Material Safety Data Sheet

Aluminum chloride hexahydrate

sc-202925

Hazard Alert Code Key:

- EXTREME
- HIGH
- MODERATE
- LOW

Section 1 - CHEMICAL PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

PRODUCT NAME
Aluminum chloride hexahydrate

STATEMENT OF HAZARDOUS NATURE

NFPA

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Santa Cruz Biotechnology, Inc.
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EMERGENCY
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(1-800-CHEMCALL) or call +613 9573 3112

SYNONYMS
Al-Cl3.6H2O, "aluminium (III) chloride hexahydrate", "trichloroaluminium hexahydrate", "aluminum trichloride hexahydrate"

Section 2 - HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

CHEMWATCH HAZARD RATINGS

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CANADIAN WHMIS SYMBOLS

- FLAMMABILITY
- HEALTH HAZARD
- INSTABILITY
EMERGENCY OVERVIEW

RISK
Causes burns.

POTENTIAL HEALTH EFFECTS

ACUTE HEALTH EFFECTS

SWALLOWED
■ The material can produce chemical burns within the oral cavity and gastrointestinal tract following ingestion.
■ The material has NOT been classified by EC Directives or other classification systems as "harmful by ingestion". This is because of the lack of corroborating animal or human evidence.
■ Ingestion of acidic corrosives may produce burns around and in the mouth, the throat and oesophagus. Immediate pain and difficulties in swallowing and speaking may also be evident.

EYE
■ The material can produce chemical burns to the eye following direct contact. Vapors or mists may be extremely irritating.
■ Direct eye contact with acid corrosives may produce pain, tears, sensitivity to light and burns. Mild burns of the epithelia generally recover rapidly and completely.
■ This material can cause eye irritation and damage in some persons.

SKIN
■ The material can produce chemical burns following direct contact with the skin.
■ Skin contact is not thought to have harmful health effects (as classified under EC Directives); the material may still produce health damage following entry through wounds, lesions or abrasions.
■ Open cuts, abraded or irritated skin should not be exposed to this material.
■ Skin contact with acid corrosives may result in pain and burns; these may be deep with distinct edges and may heal slowly with the formation of scar tissue.
■ Entry into the blood-stream through, for example, cuts, abrasions or lesions, may produce systemic injury with harmful effects. Examine the skin prior to the use of the material and ensure that any external damage is suitably protected.
■ The material may cause mild but significant inflammation of the skin either following direct contact or after a delay of some time. Repeated exposure can cause contact dermatitis which is characterised by redness, swelling and blistering.

INHALED
■ Persons with impaired respiratory function, airway diseases and conditions such as emphysema or chronic bronchitis, may incur further disability if excessive concentrations of particulate are inhaled.
If prior damage to the circulatory or nervous systems has occurred or if kidney damage has been sustained, proper screenings should be conducted on individuals who may be exposed to further risk if handling and use of the material result in excessive exposures.
■ Corrosive acids can cause irritation of the respiratory tract, with coughing, choking and mucous membrane damage. There may be dizziness, headache, nausea and weakness.
■ Hydrogen chloride (HCl) vapor or fumes present a hazard from a single acute exposure. Exposures of 1300 to 2000 ppm have been lethal to humans in a few minutes.
■ The material can cause respiratory irritation in some persons.
The body's response to such irritation can cause further lung damage.

CHRONIC HEALTH EFFECTS
■ Substance accumulation, in the human body, may occur and may cause some concern following repeated or long-term occupational exposure.
Based on laboratory and animal testing, exposure to the material may result in irreversible effects and mutations in humans. Long term exposure to high dust concentrations may cause changes in lung function i.e. pneumoconiosis; caused by particles less than 0.5 micron penetrating and remaining in the lung. Prime symptom is breathlessness; lung shadows show on X-ray.
■ Repeated or prolonged exposure to acids may result in the erosion of teeth, swelling and/or ulceration of mouth lining. Irritation of airways to lung, with cough, and inflammation of lung tissue often occurs. Chronic exposure may inflame the skin or conjunctiva. Chronic minor exposure to hydrogen chloride (HCl) vapor or fume may cause discolouration or erosion of the teeth, bleeding of the nose and gums; and ulceration of the nasal mucous membranes.
■ Repeated exposures of animals to concentrations of about 34 ppm HCl produced no immediate toxic effects. Workers exposed to hydrochloric acid suffered from gastritis and a number of cases of chronic bronchitis have also been reported. Repeated or prolonged exposure to dilute solutions of HCl may cause dermatitis.
■ Exposure to large doses of aluminium has been connected with the degenerative brain disease Alzheimer's Disease.

Section 3 - COMPOSITION / INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS
NAME | CAS RN | %
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Aluminum chloride hexahydrate | 7784-13-6 | >98
hydrolyses to
hydrogen chloride | 7647-01-0 | 

**Section 4 - FIRST AID MEASURES**

**SWALLOWED**
- For advice, contact a Poisons Information Centre or a doctor at once.
- Urgent hospital treatment is likely to be needed.
- If swallowed do NOT induce vomiting.
- If vomiting occurs, lean patient forward or place on left side (head-down position, if possible) to maintain open airway and prevent aspiration.

**EYE**
If this product comes in contact with the eyes
- Immediately hold eyelids apart and flush the eye continuously with running water.
- Ensure complete irrigation of the eye by keeping eyelids apart and away from eye and moving the eyelids by occasionally lifting the upper and lower lids.
- Continue flushing until advised to stop by the Poisons Information Centre or a doctor, or for at least 15 minutes.
- Transport to hospital or doctor without delay.

**SKIN**
If skin or hair contact occurs
- Immediately flush body and clothes with large amounts of water, using safety shower if available.
- Quickly remove all contaminated clothing, including footwear.
- Wash skin and hair with running water. Continue flushing with water until advised to stop by the Poisons Information Centre.
- Transport to hospital, or doctor.

**INHALED**
- If fumes or combustion products are inhaled remove from contaminated area.
- Lay patient down. Keep warm and rested.
- Prostheses such as false teeth, which may block airway, should be removed, where possible, prior to initiating first aid procedures.
- Apply artificial respiration if not breathing, preferably with a demand valve resuscitator, bag-valve mask device, or pocket mask as trained. Perform CPR if necessary.
- Inhalation of vapors or aerosols (mists, fumes) may cause lung oedema.
- Corrosive substances may cause lung damage (e.g. lung oedema, fluid in the lungs).
- As this reaction may be delayed up to 24 hours after exposure, affected individuals need complete rest (preferably in semi-recumbent posture) and must be kept under medical observation even if no symptoms are (yet) manifested.
- Before any such manifestation, the administration of a spray containing a dexamethasone derivative or beclomethasone derivative may be considered.

**NOTES TO PHYSICIAN**
- Treat symptomatically.
- For acute or short term repeated exposures to strong acids
  - Airway problems may arise from laryngeal edema and inhalation exposure. Treat with 100% oxygen initially.
  - Respiratory distress may require cricothyroidotomy if endotracheal intubation is contraindicated by excessive swelling.
  - Intravenous lines should be established immediately in all cases where there is evidence of circulatory compromise.
  - Strong acids produce a coagulation necrosis characterised by formation of a coagulum (eschar) as a result of the dehydrating action of the acid on proteins in specific tissues.

**Section 5 - FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES**

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**EXTINGUISHING MEDIA**
- Water spray or fog.
- Foam.
- Dry chemical powder.
- BCF (where regulations permit).
FIRE FIGHTING
- Alert Fire Brigade and tell them location and nature of hazard.
- Wear full body protective clothing with breathing apparatus.
- Prevent, by any means available, spillage from entering drains or water course.
- Use fire fighting procedures suitable for surrounding area.

When any large container (including road and rail tankers) is involved in a fire, consider evacuation by 800 metres in all directions.

GENERAL FIRE HAZARDS/HAZARDOUS COMBUSTIBLE PRODUCTS
- Non combustible.
- Not considered to be a significant fire risk.
- Acids may react with metals to produce hydrogen, a highly flammable and explosive gas.
- Heating may cause expansion or decomposition leading to violent rupture of containers.

Decomposition may produce toxic fumes of hydrogen chloride, metal oxides.

FIRE INCOMPATIBILITY
None known.

Section 6 - ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

MINOR SPILLS
- Drains for storage or use areas should have retention basins for pH adjustments and dilution of spills before discharge or disposal of material.
- Check regularly for spills and leaks.
- Clean up all spills immediately.
- Avoid contact with skin and eyes.
- Wear protective clothing, gloves, safety glasses and dust respirator.
- Use dry clean up procedures and avoid generating dust.

MAJOR SPILLS
- Clear area of personnel and move upwind.
- Alert Fire Brigade and tell them location and nature of hazard.
- Wear full body protective clothing with breathing apparatus.
- Prevent, by any means available, spillage from entering drains or water course.

Recover uncontaminated product in clean, metal container with vented lid.
Neutralise remaining product with soda ash, lime or limestone.
Collect solid residues and seal in drums for disposal.
Wash spill area cautiously with large quantities of water (HCl fumes can be generated by this procedure).

Section 7 - HANDLING AND STORAGE

PROCEDURE FOR HANDLING
- Avoid all personal contact, including inhalation.
- Wear protective clothing when risk of exposure occurs.
- Use in a well-ventilated area.
- Avoid contact with moisture.

RECOMMENDED STORAGE METHODS
- DO NOT use aluminium or galvanised containers
- Check regularly for spills and leaks
- Lined metal can, lined metal pail/ can.
- Plastic pail.
- Polyliner drum.
- Packing as recommended by manufacturer.

For low viscosity materials
- Drums and jerricans must be of the non-removable head type.
- Where a can is to be used as an inner package, the can must have a screwed enclosure.

STORAGE REQUIREMENTS
- Store in original containers.
- Keep containers securely sealed.
- Store in a cool, dry, well-ventilated area.
- Store away from incompatible materials and foodstuff containers.
Air and moisture sensitive.
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**PERSONAL PROTECTION**

- **Respirator**
  - Type B-P Filter of sufficient capacity. (AS/NZS 1716 & 1715, EN 1432000 & 1492001, ANSI Z88 or national equivalent)

- **Eye**
  - Chemical goggles.
  - Full face shield may be required for supplementary but never for primary protection of eyes.
  - Contact lenses may pose a special hazard; soft contact lenses may absorb and concentrate irritants. A written policy document, describing the wearing of lens or restrictions on use, should be created for each workplace or task. This should include a review of lens absorption and adsorption for the class of chemicals in use and an account of injury experience. Medical and first-aid personnel should be trained in their removal and suitable equipment should be readily available. In the event of chemical exposure, begin eye irrigation immediately and remove contact lens as soon as practicable. Lens should be removed at the first signs of eye redness or irritation - lens should be removed in a clean environment only after workers have washed hands thoroughly. [CDC NIOSH Current Intelligence Bulletin 59], [AS/NZS 1336 or national equivalent]

- **Hands/Feet**
  - Wear chemical protective gloves, eg. PVC.
  - Wear safety footwear or safety gumboots, eg. Rubber.
  - Suitability and durability of glove type is dependent on usage. Important factors in the selection of gloves include:
    - Frequency and duration of contact,
    - Chemical resistance of glove material,
    - Glove thickness and dexterity

- **Other**
  - Overalls.
  - PVC Apron.
  - PVC protective suit may be required if exposure severe.
  - Eyewash unit.

**ENGINEERING CONTROLS**

- Engineering controls are used to remove a hazard or place a barrier between the worker and the hazard. Well-designed engineering controls can be highly effective in protecting workers and will typically be independent of worker interactions to provide this high level of protection.

  The basic types of engineering controls are:
  - Process controls which involve changing the way a job activity or process is done to reduce the risk.
  - Enclosure and/or isolation of emission source which keeps a selected hazard “physically” away from the worker and ventilation that strategically “adds” and “removes” air in the work environment.
Section 9 - PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

PHYSICAL PROPERTIES
Mixes with water.
Corrosive.
Acid.

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APPEARANCE
Crystalline solid. Slight (hydrogen chloride) odor. Mixes with water to form acidic solution. Soluble in benzophenone, benzene, nitrobenzene, carbon tetrachloride, chloroform.

Section 10 - CHEMICAL STABILITY

CONDITIONS CONTRIBUTING TO INSTABILITY
- Contact with alkaline material liberates heat

STORAGE INCOMPATIBILITY
- Aluminium chloride
- Produces hydrogen chloride and heat in contact with moist air or water
- May produce violent polymerisation in contact with water, alcohols, alkenes, bases, epichlorohydrin, ethylene oxide
- Is incompatible with allyl chloride, benzene, butyl nitrate, glycidol, methyl chloride, organic materials, oxygen difluoride, perchloryl fluoride, potassium, phenol, phenyl azide, sodium oxide
- Forms shock-sensitive or explosive compounds with ammonium nitrate, nitrobenzene, nitromethane
- Inorganic acids are generally soluble in water with the release of hydrogen ions. The resulting solutions have pH’s of less than 7.0.
- Inorganic acids neutralise chemical bases (for example amines and inorganic hydroxides) to form salts - neutralisation can generate dangerously large amounts of heat in small spaces.
- The dissolution of inorganic acids in water or the dilution of their concentrated solutions with additional water may generate significant heat.
- The addition of water to inorganic acids often generates sufficient heat in the small region of mixing to cause some of the water to boil explosively. The resulting "bumping" can spatter the acid.

Hydrogen chloride
- Reacts strongly with strong oxidisers (releasing chlorine gas), acetic anhydride, caesium cyanotridecahydrodecaborate(2-), ethylidene difluoride, hexalithium disilicide, metal acetylide, sodium, silicon dioxide, tetraselenium tetranitride, and many organic materials
- Is incompatible with alkaline materials, acetic anhydride, acetyldienes, aliphatic amines, alkanolamines, alkylene oxides, aluminium, aluminium-titanium alloys, aromatic amines, amines, amides, 2-aminoethanol, ammonia, ammonium hydroxide, borides, calcium phosphate, carbides, carbonates, cyanides, chlorosulfonic acid, ethylenediaimeine, ethyleneimine, epichlorohydrin, formaldehyde, isocyanates, metals, metal oxides, metal hydrides, metal acetylides, metal carbides, oleum, organic anhydrides, potassium permanganate, perchloric acid, phosphides, 3-propiolactone, silicides, sulfides, sulfites, sulfuric acid, uranium phosphide, vinyl acetate, vinylidene fluoride
- Attacks most metals forming flammable hydrogen gas, and some plastics, rubbers and coatings
- Reacts with zinc, brass, galvanised iron, aluminium, copper and copper alloys
- Metals and their oxides or salts may react violently with chlorine trifluoride and bromine trifluoride.
- These trifluorides are hypergolic oxidisers. They ignite on contact (without external source of heat or ignition) with recognised fuels - contact with these materials, following an ambient or slightly elevated temperature, is often violent and may produce ignition.
- The state of subdivision may affect the results.
- Reacts with mild steel, galvanised steel / zinc producing hydrogen gas which may form an explosive mixture with air.

For incompatible materials - refer to Section 7 - Handling and Storage.
Section 11 - TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

aluminium chloride, hexahydrate

TOXICITY AND IRRITATION

■ The material may cause skin irritation after prolonged or repeated exposure and may produce on contact skin redness, swelling, the production of vesicles, scaling and thickening of the skin.
Asthma-like symptoms may continue for months or even years after exposure to the material ceases. This may be due to a non-allergic condition known as reactive airways dysfunction syndrome (RADS) which can occur following exposure to high levels of highly irritating compounds.

NOTE Substance has been shown to be mutagenic in at least one assay, or belongs to a family of chemicals producing damage or change to cellular DNA.

CARCINOGEN

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Section 12 - ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

This material and its container must be disposed of as hazardous waste.

Ecotoxicity

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Section 13 - DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

US EPA Waste Number & Descriptions
A. General Product Information
Corrosivity characteristic: use EPA hazardous waste number D002 (waste code C)

Disposal Instructions
All waste must be handled in accordance with local, state and federal regulations.
Legislation addressing waste disposal requirements may differ by country, state and/or territory. Each user must refer to laws operating in their area. In some areas, certain wastes must be tracked.
A Hierarchy of Controls seems to be common - the user should investigate:

- Reduction
- Reuse
- Recycling
- Disposal (if all else fails)

This material may be recycled if unused, or if it has not been contaminated so as to make it unsuitable for its intended use. Shelf life considerations should also be applied in making decisions of this type. Note that properties of a material may change in use, and
recycling or reuse may not always be appropriate. In most instances the supplier of the material should be consulted.

- DO NOT allow wash water from cleaning or process equipment to enter drains.
- It may be necessary to collect all wash water for treatment before disposal.
- In all cases disposal to sewer may be subject to local laws and regulations and these should be considered first.
- Where in doubt contact the responsible authority.

For small quantities:
- Neutralise an aqueous solution of the material.
- Filter solids for disposal to approved land fill.
- Flush solution to sewer (subject to local regulation)
- Heat and fumes evolved during reaction may be controlled by rate of addition.

Recycle wherever possible.

- Consult manufacturer for recycling options or consult local or regional waste management authority for disposal if no suitable treatment or disposal facility can be identified.
- Treat and neutralise at an approved treatment plant. Treatment should involve: Mixing or slurring in water; Neutralisation with soda-lime or soda-ash followed by: burial in a land-fill specifically licenced to accept chemical and / or pharmaceutical wastes or Incineration in a licenced apparatus (after admixture with suitable combustible material)
- Decontaminate empty containers with 5% aqueous sodium hydroxide or soda ash, followed by water. Observe all label safeguards until containers are cleaned and destroyed.

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### Section 14 - TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

**DOT:**

| Symbols: None | Hazard class or Division: 8 |
| Identification Numbers: UN3260 | PG: III |
| Label Codes: 8 | Special provisions: I88, IP3, T1, TP33 |
| Packaging: Exceptions: 154 | Packaging: Non-bulk: 213 |
| Packaging: Exceptions: 154 | Quantity limitations: |
| Quantity Limitations: Cargo aircraft only: 100 kg | Passenger aircraft/rail: 25 kg |
| Vessel stowage: Cargo aircraft only: None |
| Hazardous materials descriptions and proper shipping names: Corrosive solid, acidic, inorganic, n.o.s. |

**Air Transport IATA:**

| ICAO/IATA Class: 8 | ICAO/IATA Subrisk: None |
| UN/ID Number: 3260 | Packing Group: III |
| Special provisions: A3 |

**Cargo Only**

| Packing Instructions: 864 | Maximum Qty/Pack: 100 kg |
| Passenger and Cargo Packing Instructions: 860 | Maximum Qty/Pack: 25 kg |
| Passenger and Cargo Limited Quantity Packing Instructions: Y845 | Maximum Qty/Pack: 5 kg |

**Maritime Transport IMDG:**

| IMDG Class: 8 | IMDG Subrisk: None |
| UN Number: 3260 | Packing Group: III |
| EMS Number: F-A,S-B | Special provisions: 223 274 |

**Limited Quantities:** 5 kg

Shipping name: CORROSIVE SOLID, ACIDIC, INORGANIC, N.O.S.(contains aluminium chloride, hexahydrate)
aluminium chloride, hexahydrate (CAS: 7784-13-6,10124-27-3) is found on the following regulatory lists; “Canada - Saskatchewan Industrial Hazardous Substances”, “Canada Substances In Products Regulated Under the Food and Drugs Act (F&DA) That Were In Commerce In Canada Between January 1, 1984 and December 31, 1986 (English)”, “US DOE Temporary Emergency Exposure Limits (TEELs)” Regulations for ingredients
hydrogen chloride (CAS: 7647-01-0) is found on the following regulatory lists;

Section 15 - REGULATORY INFORMATION

Section 16 - OTHER INFORMATION

LIMITED EVIDENCE
- Cumulative effects may result following exposure*.
- Exposure may produce irreversible effects*.
* (limited evidence).

Ingredients with multiple CAS Nos
Ingredient Name: aluminium chloride, hexahydrate
CAS: 7784-13-6, 10124-27-3

Classification of the preparation and its individual components has drawn on official and authoritative sources as well as independent review by the Chemwatch Classification committee using available literature references. A list of reference resources used to assist the committee may be found at: www.chemwatch.net/references.

The (M)SDS is a Hazard Communication tool and should be used to assist in the Risk Assessment. Many factors determine whether the reported Hazards are Risks in the workplace or other settings.

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