

**Warning**



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

#### 1.1. Product identifier

Trade name : Helium (refrigerated)  
SDS no : SDS-061B-CLP  
Chemical description : Helium (refrigerated)  
CAS No : 7440-59-7  
EC no : 231-168-5  
EC index no : ---  
Registration-No. : Listed in Annex IV / V REACH, exempted from registration.  
Chemical formula : He

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

Relevant identified uses : Industrial and professional. Perform risk assessment prior to use.  
Test gas/Calibration gas.  
Purge gas, diluting gas, inerting gas.  
Purging.  
Laboratory use.  
Shield gas for welding processes.  
Use for manufacture of electronic/photovoltaic components.  
Contact supplier for more information on uses.

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

Company identification : Air Liquide UK Ltd.  
Station Road, Coleshill  
B46 1JY Birmingham United Kingdom  
01675 462424  
genenq.aluk@airliquide.com

#### 1.4. Emergency telephone number

Emergency telephone number : 01675 462695

### SECTION 2: Hazards identification

#### 2.1. Classification of the substance or mixture

##### Classification according to Regulation (EC) No. 1272/2008 [CLP]

Physical hazards Gases under pressure : Refrigerated liquefied gas H281

#### 2.2. Label elements

##### Labelling according to Regulation (EC) No. 1272/2008 [CLP]

Hazard pictograms (CLP) :



GHS04

Signal word (CLP) :

Warning

Hazard statements (CLP) :

H281 - Contains refrigerated gas; may cause cryogenic burns or injury.

Precautionary statements (CLP)

- Prevention : P282 - Wear cold insulating gloves, face shield, eye protection.
- Response : P315 - Get immediate medical advice/attention.  
P336 - Thaw frosted parts with lukewarm water. Do not rub affected area.
- Storage : P403 - Store in a well-ventilated place.

### 2.3. Other hazards

: Asphyxiant in high concentrations.

## SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients

### 3.1. Substance

| Name                  | Product identifier  | %   | Classification according to Regulation (EC) No. 1272/2008 [CLP] |
|-----------------------|---|-----|---|
| Helium (refrigerated) | (CAS No) 7440-59-7<br>(EC no) 231-168-5<br>(EC index no) ---<br>(Registration-No.) *1 | 100 | Press. Gas (Ref. Liq.), H281                                    |

Contains no other components or impurities which will influence the classification of the product.

\*1: Listed in Annex IV / V REACH, exempted from registration.

\*2: Registration deadline not expired.

\*3: Registration not required: Substance manufactured or imported < 1t/y.

### 3.2. Mixture

: Not applicable

## SECTION 4: First aid measures

### 4.1. Description of first aid measures

- Inhalation : Remove victim to uncontaminated area wearing self contained breathing apparatus. Keep victim warm and rested. Call a doctor. Apply artificial respiration if breathing stopped.
- Skin contact : In case of frostbite spray with water for at least 15 minutes. Apply a sterile dressing. Obtain medical assistance.
- Eye contact : Immediately flush eyes thoroughly with water for at least 15 minutes.
- Ingestion : Ingestion is not considered a potential route of exposure.

### 4.2. Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed

: In high concentrations may cause asphyxiation. Symptoms may include loss of mobility/consciousness. Victim may not be aware of asphyxiation.

### 4.3. Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

: None.

## SECTION 5: Firefighting measures

### 5.1. Extinguishing media

- Suitable extinguishing media : Water spray or fog.
- Unsuitable extinguishing media : Do not use water jet to extinguish.

### 5.2. Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture

- Specific hazards : Exposure to fire may cause containers to rupture/explode.
- Hazardous combustion products : None.

### 5.3. Advice for firefighters

- Specific methods : Use fire control measures appropriate for the surrounding fire. Exposure to fire and heat radiation may cause gas receptacles to rupture. Cool endangered receptacles with water spray jet from a protected position. Prevent water used in emergency cases from entering sewers and drainage systems.  
Exposure to fire may cause containers to rupture/explode.  
If possible, stop flow of product.  
Use water spray or fog to knock down fire fumes if possible.  
Move containers away from the fire area if this can be done without risk.
- Special protective equipment for fire fighters : Use self-contained breathing apparatus.  
Standard protective clothing and equipment (Self Contained Breathing Apparatus) for fire fighters.  
Standard EN 137 - Self-contained open-circuit compressed air breathing apparatus with full face mask.  
Standard EN 469 - Protective clothing for firefighters. Standard - EN 659: Protective gloves for firefighters.

## SECTION 6: Accidental release measures

### 6.1. Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

- : Try to stop release.  
Evacuate area.  
Wear self-contained breathing apparatus when entering area unless atmosphere is proved to be safe.  
Use protective clothing.  
Ensure adequate air ventilation.  
Act in accordance with local emergency plan.  
Stay upwind.

### 6.2. Environmental precautions

- : Try to stop release.

### 6.3. Methods and material for containment and cleaning up

- : Ventilate area.  
Liquid spillages can cause embrittlement of structural materials.

### 6.4. Reference to other sections

- : See also sections 8 and 13.

## SECTION 7: Handling and storage

### 7.1. Precautions for safe handling

## Safe use of the product

- : Do not breathe gas.
- Avoid release of product into atmosphere.
- The substance must be handled in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety procedures.
- Only experienced and properly instructed persons should handle gases under pressure.
- Consider pressure relief device(s) in gas installations.
- Ensure the complete gas system was (or is regularly) checked for leaks before use.
- Do not smoke while handling product.
- Do not remove or deface labels provided by the supplier for the identification of the cylinder contents.
- Use only properly specified equipment which is suitable for this product, its supply pressure and temperature. Contact your gas supplier if in doubt.

## Safe handling of the gas receptacle

- : Refer to supplier's container handling instructions.
- Do not allow backfeed into the container.
- Never attempt to repair or modify container valves or safety relief devices.
- Damaged valves should be reported immediately to the supplier.
- Keep container valve outlets clean and free from contaminants particularly oil and water.
- Replace valve outlet caps or plugs and container caps where supplied as soon as container is disconnected from equipment.
- Close container valve after each use and when empty, even if still connected to equipment.
- Never attempt to transfer gases from one cylinder/container to another.
- Never use direct flame or electrical heating devices to raise the pressure of a container.
- Do not remove or deface labels provided by the supplier for the identification of the cylinder contents.
- Suck back of water into the container must be prevented.

**7.2. Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities**

- : Observe all regulations and local requirements regarding storage of containers.
- Containers should not be stored in conditions likely to encourage corrosion.
- Container valve guards or caps should be in place.
- Containers should be stored in the vertical position and properly secured to prevent them from falling over.
- Stored containers should be periodically checked for general condition and leakage.
- Keep container below 50°C in a well ventilated place.
- Store containers in location free from fire risk and away from sources of heat and ignition.
- Keep away from combustible materials.

**7.3. Specific end use(s)**

- : None.

**SECTION 8: Exposure controls/personal protection****8.1. Control parameters****8.2. Exposure controls**

**8.2.1. Appropriate engineering controls**

- : Provide adequate general and local exhaust ventilation.
- Product to be handled in a closed system.
- Systems under pressure should be regularly checked for leakages.
- Oxygen detectors should be used when asphyxiating gases may be released.
- Consider work permit system e.g. for maintenance activities.

**8.2.2. Individual protection measures, e.g. personal protective equipment**

- : A risk assessment should be conducted and documented in each work area to assess the risks related to the use of the product and to select the PPE that matches the relevant risk. The following recommendations should be considered:
- Protect eyes, face and skin from liquid splashes.
- PPE compliant to the recommended EN/ISO standards should be selected.

• Eye/face protection

- : Wear safety glasses with side shields.
- Wear goggles and a face shield when transfilling or breaking transfer connections.
- Standard EN 166 - Personal eye-protection.

• Skin protection

- Hand protection

- : Wear working gloves when handling gas containers.
- Standard EN 388 - Protective gloves against mechanical risk.

- Other

- : Wear safety shoes while handling containers.
- Standard EN ISO 20345 - Personal protective equipment - Safety footwear.

• Respiratory protection

- : Self contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) or positive pressure airline with mask are to be used in oxygen-deficient atmospheres.
- Standard EN 137 - Self-contained open-circuit compressed air breathing apparatus with full face mask.

• Thermal hazards

- : Wear cold insulating gloves when transfilling or breaking transfer connections.
- Standard EN 511 - Cold insulating gloves.

**8.2.3. Environmental exposure controls**

- : None necessary.

**SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties**

**9.1. Information on basic physical and chemical properties**

Appearance

- Physical state at 20°C / 101.3kPa : Gas
- Colour : Colourless.

Odour : No odour warning properties.

Odour threshold : Odour threshold is subjective and inadequate to warn of overexposure.

pH : Not applicable.

Melting point / Freezing point : -272 °C

Boiling point : -269 °C

Flash point : Not applicable for gases and gas mixtures.

Evaporation rate : Not applicable for gases and gas mixtures.

Flammability (solid, gas) :

Explosive limits : Non flammable.

Vapour pressure [20°C] : Not applicable.

Vapour pressure [50°C] : Not applicable.

Relative density, liquid (water=1) : 0.12

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| Relative density, gas (air=1)                   | : 0.14                                |
| Water solubility                                | : 1.5 mg/l                            |
| Partition coefficient n-octanol/water (Log Kow) | : Not applicable for inorganic gases. |
| Auto-ignition temperature                       | : Not applicable.                     |
| Viscosity                                       | : Not applicable.                     |
| Explosive properties                            | : Not applicable.                     |
| Oxidising properties                            | : None.                               |

**9.2. Other information**

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| Molar mass                | : 4 g/mol  |
| Critical temperature [°C] | : -268 °C  |
| Other data                | : Gas/vapour heavier than air. May accumulate in confined spaces, particularly at or below ground level. |

**SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity****10.1. Reactivity**

: No reactivity hazard other than the effects described in sub-sections below.

**10.2. Chemical stability**

: Stable under normal conditions.

**10.3. Possibility of hazardous reactions**

: None.

**10.4. Conditions to avoid**

: None under recommended storage and handling conditions (see section 7).

**10.5. Incompatible materials**

: None.  
For additional information on compatibility refer to ISO 11114.

**10.6. Hazardous decomposition products**

: None.

**SECTION 11: Toxicological information****11.1. Information on toxicological effects**

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|---------------------------------------|---|
| Acute toxicity                        | : No known toxicological effects from this product. |
| Skin corrosion/irritation             | : No known effects from this product.               |
| Serious eye damage/irritation         | : No known effects from this product.               |
| Respiratory or skin sensitisation     | : No known effects from this product.               |
| Germ cell mutagenicity                | : No known effects from this product.               |
| Carcinogenicity                       | : No known effects from this product.               |
| Toxic for reproduction : Fertility    | : No known effects from this product.               |
| Toxic for reproduction : unborn child | : No known effects from this product.               |
| STOT-single exposure                  | : No known effects from this product.               |
| STOT-repeated exposure                | : No known effects from this product.               |
| Aspiration hazard                     | : Not applicable for gases and gas mixtures.        |

**SECTION 12: Ecological information****12.1. Toxicity**

Assessment : No ecological damage caused by this product.

EC50 48h - Daphnia magna [mg/l] : No data available.

EC50 72h - Algae [mg/l] : No data available.

LC50 96 h - Fish [mg/l] : No data available.

#### **12.2. Persistence and degradability**

Assessment : No ecological damage caused by this product.

#### **12.3. Bioaccumulative potential**

Assessment : No ecological damage caused by this product.

#### **12.4. Mobility in soil**

Assessment : No ecological damage caused by this product.

#### **12.5. Results of PBT and vPvB assessment**

Assessment : Not classified as PBT or vPvB.

#### **12.6. Other adverse effects**

Other adverse effects : Can cause frost damage to vegetation.

Effect on ozone layer : None.

Effect on the global warming : None.

### **SECTION 13: Disposal considerations**

#### **13.1. Waste treatment methods**

Consult supplier for specific recommendations.

May be vented to atmosphere in a well ventilated place.

Do not discharge into any place where its accumulation could be dangerous.

Refer to the EIGA code of practice Doc.30 "Disposal of Gases", downloadable at <http://www.eiga.org> for more guidance on suitable disposal methods.

List of hazardous waste codes (from Commission Decision 2001/118/EC) : 16 05 05: Gases in pressure containers other than those mentioned in 16 05 04.

#### **13.2. Additional information**

: None.

### **SECTION 14: Transport information**

#### **14.1. UN number**

UN-No. : 1963

#### **14.2. UN proper shipping name**

Transport by road/rail (ADR/RID) : HELIUM, REFRIGERATED LIQUID

Transport by air (ICAO-TI / IATA-DGR) : HELIUM, REFRIGERATED LIQUID

Transport by sea (IMDG) : HELIUM, REFRIGERATED LIQUID

#### **14.3. Transport hazard class(es)**

**Labelling**

:



2.2 : Non-flammable, non-toxic gases.

**Transport by road/rail (ADR/RID)**

Class : 2  
 Classification code : 3A  
 Hazard identification number : 22  
 Tunnel Restriction : C/E - Tank carriage : Passage forbidden through tunnels of category C, D and E. Other carriage : Passage forbidden through tunnels of category E

**Transport by air (ICAO-TI / IATA-DGR)**

Class / Div. (Sub. risk(s)) : 2.2

**Transport by sea (IMDG)**

Class / Div. (Sub. risk(s)) : 2.2  
 Emergency Schedule (EmS) - Fire : F-C  
 Emergency Schedule (EmS) - Spillage : S-V

**14.4. Packing group**

Transport by road/rail (ADR/RID) : Not applicable  
 Transport by air (ICAO-TI / IATA-DGR) : Not applicable  
 Transport by sea (IMDG) : Not applicable

**14.5. Environmental hazards**

Transport by road/rail (ADR/RID) : None.  
 Transport by air (ICAO-TI / IATA-DGR) : None.  
 Transport by sea (IMDG) : None.

**14.6. Special precautions for user**

**Packing Instruction(s)**

Transport by road/rail (ADR/RID) : P203  
 Transport by air (ICAO-TI / IATA-DGR)  
     Passenger and Cargo Aircraft : 202.  
     Cargo Aircraft only : 202.  
 Transport by sea (IMDG) : P203

Special transport precautions : Avoid transport on vehicles where the load space is not separated from the driver's compartment.  
 Ensure vehicle driver is aware of the potential hazards of the load and knows what to do in the event of an accident or an emergency.  
 Before transporting product containers:  
 - Ensure there is adequate ventilation.  
 - Ensure that containers are firmly secured.  
 - Ensure cylinder valve is closed and not leaking.  
 - Ensure valve outlet cap nut or plug (where provided) is correctly fitted.  
 - Ensure valve protection device (where provided) is correctly fitted.

**14.7. Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL and the IBC Code**

: Not applicable.



**SECTION 15: Regulatory information****15.1. Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture****EU-Regulations**

Restrictions on use : None.  
Seveso directive 96/82/EC : Not covered.

**National regulations**

National legislation : Ensure all national/local regulations are observed.  
Water hazard class (WGK) : nwg - Non-hazardous to water

**15.2. Chemical safety assessment**

: A CSA does not need to be carried out for this product.

**SECTION 16: Other information**

Indication of changes : Revised safety data sheet in accordance with commission regulation (EU) No 453/2010.  
Training advice : The hazard of asphyxiation is often overlooked and must be stressed during operator training.  
Further information : This Safety Data Sheet has been established in accordance with the applicable European Union legislation.

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