• SAFETY DATA SHEET

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SECTION 1. IDENTIFICATION

1.1 Product identifiers

Product name : Helium

Product Number : 00488
Brand : Sigma-Aldrich
CAS-No. : 7440-59-7

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.
3050 SPRUCE ST
ST. LOUIS MO 63103
UNITED STATES

Telephone : +1 314 771-5765
Fax : +1 800 325-5052

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)

Hazards for the product as supplied

Gases under pressure : Compressed gas

Simple Asphyxiant

Other hazards

May displace oxygen and cause rapid suffocation.

GHS label elements

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Hazard pictograms :

Signal Word : Warning

Hazard Statements : H280 Contains gas under pressure; may explode if heated.
May displace oxygen and cause rapid suffocation.

Precautionary statements : **Storage:**
P410 + P403 Protect from sunlight. Store in a well-ventilated place.

SECTION 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Substance / Mixture : Substance

Components

Chemical name	CAS No./Unique ID	Concentration (% w/w)	Trade secret
Helium	7440-59-7*	>= 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 : Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance.

If inhaled : After inhalation: fresh air.

In case of skin contact : In case of skin contact: Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/ shower.

In case of eye contact : After eye contact: rinse out with plenty of water. Remove contact lenses.

If swallowed : After swallowing: make victim drink water (two glasses at most). Consult doctor if feeling unwell.

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

Protection of first-aiders : For personal protection see section 8.

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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.
Specific extinguishing methods	:	No data available
Further information	:	Prevent fire extinguishing water from contaminating surface water or the ground water system.
Special protective equipment for fire-fighters	:	In the event of fire, wear self-contained breathing apparatus.

SECTION 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures	:	Advice for non-emergency personnel: Do not breathe gas. 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.
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).

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Stop flow of gas, move leaking cylinder to open air if without risk.

SECTION 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

For precautions see section 2.2.

Further information on storage conditions	:	Tightly closed. Keep away from combustible materials and sources of ignition.
Storage class	:	2A, Gases
Recommended storage temperature	:	Recommended storage temperature see product label.
Further information on storage stability	:	Contents under pressure.

SECTION 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

Ingredients with workplace control parameters

Engineering measures : No data available

Personal protective equipment

Respiratory protection	:	required when vapours/mists 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 ABEK

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.

Hand protection

Remarks	:	required
Eye protection	:	Use equipment for eye protection tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or EN 166(EU).

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		Safety glasses
Skin and body protection	:	protective clothing
Hygiene measures	:	Change contaminated clothing. Wash hands after working with substance.

SECTION 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Appearance	:	Compressed gas
Color	:	No data available
Odor	:	No data available
Odor Threshold	:	No data available
pH	:	No data available
Melting point/ range	:	-458.0 °F / -272.2 °C Method: lit.
Boiling point/boiling range	:	-452.0 °F / -268.9 °C Method: lit.
Flash point	:	Not applicable
Evaporation rate	:	No data available
Flammability (solid, gas)	:	The product is not flammable.
Flammability (liquids)	:	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	:	0.14 (Air = 1.0)
Relative density	:	No data available
Density	:	No data available
Solubility(ies)		

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Water solubility	:	0.0015 g/l
Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water	:	No data available
Autoignition temperature	:	No data available
Decomposition temperature	:	No data available
Viscosity, dynamic	:	No data available
Viscosity, kinematic	:	No data available
Flow time	:	No data available
Explosive properties	:	No data available
Oxidizing properties	:	No data available
Molecular weight	:	4.00 g/mol
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	:	none
Conditions to avoid	:	no information available
Incompatible materials	:	No data available
Hazardous decomposition products	:	In the event of fire: see section 5

SECTION 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

11.1 Information on toxicological effects

Acute toxicity
Oral: No data available
Inhalation: No data available
Dermal: No data available
No data available

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Skin corrosion/irritation
Remarks: No data available

Serious eye damage/eye irritation
Remarks: No data available

Respiratory or skin sensitization
No data available

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.

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
No data available

Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure
No data available

Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure
No data available

Aspiration hazard
No data available

11.2 Additional Information

RTECS: MH6520000
To the best of our knowledge, the chemical, physical, and toxicological properties have not been thoroughly investigated.

SECTION 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Ecotoxicity

Components:

Helium:

Toxicity to fish : Remarks: No data available

Persistence and degradability

Components:

Helium:

Biodegradability : Remarks: No data available

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Bioaccumulative potential

Components:

Helium:

Bioaccumulation : Remarks: No data available

Mobility in soil

Components:

Helium:

Stability in soil : Remarks: 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:

Helium:

Additional ecological information : No data available

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.

Pressurised gas bottle: dispose of only in empty condition!

SECTION 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

International Regulations

IATA-DGR

UN/ID No. : UN 1046

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Proper shipping name	:	Helium, compressed
Class	:	2.2
Packing group	:	Not assigned by regulation
Labels	:	Division 2.2 - Non-flammable, non-toxic gases
Packing instruction (cargo aircraft)	:	200
Packing instruction (passenger aircraft)	:	200

IMDG-Code

UN number	:	UN 1046
Proper shipping name	:	HELIUM, COMPRESSED
Class	:	2.2
Packing group	:	Not assigned by regulation
Labels	:	2.2
EmS Code	:	F-C, S-V
Marine pollutant	:	no

Transport in bulk according to IMO instruments

Not applicable for product as supplied.

National Regulations

49 CFR Road

UN/ID/NA number	:	UN 1046
Proper shipping name	:	Helium, compressed
Class	:	2.2
Packing group	:	Not assigned by regulation
Labels	:	Division 2.2 - Non-flammable, non-toxic gases
ERG Code	:	120
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.

SARA 302 Extremely Hazardous Substances Threshold Planning Quantity

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

SARA 311/312 : Sudden Release of Pressure Hazard

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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

Helium	7440-59-7

Pennsylvania Right To Know

Helium	7440-59-7

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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