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

1.1. Product identifier

Trade name : Helium
SDS no : EIGA061A
Chemical description : Helium
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.
Use for manufacture of electronic/photovoltaic components.
Shield gas for welding processes.
Laboratory use.
Contact supplier for more information on uses.
Uses advised against : Do not inhale product on purpose because of the risk of asphyxiation.

1.3. Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

Company identification

THE NETHERLANDS:
AIR LIQUIDE BV
De Witbogt 1
5652 AG Eindhoven
the Netherlands-Nederland

BELGIUM:
L'AIR LIQUIDE BELGE S.A./N.V.
Quai des Vennes, 8
B-4020 Liège-Luik
Belgium-Belgique-België

LUXEMBURG:
L'AIR LIQUIDE LUXEMBOURG S.A.
ZONE P.E.D.-B.P.20
L-4801 RODANGE Luxemburg

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1.4. Emergency telephone number

Emergency telephone number : NL: +31 (0) 40 250 35 03 / BE: +32 (0)4 349 89 89 / LUX: +352 50 62 63 1

Country	Organisation/Company	Address	Emergency number	Comment
Belgium	Centre Anti-Poisons/Antigifcentrum c/o Hôpital Central de la Base - Reine Astrid	Rue Bruyn 1 1120 Bruxelles/Brussel	+32 70 245 245	Please dial: 070 245 245 for any urgent questions about intoxication (free of charge 24/7), if not accessible, dial: 02 264 96 30 (standard fee)
Luxembourg	Centre Anti-Poisons/Antigifcentrum c/o Hôpital Central de la Base - Reine Astrid	Rue Bruyn 1 1120 Bruxelles/Brussel	+352 8002 5500	

Netherlands	Nationaal Vergiftigingen Informatie Centrum	Huispostnummer B.00.118 Postbus 85500 3508 GA Utrecht	+31 30 274 88 88	Only for the purpose of informing medical personnel in cases of acute intoxications

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 : Compressed gas — H280

2.2. Label elements

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

Hazard pictograms (CLP) :



GHS04

Signal word (CLP) : Warning

Hazard statements (CLP) : H280 - Contains gas under pressure; may explode if heated..

Precautionary statements (CLP)

- Storage : P403 - Store in a well-ventilated place..

2.3. Other hazards

: Asphyxiant in high concentrations.

SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients

3.1. Substances

Name	Product identifier	%	Classification according to Regulation (EC) No. 1272/2008 [CLP]
Helium	(CAS-No.) 7440-59-7 (EC-No.) 231-168-5 (EC Index-No.) --- (Registration-No.) *1	100	Press. Gas (Comp.), H280

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. Mixtures

: Not established.

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. Perform cardiopulmonary resuscitation if breathing stopped.
- Skin contact : Adverse effects not expected from this product.
- Eye contact : Adverse effects not expected from this product.

- 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.

Refer to section 11.

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.

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 : In confined space 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.

Ensure adequate air ventilation.

Act in accordance with local emergency plan.

Stay upwind.

Oxygen detectors should be used when asphyxiating gases may be released.

6.2. Environmental precautions

: Try to stop release.

6.3. Methods and material for containment and cleaning up

: Ventilate area.

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 : The product 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 regularily) checked for leaks before use.

Do not smoke while handling product.

Use only properly specified equipment which is suitable for this product, its supply pressure and temperature. Contact your gas supplier if in doubt.

Avoid suck back of water, acid and alkalis.

Do not breathe gas.

Avoid release of product into atmosphere.

Safe handling of the gas receptacle : Refer to supplier's container handling instructions.

Do not allow backfeed into the container.

Protect cylinders from physical damage; do not drag, roll, slide or drop.

When moving cylinders, even for short distances, use a cart (trolley, hand truck, etc.) designed to transport cylinders.

Leave valve protection caps in place until the container has been secured against either a wall or bench or placed in a container stand and is ready for use.

If user experiences any difficulty operating cylinder valve discontinue use and contact supplier.

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.

Open valve slowly to avoid pressure shock.

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

OEL (Occupational Exposure Limits) : No data available.

DNEL (Derived-No Effect Level) : No data available.

PNEC (Predicted No-Effect Concentration) : No data available.

8.2. Exposure controls

8.2.1. Appropriate engineering controls

: Provide adequate general and local exhaust ventilation.
Systems under pressure should be regularly checked for leakages.
Oxygen detectors should be used when asphyxiating gases may be released.
Consider the use of a 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:
PPE compliant to the recommended EN/ISO standards should be selected.

• Eye/face protection : Wear safety glasses with side shields.
Standard EN 166 - Personal eye-protection - specifications.

• 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 : None in addition to the above sections.

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 for gases and gas mixtures.
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)	: Non flammable.
Explosive limits	: Non flammable.
Vapour pressure [20°C]	: Not applicable.
Vapour pressure [50°C]	: Not applicable.
Vapour density	: Not applicable.
Relative density, liquid (water=1)	: Not applicable.
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	: Non flammable.
Decomposition temperature	: Not applicable.
Viscosity	: No reliable data available.

Explosive properties : Not applicable.

Oxidising properties : Not applicable.

9.2. Other information

Molar mass : 4 g/mol

Critical temperature [°C] : -268 °C

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

: Avoid moisture in installation systems.

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

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.

Reproductive toxicity : No known effects from this product.
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 data available.

12.4. Mobility in soil

Assessment : Because of its high volatility, the product is unlikely to cause ground or water pollution.
Partition into soil is unlikely.

12.5. Results of PBT and vPvB assessment

Assessment : No data available.

12.6. Other adverse effects

Other adverse effects : No known effects from this product.
Effect on the ozone layer : None.
Effect on global warming : None.

SECTION 13: Disposal considerations

13.1. Waste treatment methods

May be vented to atmosphere in a well ventilated place.
Do not discharge into any place where its accumulation could be dangerous.
Return unused product in original cylinder to supplier.

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

: External treatment and disposal of waste should comply with applicable local and/or national regulations.

SECTION 14: Transport information

14.1. UN number

UN-No. : 1046

14.2. UN proper shipping name

Transport by road/rail (ADR/RID) : HELIUM, COMPRESSED
Transport by air (ICAO-TI / IATA-DGR) : Helium, compressed
Transport by sea (IMDG) : HELIUM, COMPRESSED

14.3. Transport hazard class(es)

Labelling :



2.2 : Non-flammable, non-toxic gases.

Transport by road/rail (ADR/RID)
Class : 2.
Classification code : 1A.
Hazard identification number : 20.
Tunnel Restriction : E - 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 established.

Transport by air (ICAO-TI / IATA-DGR) : Not established.

Transport by sea (IMDG) : Not established.

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) : P200.

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

Passenger and Cargo Aircraft : 200.

Cargo Aircraft only : 200.

Transport by sea (IMDG) : P200.

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 : 2012/18/EU (Seveso III) : Not covered.

National regulations

National legislation : Ensure all national/local regulations are observed.

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 2015/830.

Abbreviations and acronyms : ATE - Acute Toxicity Estimate

CLP - Classification Labelling Packaging Regulation; Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008

REACH - Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006

EINECS - European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances

CAS# - Chemical Abstract Service number

PPE - Personal Protection Equipment

LC50 - Lethal Concentration to 50 % of a test population

RMM - Risk Management Measures

PBT - Persistent, Bioaccumulative and Toxic

vPvB - Very Persistent and Very Bioaccumulative

STOT- SE : Specific Target Organ Toxicity - Single Exposure

CSA - Chemical Safety Assessment

EN - European Standard

UN - United Nations

ADR - European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road

IATA - International Air Transport Association

IMDG code - International Maritime Dangerous Goods

RID - Regulations concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Rail

WGK - Water Hazard Class

STOT - RE : Specific Target Organ Toxicity - Repeated Exposure

Training advice : The hazard of asphyxiation is often overlooked and must be stressed during operator training.

Full text of H- and EUH-statements

Press. Gas (Comp.)	Gases under pressure : Compressed gas
H280	Contains gas under pressure; may explode if heated.

DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY : Before using this product in any new process or experiment, a thorough material compatibility and safety study should be carried out.

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