SECTION 1. IDENTIFICATION

Product Name: Germanium(IV) Selenide

Product Number: All applicable American Elements product codes, e.g. GE4-SE-02, GE4-SE-03, GE4-SE-04, GE4-SE-05

CAS #: 12065-11-1

Relevant identified uses of the substance: Scientific research and development

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SECTION 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

Emergency Overview
OSHA Hazards
Target Organ Effect, Toxic by inhalation, Toxic by ingestion
Target Organs
Eyes, Nerves, Liver
GHS Classification
Acute toxicity, Oral (Category 3)
Acute toxicity, Inhalation (Category 3)
Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure (Category 2)
Acute aquatic toxicity (Category 1)
Chronic aquatic toxicity (Category 1)
GHS Label elements, including precautionary statements

Signal word
Danger
Hazard statement(s)
H301 + H331
Toxic if swallowed or if inhaled
H373
May cause damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure.
H410
Very toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects.
Precautionary statement(s)
P261
Avoid breathing dust/ fume/ gas/ mist/ Vapors/ spray.
P273
Avoid release to the environment.
P301 + P310
IF SWALLOWED: Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/ physician.
P311
Call a POISON CENTER or doctor/ physician.
P501
Dispose of contents/ container to an approved waste disposal plant.

SECTION 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Formula: GeSe2
Molecular Weight: 230.56 g/mol
Component
Germanium(IV) selenide
CAS-No. 12065-11-1
EC-No. 235-063-5

SECTION 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

General advice
Consult a physician. Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance.
Move out of dangerous area.
If inhaled
If breathed in, move person into fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. Consult a physician.
In case of skin contact
Wash off with soap and plenty of water. Take victim immediately to hospital. Consult a physician.
In case of eye contact
Flush eyes with water as a precaution.
If swallowed
Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Rinse mouth with water. Consult a physician.

SECTION 5. FIREFIGHTING MEASURES

Suitable extinguishing media
Use water spray, alcohol-resistant foam, dry chemical or carbon dioxide.
Special protective equipment for firefighters
Wear self contained breathing apparatus for fire fighting if necessary.
Hazardous combustion products
Hazardous decomposition products formed under fire conditions.
SECTION 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Personal precautions
Wear respiratory protection. Avoid dust formation. Avoid breathing vapors, mist or gas. Ensure adequate ventilation.
Evacuate personnel to safe areas. Avoid breathing dust.

Environmental precautions
Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so. Do not let product enter drains. Discharge into the environment must be avoided.

Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up
Pick up and arrange disposal without creating dust. Sweep up and shovel. Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal.

SECTION 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

Precautions for safe handling
Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Avoid formation of dust and aerosols.
Provide appropriate exhaust ventilation at places where dust is formed.
Normal measures for preventive fire protection.

Conditions for safe storage
Keep container tightly closed in a dry and well-ventilated place.
Keep in a dry place.

SECTION 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

Components with workplace control parameters
Components
Germanium(IV) selenide
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Value - TWA
Control parameters - 0.2 mg/m3
Basis - USA. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)

Personal protective equipment
Respiratory protection
Where risk assessment shows air-purifying respirators are appropriate use a full-face particle respirator type N99 (US) or type P2 (EN 143) respirator cartridges as a backup to engineering controls. If the respirator is the sole means of protection, use a full-face supplied air respirator. Use respirators and components tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or CEN (EU).

Hand protection
Handle with gloves. Gloves must be inspected prior to use. Use proper glove removal technique (without touching glove's outer surface) to avoid skin contact with this product. Dispose of contaminated gloves after use in accordance with applicable laws and good laboratory practices. Wash and dry hands.

Eye protection
Face shield and safety glasses Use equipment for eye protection tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or EN 166(EU).

Skin and body protection
Complete suit protecting against chemicals. The type of protective equipment must be selected according to the concentration and amount of the dangerous substance at the specific workplace. 

Hygiene measures
Avoid contact with skin, eyes and clothing. Wash hands before breaks and immediately after handling the product.

SECTION 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Appearance
Form - Solid in various forms
Colour - orange
Safety data
pH - no data available
Melting point/freezing point
Melting point/range: 707 °C (1,305 °F)- lit.
Boiling point - no data available
Flash point - not applicable
Ignition temperature - no data available
Auto-ignition temperature - no data available
Lower explosion limit - no data available
Upper explosion limit - no data available
Vapor pressure - no data available
Density - no data available
Water solubility - no data available
Partition coefficient
n-octanol/water: no data available
Relative vapor density - no data available
Odor - no data available
Odor Threshold - no data available
Evaporation rate - no data available

SECTION 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Chemical stability
Stable under recommended storage conditions.
Possibility of hazardous reactions
no data available
Conditions to avoid
no data available
Materials to avoid
Strong oxidizing agents
Hazardous decomposition products
Hazardous decomposition products formed under fire conditions. Selenium/selenium oxides, Germanium oxides
Other decomposition products - no data available

SECTION 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Acute toxicity
Oral
LD50
no data available
Inhalation
LC50
Dermal
LD50
no data available
Other information on acute toxicity
no data available
Skin corrosion/irritation
no data available
Serious eye damage/eye irritation
no data available
Respiratory or skin sensitization
no data available
Germ cell mutagenicity
no data available
Carcinogenicity
IARC: 3 - Group 3: Not classifiable as to its carcinogenicity to humans (Germaniium(IV)selenide)
ACGIH:
No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a carcinogen or potential carcinogen by ACGIH.
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 identified as a carcinogen or potential carcinogen by OSHA.
Reproductive toxicity
no data available
Teratogenicity
no data available
Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure (Globally Harmonized System)
no data available
Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure (Globally Harmonized System)
May cause damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure.
Aspiration hazard
no data available
Potential health effects
Inhalation
Toxic if inhaled. May cause respiratory tract irritation.
Ingestion
Toxic if swallowed.
Skin
May be harmful if absorbed through skin. May cause skin irritation.
Eyes
May cause eye irritation.
Signs and Symptoms of Exposure
Acute selenium poisoning produces central nervous system effects, which include nervousness, convulsions, and drowsiness.
Other signs of intoxication can include skin eruptions, lassitude, gastrointestinal distress, teeth that are discolored or decayed, odorous ("garlic") breath, and partial loss of hair and nails. Chronic exposure by inhalation can produce symptoms that include pallor, coating of the tongue, anemia, irritation of the mucosa, lumbar pain, liver and spleen damage, as well as any of the other previously mentioned
symptoms. Chronic contact with selenium compounds may cause garlic odor of breath and sweat, dermatitis, and moderate emotional instability. To the best of our knowledge, the chemical, physical, and toxicological properties have not been thoroughly investigated.

Synergistic effects
no data available
Additional Information
RTECS: Not available

SECTION 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Toxicity
no data available
Persistence and degradability
no data available
Bioaccumulative potential
no data available
Mobility in soil
no data available
PBT and vPvB assessment
no data available
Other adverse effects
Very toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects.
An environmental hazard cannot be excluded in the event of unprofessional handling or disposal.

SECTION 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Product
Offer surplus and non-recyclable solutions to a licensed disposal company.
Contact a licensed professional waste disposal service to dispose of this material.
Dissolve or mix the material with a combustible solvent and burn in a chemical incinerator equipped with an afterburner and scrubber.
Contaminated packaging
Dispose of as unused product.

SECTION 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

DOT (US)
UN number: 3077 Class: 9 Packing group: III
Proper shipping name: Environmentally hazardous substance, solid, n.o.s. (Germanium(IV)selenide)
IMDG
UN number: 3077 Class: 9 Packing group: III EMS-No: F-A, S-F
Proper shipping name: ENVIRONMENTALLY HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE, SOLID, N.O.S. (Germanium(IV)selenide)
Marine pollutant: Marine pollutant
IATA
UN number: 3077 Class: 9 Packing group: III
Proper shipping name: Environmentally hazardous substance, solid, n.o.s. (Germanium(IV)selenide)
SECTION 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

OSHA Hazards
Target Organ Effect, Toxic by inhalation, Toxic by ingestion

SARA 302 Components
SARA 302: No chemicals in this material are subject to the reporting requirements of SARA Title III, Section 302.

SARA 313 Components
The following components are subject to reporting levels established by SARA Title III, Section 313:
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SARA 311/312 Hazards
Acute Health Hazard, Chronic Health Hazard
Massachusetts Right To Know Components
No components are subject to the Massachusetts Right to Know Act.

Pennsylvania Right To Know Components
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New Jersey Right To Know Components
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California Prop. 65 Components
This product does not contain any chemicals known to State of California to cause cancer, birth defects, or any other reproductive harm.

SECTION 16. OTHER INFORMATION

Safety Data Sheet according to Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006 (REACH). The above information is believed to be correct but does not purport to be all inclusive and shall be used only as a guide. The information in this document is based on the present state of our knowledge and is applicable to the product with regard to appropriate safety precautions. It does not represent any guarantee of the properties of the product. American Elements shall not be held liable for any damage resulting from handling or from contact with the above product. See reverse side of invoice or packing slip for additional terms and conditions of sale. COPYRIGHT 1997-2019 AMERICAN ELEMENTS. LICENSED GRANTED TO MAKE UNLIMITED PAPER COPIES FOR INTERNAL USE ONLY.