

# Safety Data Sheet

## Helium (refrigerated)

according to the REACH Regulation (EC) 1907/2006 amended by Regulation (EU) 2020/878  
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### Warning



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

### **1.1. Product identifier**

Trade name : Helium (refrigerated)  
SDS no : 061B  
Other means of identification : Helium (refrigerated)  
CAS-No. : 7440-59-7  
EC-No. : 231-168-5  
EC Index-No. : ---

REACH 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 uses. 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 : TGS  
St. Aco Shopov 80 - 1060  
1060 Skopje - Macedonia  
T +389 (0)2 2032362  
<http://www.sol.it/msds2/msds.asp>  
msds@sol.it

### **1.4. Emergency telephone number**

No additional information available

## **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

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### 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 and either face shield or eye protection. cold insulating gloves, face shield, eye protection.

- Response

: P336+P315 - Thaw frosted parts with lukewarm water. Do not rub affected area. Get immediate medical advice.

- 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 (refrigerated) | 100 | CAS-No.: 7440-59-7<br>EC-No.: 231-168-5<br>EC Index-No.: ---<br>REACH registration No: *1 | 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.

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

Not applicable

### 3.2. Mixtures

## 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

: 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. EN 15090 Footwear for firefighters. EN 443 Helmets for fire fighting in buildings and other structures.

### **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.

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### **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 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 content of the container.  
Use only properly specified equipment which is suitable for this product, its supply pressure and temperature. Contact your gas supplier if in doubt.  
Do not breathe gas.  
Avoid release of product into work area.

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 content of the container.  
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, when provided, 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**

No additional information available

#### **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 the use of a work permit system e.g. for maintenance activities.

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### 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 - specifications.
  - Skin protection : Wear working gloves when handling gas containers.  
Standard EN 388 - Protective gloves against mechanical risks, performance level 1 or higher. Recommended types include wrist gloves from leather or synthetic material with equivalent performance, fabric gloves, fabric gloves with leather palms.
  - Hand protection : Wear safety shoes while handling containers.  
Standard EN ISO 20345 - Personal protective equipment - Safety footwear.
  - Other : Standard EN 137 - Self-contained open-circuit compressed air breathing apparatus with full face mask.  
Self contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) or positive pressure airline with mask are to be used in oxygen-deficient atmospheres.
  - Respiratory protection : Wear cold insulating gloves when transfilling or breaking transfer connections.  
Standard EN 511 - Cold insulating gloves, performance level 1 or higher. Recommended types include insulated gauntlets or gloves specifically selected to prevent liquid penetration and ingress of cryogenic liquids and to provide mechanical resistance.
  - Thermal hazards

### 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.<br>Odour threshold is subjective and inadequate to warn of overexposure. |
| Melting point / Freezing point                  | : -272 °C                                                                                               |
| Boiling point                                   | : -269 °C                                                                                               |
| Flammability                                    | : Not available                                                                                         |
| Lower explosion limit                           | : Not available                                                                                         |
| Upper explosion limit                           | : Not available                                                                                         |
| Flash point                                     | : Not applicable for gases and gas mixtures.                                                            |
| Auto-ignition temperature                       | : Not applicable.                                                                                       |
| Decomposition temperature                       | : Not available                                                                                         |
| pH                                              | : Not applicable.                                                                                       |
| Viscosity, kinematic                            | : Not applicable.                                                                                       |
| Water solubility [20°C]                         | : 1,5 mg/l                                                                                              |
| Partition coefficient n-octanol/water (Log Kow) | : Not available                                                                                         |
| Vapour pressure [20°C]                          | : Not applicable.                                                                                       |
| Vapour pressure [50°C]                          | : Not applicable.                                                                                       |
| Density and/or relative density                 | : Not applicable.                                                                                       |
| Relative vapour density (air=1)                 | : 0,14                                                                                                  |
| Particle characteristics                        | : Not applicable.                                                                                       |

### 9.2. Other information

#### 9.2.1. Information with regard to physical hazard classes

|                      |                   |
|----------------------|-------------------|
| Explosive properties | : Not applicable. |
| Explosion limits     | : Non flammable.  |
| Oxidising properties | : None.           |

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Critical temperature [°C] : -268 °C

### 9.2.2. Other safety characteristics

Molar mass : 4 g/mol  
Evaporation rate : Not applicable for gases and gas mixtures.  
Gas group : Press. Gas (Ref. Liq.).  
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 hazard classes as defined in Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008

Acute toxicity : No known toxicological effects by inhalation 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.

### 11.2. Information on other hazards

No additional information available

## 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. Endocrine disrupting properties

Assessment :

### 12.7. Other adverse effects

Other adverse effects : Can cause frost damage to vegetation.

Effect on the ozone layer : None.

Effect on 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 2000/532/EC as amended) : 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 or ID number

In accordance with ADR / RID / IMDG / IATA / ADN  
UN-No.

: 1963

### 14.2. UN proper shipping name

Transport by road/rail/inland waterways  
(ADR/RID/ADN)

: 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/inland waterways  
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Class : 2

Classification code : 3A

Hazard identification number : 22

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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/inland waterways (ADR/RID/ADN) : 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/inland waterways (ADR/RID/ADN) : 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/inland waterways (ADR/RID/ADN) : 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 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. Maritime transport in bulk according to IMO instruments

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.

Other information, restriction and prohibition regulations : Ensure all national/local regulations are observed.  
Not listed on the PIC list (Regulation EU 649/2012).  
Not listed on the POP list (Regulation EU 2019/1021).

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

#### National regulations

No additional information available

### 15.2. Chemical safety assessment

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

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### **SECTION 16: Other information**

- Indication of changes : Safety data sheet in accordance with commission regulation (EU) No 2020/878.
- 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.

| Full text of H- and EUH-statements |                                                                 |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|
| Press. Gas (Ref. Liq.)             | Gases under pressure : Refrigerated liquefied gas               |
| H281                               | Contains refrigerated gas; may cause cryogenic burns or injury. |

- DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY : Before using this product in any new process or experiment, a thorough material compatibility and safety study should be carried out.  
Details given in this document are believed to be correct at the time of going to press.  
Whilst proper care has been taken in the preparation of this document, no liability for injury or damage resulting from its use can be accepted.

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