

# SAFETY DATA SHEET

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## 1. Identification

**Product Name** Cerium(III) chloride heptahydrate

**Cat No. :** AC211820000; AC211820250; AC211821000; AC211825000

**CAS-No** 18618-55-8  
**Synonyms** Cerium trichloride heptahydrate.

**Recommended Use** Laboratory chemicals.  
**Uses advised against** Food, drug, pesticide or biocidal product use.

### Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

#### Company

**Importer/Distributor**  
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## 2. Hazard(s) identification

### Classification

**WHMIS 2015 Classification** This product is hazardous in accordance with the Canada Hazardous Products Act (HPA) and Hazardous Products Regulation (HPR), as amended (SOR/2022-272)

**Skin Corrosion/Irritation** Category 1 C  
**Serious Eye Damage/Eye Irritation** Category 1

### Label Elements

**Signal Word**  
Danger

**Hazard Statements**  
Causes severe skin burns and eye damage

**Precautionary Statements****Prevention**

Do not breathe dust/fumes/gas/mist/vapours/spray  
 Wash face, hands and any exposed skin thoroughly after handling  
 Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection

**Response**

IF SWALLOWED: Rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting  
 IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water or shower  
 IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing  
 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  
 Wash contaminated clothing before reuse

**Storage**

Store locked up

**Disposal**

Dispose of contents/container to an approved waste disposal plant

**Other Hazards**

Very toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects

### 3. Composition/Information on Ingredients

Component	CAS-No	Weight %
Cerium chloride heptahydrate	18618-55-8	>95
Cerium chloride (CeCl <sub>3</sub> )	7790-86-5	-

### 4. First-aid measures

<b>General Advice</b>	Immediate medical attention is required. Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance.
<b>Eye Contact</b>	Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids, for at least 15 minutes. Immediate medical attention is required. Keep eye wide open while rinsing.
<b>Skin Contact</b>	Wash off immediately with soap and plenty of water while removing all contaminated clothes and shoes. Call a physician immediately.
<b>Inhalation</b>	Remove to fresh air. Call a physician or poison control center immediately. Do not use mouth-to-mouth method if victim ingested or inhaled the substance; give artificial respiration with the aid of a pocket mask equipped with a one-way valve or other proper respiratory medical device. If not breathing, give artificial respiration.
<b>Ingestion</b>	Immediate medical attention is required. Do NOT induce vomiting. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Drink plenty of water.
<b>Most important symptoms/effects</b>	Causes burns by all exposure routes. Product is a corrosive material. Use of gastric lavage or emesis is contraindicated. Possible perforation of stomach or esophagus should be investigated: Ingestion causes severe swelling, severe damage to the delicate tissue and danger of perforation
<b>Notes to Physician</b>	Treat symptomatically

## 5. Fire-fighting measures

<b>Suitable Extinguishing Media</b>	Use extinguishing measures that are appropriate to local circumstances and the surrounding environment.
<b>Unsuitable Extinguishing Media</b>	No information available
<b>Flash Point</b>	No information available
<b>Method -</b>	No information available
<b>Autoignition Temperature</b>	>400 °C / >752 °F
<b>Explosion Limits</b>	
<b>Upper</b>	No data available
<b>Lower</b>	No data available
<b>Sensitivity to Mechanical Impact</b>	No information available
<b>Sensitivity to Static Discharge</b>	No information available

### Specific Hazards Arising from the Chemical

The product causes burns of eyes, skin and mucous membranes. Do not allow run-off from fire-fighting to enter drains or water courses.

### Hazardous Combustion Products

Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating gases and vapors. Hydrogen chloride gas.

### Protective Equipment and Precautions for Firefighters

As in any fire, wear self-contained breathing apparatus pressure-demand, MSHA/NIOSH (approved or equivalent) and full protective gear. Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating gases and vapors.

### NFPA

<b>Health</b> 3	<b>Flammability</b> 0	<b>Instability</b> 1	<b>Physical hazards</b> N/A
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## 6. Accidental release measures

<b>Personal Precautions</b>	Evacuate personnel to safe areas. Use personal protective equipment as required. Avoid contact with skin, eyes or clothing.
<b>Environmental Precautions</b>	Do not flush into surface water or sanitary sewer system. Do not allow material to contaminate ground water system. Prevent product from entering drains. Local authorities should be advised if significant spillages cannot be contained.
<b>Methods for Containment and Clean Up</b>	Sweep up and shovel into suitable containers for disposal. Avoid dust formation.

## 7. Handling and storage

<b>Handling</b>	Do not breathe dust. Do not ingest. If swallowed then seek immediate medical assistance. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Use only under a chemical fume hood. Wear personal protective equipment/face protection.
<b>Storage.</b>	Keep containers tightly closed in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place. Corrosives area. Store under an inert atmosphere. Incompatible Materials. Strong oxidizing agents. Strong acids. Bases.

## 8. Exposure controls / personal protection

<b>Exposure Guidelines</b>	This product does not contain any hazardous materials with occupational exposure limits established by the region specific regulatory bodies.
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**Engineering Measures**

Ensure adequate ventilation, especially in confined areas. Ensure that eyewash stations and safety showers are close to the workstation location.

Wherever possible, engineering control measures such as the isolation or enclosure of the process, the introduction of process or equipment changes to minimise release or contact, and the use of properly designed ventilation systems, should be adopted to control hazardous materials at source

**Personal protective equipment**

**Eye Protection** Goggles  
**Hand Protection** Protective gloves

Glove material	Breakthrough time	Glove thickness	Glove comments
Natural rubber	See manufacturers recommendations	-	Splash protection only
Nitrile rubber			
Neoprene			
PVC			

Inspect gloves before use. observe the instructions regarding permeability and breakthrough time which are provided by the supplier of the gloves. (Refer to manufacturer/supplier for information) gloves are suitable for the task: Chemical compatability, Dexterity, Operational conditions, User susceptibility, e.g. sensitisation effects, also take into consideration the specific local conditions under which the product is used, such as the danger of cuts, abrasion. gloves with care avoiding skin contamination.

**Respiratory Protection**

When workers are facing concentrations above the exposure limit they must use appropriate certified respirators. Follow the OSHA respirator regulations found in 29 CFR 1910.134 or European Standard EN 149. Use a NIOSH/MSHA or European Standard EN 149 approved respirator if exposure limits are exceeded or if irritation or other symptoms are experienced.

To protect the wearer, respiratory protective equipment must be the correct fit and be used and maintained properly

**Recommended Filter type:** Particulates filter conforming to EN 143

When RPE is used a face piece Fit Test should be conducted

**Environmental exposure controls**

Prevent product from entering drains. Do not allow material to contaminate ground water system. Local authorities should be advised if significant spillages cannot be contained.

**Hygiene Measures**

Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.

## 9. Physical and chemical properties

**Appearance**

**Physical State** Solid

**Color** Light yellow

**Odor** No information available

**Odor Threshold** No information available

**Property**

**Melting Point/Range** **Values** 848 °C / 1558.4 °F

**Softening Point** No data available

**Boiling Point/Range** No information available

**Flash Point** No information available

**Flammability (liquid)** Not applicable

**Flammability (solid,gas)** No information available

**Explosion Limits** No data available

**Remarks** • **Method**

**Method** - No information available  
Solid

<b>Autoignition Temperature</b>	>400 °C / >752 °F	
<b>Decomposition Temperature</b>	No data available	
<b>pH</b>	No information available	
<b>Viscosity</b>	Not applicable	Solid
<b>Water Solubility</b>	1000 g/L (20°C)	
<b>Solubility in other solvents</b>	No information available	
<b>Partition Coefficient (n-octanol/water)</b>		
<b>Vapor Pressure</b>	No information available	
<b>Density / Specific Gravity</b>	No data available	
<b>Bulk Density</b>	No data available	
<b>Vapor Density</b>	Not applicable	Solid
<b>Particle characteristics</b>	No data available	

**Other Information**

<b>Molecular Formula</b>	Ce Cl <sub>3</sub> · 7 H <sub>2</sub> O
<b>Molecular Weight</b>	372.58
<b>Evaporation Rate</b>	Not applicable - Solid

## 10. Stability and reactivity

<b>Reactive Hazard</b>	None known, based on information available
<b>Stability</b>	Hygroscopic.
<b>Conditions to Avoid</b>	Incompatible products. Excess heat. Exposure to moist air or water.
<b>Incompatible Materials</b>	Strong oxidizing agents, Strong acids, Bases
<b>Hazardous Decomposition Products</b>	Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating gases and vapors, Hydrogen chloride gas
<b>Hazardous Polymerization</b>	Hazardous polymerization does not occur.
<b>Hazardous Reactions</b>	None under normal processing.

## 11. Toxicological information

**Information on expected route of exposure**

<b>Inhalation</b>	Harmful by inhalation.
<b>Ingestion</b>	Ingestion causes burns of the upper digestive and respiratory tracts. Can burn mouth, throat, and stomach. Harmful if swallowed.
<b>Eyes</b>	Causes burns. Corrosive to the eyes and may cause severe damage including blindness. Risk of serious damage to eyes.
<b>Skin</b>	Causes burns.

**Toxicology data for the components**

Component	LD50 Oral	LD50 Dermal	LC50 Inhalation
Cerium chloride (CeCl <sub>3</sub> )	2800 mg/kg (Rat)	-	-

**Toxicologically Synergistic Products** No information available

**(b) skin corrosion/irritation;** Category 1 C

**(c) serious eye damage/irritation;** Category 1

**(d) respiratory or skin sensitization;****Respiratory**

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

**Skin**

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

**(e) germ cell mutagenicity;**

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

**(f) carcinogenicity;**

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

The table below indicates whether each agency has listed any ingredient as a carcinogen

Component	CAS-No	IARC	NTP	ACGIH	OSHA	Mexico
Cerium chloride heptahydrate	18618-55-8	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed
Cerium chloride (CeCl <sub>3</sub> )	7790-86-5	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed

**(g) reproductive toxicity;**

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

**(h) STOT-single exposure;**

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

**(i) STOT-repeated exposure;**

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

**Target Organs**

None known.

**(j) aspiration hazard;**Not applicable  
Solid**Other Adverse Effects**

The toxicological properties have not been fully investigated.

**Symptoms / effects, both acute and delayed**

Product is a corrosive material. Use of gastric lavage or emesis is contraindicated. Possible perforation of stomach or esophagus should be investigated. Ingestion causes severe swelling, severe damage to the delicate tissue and danger of perforation.

**Other Adverse Effects**

The toxicological properties have not been fully investigated.

**Endocrine Disrupting Properties**

This product does not contain any known or suspected endocrine disruptors.

## 12. Ecological information

**Ecotoxicity**

Very toxic to aquatic organisms, may cause long-term adverse effects in the aquatic environment. The product contains following substances which are hazardous for the environment.

Component	Freshwater Algae	Freshwater Fish	Microtox	Water Flea
Cerium chloride (CeCl <sub>3</sub> )	Not listed	LC50: 0.13 mg/L/96h (Oncorhynchus Mykiss)	Not listed	EC50: 6.9 mg/L/48h

**Persistence and Degradability**

Soluble in water Persistence is unlikely based on information available.

**Bioaccumulation/ Accumulation**

No information available.

**Mobility**

Will likely be mobile in the environment due to its water solubility.

## 13. Disposal considerations

**Waste Disposal Methods**

Chemical waste generators must determine whether a discarded chemical is classified as a hazardous waste. Chemical waste generators must also consult local, regional, and national hazardous waste regulations to ensure complete and accurate classification.

## 14. Transport information

**DOT**

<b>UN-No</b>	UN1759
<b>Proper Shipping Name</b>	CORROSIVE SOLIDS, N.O.S.
<b>Hazard Class</b>	8
<b>Packing Group</b>	II

**TDG**

<b>UN-No</b>	UN1759
<b>Proper Shipping Name</b>	Corrosive solid, n.o.s.
<b>Hazard Class</b>	8
<b>Packing Group</b>	II

**IATA**

<b>UN-No</b>	UN1759
<b>Proper Shipping Name</b>	Corrosive solid, n.o.s.
<b>Hazard Class</b>	8
<b>Packing Group</b>	II

**IMDG/IMO**

<b>UN-No</b>	UN1759
<b>Proper Shipping Name</b>	Corrosive solid, n.o.s.
<b>Hazard Class</b>	8
<b>Packing Group</b>	II

## 15. Regulatory information

**International Inventories**

Component	CAS-No	DSL	NDSL	TSCA	TSCA Inventory notification - Active-Inactive	EINECS	ELINCS	NLP
Cerium chloride heptahydrate	18618-55-8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cerium chloride (CeCl <sub>3</sub> )	7790-86-5	X	-	X	ACTIVE	232-227-8	-	-

Component	CAS-No	IECSC	KECL	ENCS	ISHL	TCSI	AICS	NZIoC	PICCS
Cerium chloride heptahydrate	18618-55-8	X	-	-	-	X	X	X	-
Cerium chloride (CeCl <sub>3</sub> )	7790-86-5	X	KE-05416	X	X	X	X	X	-

**Legend:**

X - Listed '-' - Not listed

**KECL** - NIER number or KE number (<http://ncis.nier.go.kr/en/main.do>)**DSL/NDSL** - Canadian Domestic Substances List/Non-Domestic Substances List**TSCA** - United States Toxic Substances Control Act Section 8(b) Inventory**EINECS/ELINCS** - European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances/EU List of Notified Chemical Substances**IECSC** - Chinese Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances**KECL** - Korean Existing and Evaluated Chemical Substances**ENCS** - Japanese Existing and New Chemical Substances**AICS** - Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances**PICCS** - Philippines Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances**Canada**

SDS in compliance with provisions of information as set out in Canadian Standard - Part 4, Schedule 1 and 2 of the Hazardous Products Regulations (HPR) and its amendments and meets the requirements of the HPR (Paragraph 13(1)(a) of the revised Hazardous Products Act (HPA)).

**Other International Regulations****Authorisation/Restrictions according to EU REACH**

Not applicable

Contains component(s) that meet a 'definition' of per & poly fluoroalkyl substance (PFAS)?

Not applicable

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

Component	CAS-No	OECD HPV	Persistent Organic Pollutant	Ozone Depletion Potential	Restriction of Hazardous Substances (RoHS)
Cerium chloride heptahydrate	18618-55-8	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
Cerium chloride (CeCl <sub>3</sub> )	7790-86-5	Listed	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable

Component	CAS-No	Seveso III Directive (2012/18/EC) - Qualifying Quantities for Major Accident Notification	Seveso III Directive (2012/18/EC) - Qualifying Quantities for Safety Report Requirements	Rotterdam Convention (PIC)	Basel Convention (Hazardous Waste)
Cerium chloride heptahydrate	18618-55-8	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
Cerium chloride (CeCl <sub>3</sub> )	7790-86-5	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable

## 16. Other information

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**Revision Summary**

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