SAFETY DATA SHEET

according to Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006

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GENERIC EU MSDS - NO COUNTRY SPECIFIC DATA - NO OEL DATA

SECTION 1: Identification of the substance/mixture and of the company/undertaking

1.1 Product identifiers

Product name	:	Gold(III) chloride trihydrate
Product Number	:	520918
Brand	:	Aldrich
REACH No.	:	A registration number is not available for this substance as the substance or its uses are exempted from registration or the annual tonnage does not require a registration.
CAS-No.	:	16961-25-4

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

Identified uses	:	Laboratory chemicals, Manufacture of substances

1.3 Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

Company	:	

1.4 Emergency telephone number

Emergency Phone #	:	+(44)-870-8200418 (CHEMTREC (GB)) +(353)-19014670 (CHEMTREC Ireland) 001-803-017-9114 (CHEMTREC India)

SECTION 2: Hazards identification

2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture

Corrosive to metals, (Category 1)	H290: May be corrosive to metals.
Acute toxicity, (Category 4)	H302: Harmful if swallowed.
Skin corrosion, (Sub-category 1B)	H314: Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.
Serious eye damage, (Category 1)	H318: Causes serious eye damage.
Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure, (Category 2), Kidney	H373: May cause damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure if swallowed.
Long-term (chronic) aquatic	H411: Toxic to aquatic life with long lasting

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hazard, (Category 2) effects.

2.2 Label elements

Labelling according Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008

Pictogram



Signal Word	Danger
Hazard Statements	
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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	
P260	Do not breathe dust.
P273	Avoid release to the environment.
P280	Wear protective gloves/ protective clothing/ eye protection/ face protection.
P303 + P361 + P353	IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water.
P305 + P351 + P338	IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.
P314	Get medical advice/ attention if you feel unwell.
Supplemental Hazard Statements	none

Reduced Labelling (<= 125 ml)

Pictogram



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Supplemental Hazard Statements	none

2.3 Other hazards

This substance/mixture contains no components considered to be either persistent, bioaccumulative and toxic (PBT), or very persistent and very bioaccumulative (vPvB) at levels of 0.1% or higher.

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Ecological information:
The substance/mixture does not contain components considered to have endocrine disrupting properties according to REACH Article 57(f) or Commission Delegated regulation (EU) 2017/2100 or Commission Regulation (EU) 2018/605 at levels of 0.1% or higher.
Toxicological information:
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SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients

3.1 Substances

Synonyms : Tetrachloroauric(III) acid
Hydrogen tetrachloroaurate(III)

Formula : $HAuCl_4 \cdot 3H_2O$
Molecular weight : 393.83 g/mol
CAS-No. : 16961-25-4
EC-No. : 240-948-4

Component		Classification	Concentration
Tetrachloroauric acid trihydrate			
CAS-No. EC-No.	16961-25-4 240-948-4	Met. Corr. 1; Acute Tox. 4; Skin Corr. 1B; Eye Dam. 1; STOT RE 2; Aquatic Chronic 2; H290, H302, H314, H318, H373, H411	<= 100 %

For the full text of the H-Statements mentioned in this Section, see Section 16.

SECTION 4: First aid measures

4.1 Description of 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.

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

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4.3 Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed
No data available

SECTION 5: Firefighting measures

5.1 Extinguishing media

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.

5.2 Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture
Hydrogen chloride gas
Not combustible.
Ambient fire may liberate hazardous vapours.

5.3 Advice for firefighters
Stay in danger area only with self-contained breathing apparatus. Prevent skin contact by keeping a safe distance or by wearing suitable protective clothing.

5.4 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.

SECTION 6: Accidental release measures

6.1 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.
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 dry. Dispose of properly. Clean up affected area. Avoid generation of dusts.

6.4 Reference to other sections
For disposal see section 13.

SECTION 7: Handling and storage

7.1 Precautions for safe handling
For precautions see section 2.2.

7.2 Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Storage conditions
No metal containers.
Tightly closed. Dry.

Moisture sensitive. Light sensitive.

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Storage class
Storage class (TRGS 510): 8A: Combustible, corrosive hazardous materials

7.3 Specific end use(s)
Apart from the uses mentioned in section 1.2 no other specific uses are stipulated

SECTION 8: Exposure controls/personal protection

8.1 Control parameters

Ingredients with workplace control parameters

8.2 Exposure controls

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

Skin protection
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).
Full contact
Material: Nitrile rubber
Minimum layer thickness: 0.11 mm
Break through time: 480 min
Material tested:KCL 741 Dermatril® L

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Splash contact
Material: Nitrile rubber
Minimum layer thickness: 0.11 mm
Break through time: 480 min
Material tested:KCL 741 Dermatril® L

Body Protection
protective clothing

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

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Control of environmental exposure
Do not let product enter drains.

SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties

9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties

a)	Physical state	Crystals with lumps
b)	Color	No data available
c)	Odor	No data available
d)	Melting point/freezing point	Melting point/freezing point: 75 °C at 1,013.25 hPa - OECD Test Guideline 102 - (anhydrous substance)
e)	Initial boiling point and boiling range	No data available
f)	Flammability (solid, gas)	No data available
g)	Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits	No data available
h)	Flash point	Not applicable
i)	Autoignition temperature	No data available
j)	Decomposition temperature	No data available
k)	pH	No data available
l)	Viscosity	Viscosity, kinematic: No data available Viscosity, dynamic: No data available
m)	Water solubility	No data available
n)	Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water	Not applicable for inorganic substances
o)	Vapor pressure	No data available
p)	Density	3.9 g/cm3 at 20 °C - (anhydrous substance)
	Relative density	No data available
q)	Relative vapour density	No data available
r)	Particle characteristics	No data available
s)	Explosive properties	Not classified as explosive.
t)	Oxidizing properties	none

9.2 Other safety information

No data available

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SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity

10.1 Reactivity
No data available

10.2 Chemical stability
The product is chemically stable under standard ambient conditions (room temperature) .
Light.

10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions
No data available

10.4 Conditions to avoid
Exposure to moisture
no information available

10.5 Incompatible materials
Aluminium, Mild steel

10.6 Hazardous decomposition products
In the event of fire: see section 5

SECTION 11: Toxicological information

11.1 Information on toxicological effects

Acute toxicity
Acute toxicity estimate Oral - 500.1 mg/kg
(Expert judgement)
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
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

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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
No data available

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

Endocrine disrupting properties

Product:

Assessment	The substance/mixture does not contain components considered to have endocrine disrupting properties according to REACH Article 57(f) or Commission Delegated regulation (EU) 2017/2100 or Commission Regulation (EU) 2018/605 at levels of 0.1% or higher.

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.

SECTION 12: Ecological information

12.1 Toxicity

Toxicity to fish	static test LC50 - Oncorhynchus mykiss (rainbow trout) - 15.7 mg/l - 96 h Remarks: (ECHA) (anhydrous substance) The value is given in analogy to the following substances:

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tetrachloroauric acid

Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates	static test EC50 - Daphnia magna (Water flea) - 4.8 mg/l - 48 h (OECD Test Guideline 202) Remarks: (anhydrous substance) The value is given in analogy to the following substances: tetrachloroauric acid
Toxicity to algae	static test ErC50 - Pseudokirchneriella subcapitata - > 9 mg/l - 72 h (OECD Test Guideline 201) Remarks: (anhydrous substance) The value is given in analogy to the following substances: tetrachloroauric acid
Toxicity to bacteria	static test EC50 - activated sludge - 27.9 mg/l - 3 h (OECD Test Guideline 209) Remarks: (anhydrous substance) The value is given in analogy to the following substances: tetrachloroauric acid

12.2 Persistence and degradability
The methods for determining biodegradability are not applicable to inorganic substances.

12.3 Bioaccumulative potential
No data available

12.4 Mobility in soil
No data available

12.5 Results of PBT and vPvB assessment
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12.6 Endocrine disrupting properties
Product:

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12.7 Other adverse effects
No data available

SECTION 13: Disposal considerations

13.1 Waste treatment methods
No data available

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SECTION 14: Transport information

14.1 UN number

ADR/RID: 3260 IMDG: 3260 IATA: 3260

14.2 UN proper shipping name

ADR/RID: CORROSIVE SOLID, ACIDIC, INORGANIC, N.O.S. (Tetrachloroauric acid trihydrate)

IMDG: CORROSIVE SOLID, ACIDIC, INORGANIC, N.O.S. (Tetrachloroauric acid trihydrate)

IATA: Corrosive solid, acidic, inorganic, n.o.s. (Tetrachloroauric acid trihydrate)

14.3 Transport hazard class(es)

ADR/RID: 8 IMDG: 8 IATA: 8

14.4 Packaging group

ADR/RID: II IMDG: II IATA: II

14.5 Environmental hazards

ADR/RID: yes IMDG Marine pollutant: yes IATA: no

14.6 Special precautions for user

Further information : No data available

14.7 Maritime transport in bulk according to IMO instruments

Not applicable for product as supplied.

SECTION 15: Regulatory information

15.1 Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture

This material safety data sheet complies with the requirements of Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006.

Authorisations and/or restrictions on use

National legislation

Seveso III: Directive 2012/18/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council on the control of major-accident hazards involving dangerous substances.	E2	ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS

15.2 Chemical safety assessment

For this product a chemical safety assessment was not carried out

SECTION 16: Other information

Full text of H-Statements

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Full text of other abbreviations

ADN - European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterways; ADR - Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road; AIIC - Australian Inventory of Industrial Chemicals; ASTM - American Society for the Testing of Materials; bw - Body weight; CMR - Carcinogen, Mutagen or Reproductive Toxicant; DIN - Standard of the German Institute for Standardisation; DSL - Domestic Substances List (Canada); ECx - Concentration associated with x% response; 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; GHS - Globally Harmonised System; GLP - Good Laboratory Practice; 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; n.o.s. - Not Otherwise Specified; NO(A)EC - No Observed (Adverse) Effect Concentration; NO(A)EL - No Observed (Adverse) Effect Level; NOELR - No Observable Effect Loading Rate; 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; REACH - Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals; RID - Regulations concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Rail; SADT - Self-Accelerating Decomposition Temperature; 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

Further information

The information is believed to be correct but is not exhaustive and will be used solely as a guideline, which is based on current knowledge of the chemical substance or mixture and is applicable to appropriate safety precautions for the product. It does not represent any guarantee of the properties of the product. Sigma-Aldrich Corporation and its Affiliates shall not be held liable for any damage resulting from handling or from contact with the above product. See www.sigma-aldrich.com and/or the reverse side of invoice or packing slip for additional terms and conditions of sale.

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