SAFETY DATA SHEET

SECTION 1. IDENTIFICATION

Product Identifier: (5N) 99.999% Mercury Selenide Wafer

Product Code: HG-SE-05-WF

CAS Number: 20601-83-6

Relevant identified uses of the substance: Scientific research and development

Supplier details:

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SECTION 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

Classification of the substance or mixture
Classification according to Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008
GHS06 Skull and crossbones
Acute Tox. 2 H300 Fatal if swallowed.
Acute Tox. 2 H310 Fatal in contact with skin.
Acute Tox. 2 H330 Fatal if inhaled.

Classification according to Directive 67/548/EEC or Directive 1999/45/EC
T+; Very toxic
R26/27/28: Very toxic by inhalation, in contact with skin and if swallowed.
N; Dangerous for the environment
R50/53: Very toxic to aquatic organisms, may cause long-term adverse effects in the aquatic environment.
R33: Danger of cumulative effects.

Information concerning particular hazards for human and environment:
N/A

Hazards not otherwise classified
No data available
Label elements
Labelling according to Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008
The substance is classified and labeled according to the CLP regulation.
Hazard pictograms

GHS06
GHS08
Signal word
Danger
Hazard statements
H300+H310+H330 Fatal if swallowed, in contact with skin or if inhaled.
H373 May cause damage to the central nervous system, the kidneys, the reproductive system and the brain through prolonged or repeated exposure.
Route of exposure: Oral, Inhalative.
Precautionary statements
P260 Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray.
P301+P310 IF SWALLOWED: Immediately call a POISON CENTER/ doctor/... 
P320 Specific treatment is urgent (see on this label).
P361 Take off immediately all contaminated clothing.
P405 Store locked up.
P501 Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local/regional/ national/international regulations.
WHMIS classification
D1A - Very toxic material causing immediate and serious toxic effects
Classification system
HMIS ratings (scale 0-4) 
(Hazardous Materials Identification System)
HEALTH
FIRE
REACTIVITY
3
0
1
Health (acute effects) = 3
Flammability = 0
Physical Hazard = 1
Other hazards
Results of PBT and vPvB assessment
PBT:
N/A
vPvB:
N/A

SECTION 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Substances
CAS No. / Substance Name:
20601-83-6 Mercury (II) selenide
Identification number(s):
EC number:
SECTION 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

Description of first aid measures
General information
Immediately remove any clothing soiled by the product.
Remove breathing apparatus only after contaminated clothing has been completely removed.
In case of irregular breathing or respiratory arrest provide artificial respiration.
If inhaled:
Supply patient with fresh air. If not breathing, provide artificial respiration. Keep patient warm.
Seek immediate medical advice.
In case of skin contact:
Immediately wash with soap and water; rinse thoroughly.
Seek immediate medical advice.
In case of eye contact:
Rinse opened eye for several minutes under running water. Consult a physician.
If swallowed:
Do not induce vomiting; immediately call for medical help.
Information for doctor
Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed
No data available
Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed
No data available

SECTION 5. FIREFIGHTING MEASURES

Extinguishing media
Suitable extinguishing agents
Product is not flammable. Use fire-fighting measures that suit the surrounding fire.
Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture
If this product is involved in a fire, the following can be released:
Toxic metal oxide fume
Hydrogen selenide
Advice for firefighters
Protective equipment:
Wear self-contained respirator.
Wear fully protective impervious suit.

SECTION 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures
Use personal protective equipment. Keep unprotected persons away.
Ensure adequate ventilation
Environmental precautions:
Do not allow material to be released to the environment without official permits.
Do not allow product to enter drains, sewage systems, or other water courses.
Do not allow material to penetrate the ground or soil.
Methods and materials for containment and cleanup:
Dispose of contaminated material as waste according to section 13.
Ensure adequate ventilation.
Prevention of secondary hazards:
No special measures required.
Reference to other sections
See Section 7 for information on safe handling
See Section 8 for information on personal protection equipment.
See Section 13 for disposal information.

SECTION 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

Handling
Precautions for safe handling
Keep container tightly sealed.
Store in cool, dry place in tightly closed containers.
Ensure good ventilation at the workplace.
Open and handle container with care.
Information about protection against explosions and fires:
The product is not flammable
Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities
Requirements to be met by storerooms and receptacles:
No special requirements.
Information about storage in one common storage facility:
Store away from oxidizing agents.
Further information about storage conditions:
Keep container tightly sealed.
Store in cool, dry conditions in well-sealed containers.
Specific end use(s)
No data available

SECTION 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

Additional information about design of technical systems:
Properly operating chemical fume hood designed for hazardous chemicals and having an average face velocity of at least 100 feet per minute.
Control parameters
Components with limit values that require monitoring at the workplace:
Selenium and selenium compounds (as Se)
mg/m3
ACGIH TLV 0.2
Austria MAK 0.1
Belgium TWA 0.2
Denmark TWA 0.1
Finland TWA 0.1; 0.3-STEL
Germany MAK 0.1
Hungary 0.1-STEL
Japan OEL 0.1
Korea TLV 0.2
Netherlands MAC-TGG 0.2
Poland TWA 0.1; 0.3-STEL
Sweden NGV 0.1
Switzerland MAK-W 0.1
United Kingdom TWA 0.1
USA PEL 0.2
Mercury, inorganic compounds (as Hg)
mg/m³
ACGIH TLV 0.025 (skin)
Not classified as a human carcinogen
Austria MAK 0.05
Belgium TWA 0.1 (skin)
Denmark TWA 0.05 (skin)
Finland TWA 0.05
France VME 0.05 (skin)(vapor)
Germany MAK 0.1
Hungary TWA 0.02; 0.04-STEL
Japan OEL 0.05
Korea TLV 0.025 (vapor) (skin)
Netherlands MAC-TGG 0.05; 0.5-MAC-K
Norway TWA 0.05
Poland TWA 0.025 (vapors); 0.2-STEL (vapors)
Sweden NGV 0.05
Switzerland MAK-W 0.01 (skin)
United Kingdom TWA 0.025
USA PEL 0.1-Ceiling
20601-83-6 Mercury (II) selenide (100.0%)
PEL (USA) Long-term value: 0.2 mg/m³
as Se
REL (USA) Long-term value: 0.2 mg/m³
as Se
TLV (USA) Long-term value: 0.2 mg/m³
as Se
EL (Canada) Long-term value: 0.025 mg/m³
as Hg; Skin, R
Ingredients with biological limit values:
20601-83-6 Mercury (II) selenide (100.0%)
BEI (USA) 35 µg/L
Medium: urine
Time: prior to shift
Parameter: Total inorganic mercury (background)
15 µg/L
Medium: blood
Time: end of shift at end of workweek
Parameter: Total inorganic mercury (background)
Additional information: No data
Exposure controls
Personal protective equipment
Follow typical protective and hygienic practices for handling chemicals.
Keep away from foodstuffs, beverages and feed.
Remove all soiled and contaminated clothing immediately.
Wash hands before breaks and at the end of work.
Store protective clothing separately.
Avoid contact with the eyes and skin.
Maintain an ergonomically appropriate working environment.
Breathing equipment:
Use self-contained respiratory protective device in emergency situations.
Protection of hands:
Impervious gloves
Inspect gloves prior to use.
Suitability of gloves should be determined both by material and quality, the latter of which may vary by manufacturer.
Eye protection:
Safety glasses
Body protection:
Protective work clothing

SECTION 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Information on basic physical and chemical properties
Appearance:
Form: Solid
Color: Grey
Odor: Odorless
Odor threshold: Not determined.
pH: N/A
Melting point/Melting range: 600-650 °C (1112-1202 °F) ((vac))
Boiling point/Boiling range: Not determined
Sublimation temperature / start: Not determined
Flash point: N/A
Flammability (solid, gas)
Not determined.
Ignition temperature: Not determined
Decomposition temperature: Not determined
Autoignition: Not determined.
Danger of explosion: Product does not present an explosion hazard.
Explosion limits:
Lower: Not determined
Upper: Not determined
Vapor pressure: N/A
Density at 20 °C (68 °F): 8.266 g/cm³ (68.98 lbs/gal)
Relative density
Not determined.
Vapor density
N/A
Evaporation rate
N/A
Solubility in Water (H₂O): Insoluble
Partition coefficient (n-octanol/water): Not determined.
Viscosity:
Dynamic: N/A
Kinematic: N/A
Other information
No data available

SECTION 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Reactivity
No data available

Chemical stability
Stable under recommended storage conditions.

Thermal decomposition / conditions to be avoided:
Decomposition will not occur if used and stored according to specifications.

Possibility of hazardous reactions
No dangerous reactions known

Conditions to avoid
No data available

Incompatible materials:
Oxidizing agents

Hazardous decomposition products:
Toxic metal oxide fume
Hydrogen selenide

SECTION 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Information on toxicological effects
Acute toxicity:
Fatal if inhaled.
Fatal in contact with skin.
Fatal if swallowed.
Danger through skin absorption.

LD/LC50 values that are relevant for classification:
No data

Skin irritation or corrosion:
Irritant to skin and mucous membranes.

Eye irritation or corrosion:
Irritating effect.

Sensitization:
No sensitizing effects known.

Germ cell mutagenicity:
No effects known.

Carcinogenicity:
EPA-D: Not classifiable as to human carcinogenicity: inadequate human and animal evidence of carcinogenicity or no data are available.

NTP-R: Reasonably anticipated to be a carcinogen: limited evidence from studies in humans or sufficient evidence from studies in experimental animals.

IARC-3: Not classifiable as to carcinogenicity to humans.

ACGIH A4: Not classifiable as a human carcinogen: Inadequate data on which to classify the agent in terms of its carcinogenicity in humans and/or animals.

Reproductive toxicity:
No effects known.

Specific target organ system toxicity - repeated exposure:
May cause damage to the central nervous system, the kidneys, the reproductive system and the brain through prolonged or repeated exposure. Route of exposure:
Oral, Inhalative.

Specific target organ system toxicity - single exposure:
No effects known.

Aspiration hazard:
No effects known.

Subacute to chronic toxicity:
Acute and chronic exposure to inorganic mercury can cause salivation with metallic taste, pain on
chewing, gingivitis, colitis, stomatitis, kidney damage, and central nervous system damage. The latter can cause tremors, convulsive or shaking movements and psychic disturbances such as memory loss, insomnia, loss of confidence, irritability and depression. Excessive exposure may result in death. Selenium may cause amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, bronchial irritation, gastrointestinal distress, vasopharyngeal irritation, garlic odor on breath and sweat, metallic taste, pallor, irritability, excessive fatigue, loss of fingernails and hair, pulmonary edema, anemia and weight loss. Subacute to chronic toxicity: No effects known. Additional toxicological information: To the best of our knowledge the acute and chronic toxicity of this substance is not fully known.

SECTION 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Toxicity
Aquatic toxicity:
No data available
Persistence and degradability
No data available
Bioaccumulative potential
No data available
Mobility in soil
No data available
Ecotoxicological effects:
Remark:
Very toxic for aquatic organisms
Additional ecological information:
Do not allow material to be released to the environment without official permits.
Do not allow product to reach groundwater, water courses, or sewage systems, even in small quantities.
Danger to drinking water if even extremely small quantities leak into the ground.
Also poisonous for fish and plankton in water bodies.
May cause long lasting harmful effects to aquatic life.
Avoid transfer into the environment.
Very toxic for aquatic organisms
Results of PBT and vPvB assessment
PBT:
N/A
vPvB:
N/A
Other adverse effects
No data available

SECTION 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Waste treatment methods
Recommendation
Consult official regulations to ensure proper disposal.
Uncleaned packagings:
Recommendation:
Disposal must be made according to official regulations.
SECTION 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

UN-Number
DOT, IMDG, IATA
UN2025
UN proper shipping name
DOT
Mercury compounds, solid, n.o.s. (Mercury (II) selenide)
IMDG, IATA
MERCURY COMPOUND, SOLID, N.O.S. (Mercury (II) selenide)
Transport hazard class(es)
DOT
Class
6.1 Toxic substances.
Label
6.1
Class
6.1 (T5) Toxic substances
Label
6.1
IMDG, IATA
Class
6.1 Toxic substances.
Label
6.1
Packing group
DOT, IMDG, IATA
II
Environmental hazards:
Environmentally hazardous substance, solid
Special precautions for user
Warning: Toxic substances
Segregation groups
Heavy metals and their salts (including their organometallic compounds), mercury and mercury compounds
Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL73/78 and the IBC Code
N/A
Transport/Additional information:
DOT
Marine Pollutant (DOT):
No
UN "Model Regulation":
UN2025, Mercury compounds, solid, n.o.s. (Mercury (II) selenide), 6.1, II

SECTION 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture
National regulations
All components of this product are listed in the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Toxic Substances Control Act Chemical substance Inventory.
All components of this product are listed on the Canadian Non-Domestic Substances List (NDSL).
SARA Section 313 (specific toxic chemical listings)
20601-83-6 Mercury (II) selenide
California Proposition 65
Prop 65 - Chemicals known to cause cancer
Substance is not listed.
Prop 65 - Developmental toxicity
20601-83-6 Mercury (II) selenide
Prop 65 - Developmental toxicity, female
Substance is not listed.
Prop 65 - Developmental toxicity, male
Substance is not listed.

Information about limitation of use:
For use only by technically qualified individuals.
This product contains mercury and is subject to the reporting requirements of section 313 of the
This product contains selenium and is subject to the reporting requirements of section 313 of the

Other regulations, limitations and prohibitive regulations
Substance of Very High Concern (SVHC) according to the REACH Regulations (EC) No. 1907/2006.
Substance is not listed.
The conditions of restrictions according to Article 67 and Annex XVII of the Regulation (EC) No
1907/2006 (REACH) for the manufacturing, placing on the market and use must be observed.
Substance is not listed.
Annex XIV of the REACH Regulations (requiring Authorisation for use)
Substance is not listed.
REACH - Pre-registered substances
Substance is listed.
Chemical safety assessment:
A Chemical Safety Assessment has not been carried out.

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
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