive. Light sensitive.
Packaging material	:	Suitable material: Poly Drum, Amber Glass Bottle/Jar

SECTION 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

Ingredients with workplace control parameters

Contains no substances with occupational exposure limit values.

Engineering measures : No data available

Personal protective equipment

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.
Recommended Filter type:	:	Filter type P2

The entrepeneur has to ensure that maintenance, cleaning and

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testing of respiratory protective devices are carried out according to the instructions of the producer. These measures have to be properly documented.

Hand protection

Material	:	Nitrile rubber
Break through time	:	480 min
Glove thickness	:	0.11 mm
Protective index	:	Full contact
Manufacturer	:	KCL 741 Dermatril® L

Material	:	Nitrile rubber
Break through time	:	480 min
Glove thickness	:	0.11 mm
Protective index	:	Splash contact
Manufacturer	:	KCL 741 Dermatril® L

Remarks	:	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 EN 16523-1 please contact the supplier of CE-approved gloves (e.g. KCL GmbH, D-36124 Eichenzell, Internet: www.kcl.de).

Eye 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 and body protection	:	protective clothing
Hygiene measures	:	Immediately change contaminated clothing. Apply preventive skin protection. Wash hands and face after working with substance.

SECTION 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Appearance	:	Crystals with lumps
Color	:	No data available
Odor	:	No data available
Odor Threshold	:	No data available
pH	:	No data available
Melting point/freezing	:	167 °F / 75 °C

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point		(1,013.25 hPa) Decomposition: yes Method: OECD Test Guideline 102 (anhydrous substance)
Boiling point/boiling range	:	No data available
Flash point	:	Not applicable
Evaporation rate	:	No data available
Burning rate	:	No data available
Upper explosion limit / Upper flammability limit	:	No data available
Lower explosion limit / Lower flammability limit	:	No data available
Vapor pressure	:	No data available
Relative vapour density	:	No data available
Relative density	:	No data available
Density	:	3.9 g/cm3 (68 °F / 20 °C) (anhydrous substance)
Water solubility	:	No data available
Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water	:	Not applicable for inorganic substances
Autoignition temperature	:	Not applicable
Decomposition temperature	:	No data available
Viscosity, dynamic	:	No data available
Viscosity, kinematic	:	No data available
Flow time	:	No data available
Explosive properties	:	Not classified as explosive.
Oxidizing properties	:	none
Molecular weight	:	393.83 g/mol
Metal corrosion rate	:	May be corrosive to metals.

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Particle characteristics
Particle size : No data available

SECTION 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Reactivity	:	No data available
Chemical stability	:	The product is chemically stable under standard ambient conditions (room temperature) .
Possibility of hazardous reactions	:	Light.
Conditions to avoid	:	Exposure to moisture no information available
Incompatible materials	:	Aluminium Mild steel
Hazardous decomposition products	:	In the event of fire: see section 5

SECTION 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

11.1 Information on toxicological effects

Acute toxicity
LD50 Oral - Rat - male and female - > 464 mg/kg
(OECD Test Guideline 401)
Remarks: (anhydrous substance)
The value is given in analogy to the following substances: tetrachloroauric acid
Inhalation: No data available
Dermal: No data available

Skin corrosion/irritation
Skin - Rabbit
Result: Causes burns. - 4 h
(OECD Test Guideline 404)
Remarks: (anhydrous substance)
The value is given in analogy to the following substances: tetrachloroauric acid

Serious eye damage/eye irritation
Remarks: Causes serious eye damage.
(anhydrous substance)
The value is given in analogy to the following substances: tetrachloroauric acid

Respiratory or skin sensitization
No data available

Germ cell mutagenicity
Test Type: Ames test

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Test system: S. typhimurium
Metabolic activation: with and without metabolic activation
Method: OECD Test Guideline 471
Result: negative
Remarks: (anhydrous substance)
The value is given in analogy to the following substances: tetrachloroauric acidTest Type: In vitro mammalian cell gene mutation test
Test system: Human lymphocytes
Metabolic activation: with and without metabolic activation
Method: OECD Test Guideline 487
Result: negative
Remarks: (anhydrous substance)
The value is given in analogy to the following substances: tetrachloroauric acid
Test Type: Micronucleus test
Species: Rat
Cell type: Bone marrow
Application Route: Oral
Method: OECD Test Guideline 474
Result: negative
Remarks: (anhydrous substance)
The value is given in analogy to the following substances: tetrachloroauric acid

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.

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 on OSHA's list of regulated carcinogens.

Reproductive toxicity
No data available

Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure
No data available

Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure
Oral - May cause damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure.
- Kidney
Remarks: The value is given in analogy to the following substances: tetrachloroauric acid

Aspiration hazard
No data available

11.2 Additional Information

Repeated dose toxicity - Rat - male and female - Oral - No observed adverse effect level - 50 mg/kg
Remarks: (anhydrous substance)
The value is given in analogy to the following substances: tetrachloroauric acid

RTECS: MD5428000
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

Ecotoxicity

Components:

Tetrachloroauric acid trihydrate:

Toxicity to fish	:	LC50 (Oncorhynchus mykiss (rainbow trout)): 15.7 mg/l End point: mortality Exposure time: 96 h Test Type: static test Remarks: (ECHA) (anhydrous substance) The value is given in analogy to the following substances: tetrachloroauric acid
Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates	:	EC50 (Daphnia magna (Water flea)): 4.8 mg/l End point: Immobilization Exposure time: 48 h Test Type: static test Analytical monitoring: yes Method: OECD Test Guideline 202 GLP: yes Remarks: (anhydrous substance) The value is given in analogy to the following substances: tetrachloroauric acid
Toxicity to algae/aquatic plants	:	ErC50 (Pseudokirchneriella subcapitata): > 9 mg/l Exposure time: 72 h Test Type: static test Analytical monitoring: yes Method: OECD Test Guideline 201 GLP: yes Remarks: (anhydrous substance) The value is given in analogy to the following substances: tetrachloroauric acid
Toxicity to microorganisms	:	EC50 (activated sludge): 27.9 mg/l Exposure time: 3 h Test Type: static test Method: OECD Test Guideline 209 GLP: yes Remarks: (anhydrous substance) The value is given in analogy to the following substances: tetrachloroauric acid

Ecotoxicology Assessment

Chronic aquatic toxicity	:	Toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects.

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Persistence and degradability

Components:

Tetrachloroauric acid trihydrate:

Biodegradability	:	Remarks: The methods for determining biodegradability are not applicable to inorganic substances.

Bioaccumulative potential

Components:

Tetrachloroauric acid trihydrate:

Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water	:	Remarks: Not applicable for inorganic substances

Mobility in soil

No data available

Other adverse effects

Product:

Ozone-Depletion Potential	:	Regulation: 40 CFR Protection of Environment; Part 82 Protection of Stratospheric Ozone - CAA Section 602 Class I Substances Remarks: This product neither contains, nor was manufactured with a Class I or Class II ODS as defined by the U.S. Clean Air Act Section 602 (40 CFR 82, Subpt. A, App.A + B).

Components:

Tetrachloroauric acid trihydrate:

Results of PBT and vPvB assessment	:	PBT/vPvB: Not applicable for inorganic substances

SECTION 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Disposal methods

Waste from residues	:	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.

SECTION 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

International Regulations

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IATA-DGR

UN/ID No.	:	UN 3260
Proper shipping name	:	Corrosive solid, acidic, inorganic, n.o.s. (Tetrachloroauric acid trihydrate)
Class	:	8
Packing group	:	II
Labels	:	Class 8 - Corrosive substances
Packing instruction (cargo aircraft)	:	863
Packing instruction (passenger aircraft)	:	859

IMDG-Code

UN number	:	UN 3260
Proper shipping name	:	CORROSIVE SOLID, ACIDIC, INORGANIC, N.O.S. (Tetrachloroauric acid trihydrate)
Class	:	8
Packing group	:	II
Labels	:	8
EmS Code	:	F-A, S-B
Marine pollutant	:	yes

Transport in bulk according to IMO instruments

Not applicable for product as supplied.

National Regulations

49 CFR Road

UN/ID/NA number	:	UN 3260
Proper shipping name	:	Corrosive solid, acidic, inorganic, n.o.s. (Tetrachloroauric acid trihydrate)
Class	:	8
Packing group	:	II
Labels	:	Class 8 - Corrosive substances
ERG Code	:	154
Marine pollutant	:	no
Poison Inhalation Hazard	:	No

Special precautions for user

The transport classification(s) provided herein are for informational purposes only, and solely based upon the properties of the unpackaged material as it is described within this Safety Data Sheet. Transportation classifications may vary by mode of transportation, package sizes, and variations in regional or country regulations.

SECTION 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

CERCLA Reportable Quantity

This material does not contain any components with a CERCLA RQ.

SARA 304 Extremely Hazardous Substances Reportable Quantity

This material does not contain any components with a section 304 EHS RQ.

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SARA 302 Extremely Hazardous Substances Threshold Planning Quantity

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

SARA 311/312 Hazards : Acute Health Hazard

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.

Clean Air Act

This product neither contains, nor was manufactured with a Class I or Class II ODS as defined by the U.S. Clean Air Act Section 602 (40 CFR 82, Subpt. A, App.A + B).
This product does not contain any hazardous air pollutants (HAP), as defined by the U.S. Clean Air Act Section 112 (40 CFR 61).
This product does not contain any chemicals listed under the U.S. Clean Air Act Section 112(r) for Accidental Release Prevention (40 CFR 68.130, Subpart F).
This product does not contain any chemicals listed under the U.S. Clean Air Act Section 111 SOCMI Intermediate or Final VOC's (40 CFR 60.489).

Clean Water Act

This product does not contain any Hazardous Substances listed under the U.S. CleanWater Act, Section 311, Table 116.4A.
This product does not contain any Hazardous Chemicals listed under the U.S. CleanWater Act, Section 311, Table 117.3.
This product does not contain any toxic pollutants listed under the U.S. Clean Water Act Section 307
This product does not contain any priority pollutants related to the U.S. Clean Water Act

US State Regulations

Massachusetts Right To Know

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

Maine Chemicals of High Concern

Product does not contain any listed chemicals

Vermont Chemicals of High Concern

Product does not contain any listed chemicals

Washington Chemicals of High Concern

Product does not contain any listed chemicals

The components of this product are reported in the following inventories:

TSCA : All substances listed as active on the TSCA inventory

TSCA list

No substances are subject to a Significant New Use Rule.

No substances are subject to TSCA 12(b) export notification requirements.

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SECTION 16. OTHER INFORMATION

Full text of other abbreviations

AIIC - Australian Inventory of Industrial Chemicals; ASTM - American Society for the Testing of Materials; bw - Body weight; CERCLA - Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act; CMR - Carcinogen, Mutagen or Reproductive Toxicant; DIN - Standard of the German Institute for Standardisation; DOT - Department of Transportation; DSL - Domestic Substances List (Canada); ECx - Concentration associated with x% response; EHS - Extremely Hazardous Substance; ELx - Loading rate associated with x% response; EmS - Emergency Schedule; ENCS - Existing and New Chemical Substances (Japan); ErCx - Concentration associated with x% growth rate response; ERG - Emergency Response Guide; GHS - Globally Harmonised System; GLP - Good Laboratory Practice; HMIS - Hazardous Materials Identification System; IARC - International Agency for Research on Cancer; IATA - International Air Transport Association; IBC - International Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships carrying Dangerous Chemicals in Bulk; IC50 - Half maximal inhibitory concentration; ICAO - International Civil Aviation Organization; IECSC - Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances in China; IMDG - International Maritime Dangerous Goods; IMO - International Maritime Organisation; ISHL - Industrial Safety and Health Law (Japan); ISO - International Organisation for Standardisation; KECI - Korea Existing Chemicals Inventory; LC50 - Lethal Concentration to 50 % of a test population; LD50 - Lethal Dose to 50% of a test population (Median Lethal Dose); MARPOL - International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships; MSHA - Mine Safety and Health Administration; n.o.s. - Not Otherwise Specified; NFPA - National Fire Protection Association; NO(A)EC - No Observed (Adverse) Effect Concentration; NO(A)EL - No Observed (Adverse) Effect Level; NOELR - No Observable Effect Loading Rate; NTP - National Toxicology Program; NZIoC - New Zealand Inventory of Chemicals; OECD - Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development; OPPTS - Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention; PBT - Persistent, Bioaccumulative and Toxic substance; PICCS - Philippines Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances; (Q)SAR - (Quantitative) Structure Activity Relationship; RCRA - Resource Conservation and Recovery Act; REACH - Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals; RQ - Reportable Quantity; SADT - Self-Accelerating Decomposition Temperature; SARA - Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act; SDS - Safety Data Sheet; TCSI - Taiwan Chemical Substance Inventory; TECI - Thailand Existing Chemicals Inventory; TSCA - Toxic Substances Control Act (United States); UN - United Nations; UNRTDG - United Nations Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods; vPvB - Very Persistent and Very Bioaccumulative

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