

## SECTION 1: IDENTIFICATION OF THE SUBSTANCE/MIXTURE AND OF THE COMPANY/UNDERTAKING

### 1.1. Product identifier

|                      |                         |
|----------------------|-------------------------|
| Product Description: | <u>Holmium fluoride</u> |
| Cat No. :            | <b>41413</b>            |
| CAS No               | 13760-78-6              |
| Molecular Formula    | HoF3                    |

### 1.2. Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against

|                      |                          |
|----------------------|--------------------------|
| Recommended Use      | Laboratory chemicals.    |
| Uses advised against | No Information available |

### 1.3. Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

|         |                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|---------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Company | Avocado Research Chemicals Ltd.<br>(Part of Thermo Fisher Scientific)<br>Shore Road, Heysham<br>Lancashire, LA3 2XY,<br>United Kingdom<br>Office Tel: +44 (0) 1524 850506<br>Office Fax: +44 (0) 1524 850608 |
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|                |                                |
|----------------|--------------------------------|
| E-mail address | begel.sdsdesk@thermofisher.com |
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### 1.4. Emergency telephone number

For information **US** call: 001-800-227-6701 / **Europe** call: +32 14 57 52 11  
Emergency Number **US**:001-201-796-7100 / **Europe**: +32 14 57 52 99  
**CHEMTREC** Tel. No. **US**:001-800-424-9300 / **Europe**:001-703-527-3887

## SECTION 2: HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

### 2.1. Classification of the substance or mixture

#### CLP Classification - According to GB-CLP Regulations UK SI 2019/720 and UK SI 2020/1567

##### Physical hazards

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

##### Health hazards

|                       |                   |
|-----------------------|-------------------|
| Acute oral toxicity   | Category 4 (H302) |
| Acute dermal toxicity | Category 4 (H312) |

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Acute Inhalation Toxicity - Dusts and Mists  
Skin Corrosion/Irritation  
Serious Eye Damage/Eye Irritation  
Specific target organ toxicity - (single exposure)

Category 4 (H332)  
Category 2 (H315)  
Category 2 (H319)  
Category 3 (H335)

**Environmental hazards**

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

Full text of Hazard Statements: see section 16

## 2.2. Label elements



Signal Word

Warning

### Hazard Statements

H315 - Causes skin irritation  
H319 - Causes serious eye irritation  
H335 - May cause respiratory irritation  
H302 + H312 + H332 - Harmful if swallowed, in contact with skin or if inhaled

### Precautionary Statements

P301 + P330 + P331 - IF SWALLOWED: rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting  
P312 - Call a POISON CENTER or doctor if you feel unwell  
P302 + P352 - IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water  
P304 + P340 - IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing  
P337 + P313 - If eye irritation persists: Get medical advice/attention  
P280 - Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection  
P332 + P313 - If skin irritation occurs: Get medical advice/attention

## 2.3. Other hazards

This product does not contain any known or suspected endocrine disruptors

## SECTION 3: COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

### 3.1. Substances

| Component                            | CAS No     | EC No             | Weight % | CLP Classification - According to GB-CLP Regulations UK SI 2019/720 and UK SI 2020/1567                                              |
|--------------------------------------|------------|-------------------|----------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Holmium fluoride (HoF <sub>3</sub> ) | 13760-78-6 | EEC No. 237-352-1 | <=100    | Acute Tox. 4 (H302)<br>Acute Tox. 4 (H312)<br>Acute Tox. 4 (H332)<br>Skin Irrit. 2 (H315)<br>Eye Irrit. 2 (H319)<br>STOT SE 3 (H335) |

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## SECTION 4: FIRST AID MEASURES

### 4.1. Description of first aid measures

|                                           |                                                                                                                                                  |
|-------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>General Advice</b>                     | If symptoms persist, call a physician.                                                                                                           |
| <b>Eye Contact</b>                        | Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids, for at least 15 minutes. Get medical attention.                                  |
| <b>Skin Contact</b>                       | Wash off immediately with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. If skin irritation persists, call a physician.                                |
| <b>Ingestion</b>                          | Clean mouth with water and drink afterwards plenty of water. Get medical attention if symptoms occur.                                            |
| <b>Inhalation</b>                         | Remove to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. Get medical attention if symptoms occur.                                     |
| <b>Self-Protection of the First Aider</b> | Ensure that medical personnel are aware of the material(s) involved, take precautions to protect themselves and prevent spread of contamination. |

### 4.2. Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed

None reasonably foreseeable.

### 4.3. Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

**Notes to Physician** Treat symptomatically.

## SECTION 5: FIREFIGHTING MEASURES

### 5.1. Extinguishing media

**Suitable Extinguishing Media**  
Not combustible.

**Extinguishing media which must not be used for safety reasons**  
No information available.

### 5.2. Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture

Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating gases and vapors.

**Hazardous Combustion Products**  
Hydrogen fluoride, Holmium oxide.

### 5.3. Advice for firefighters

As in any fire, wear self-contained breathing apparatus pressure-demand, MSHA/NIOSH (approved or equivalent) and full protective gear.

## SECTION 6: ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

### 6.1. Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

Ensure adequate ventilation. Use personal protective equipment as required. Avoid dust formation.

### 6.2. Environmental precautions

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Should not be released into the environment. See Section 12 for additional Ecological Information. Do not allow material to contaminate ground water system. Do not flush into surface water or sanitary sewer system.

## **6.3. Methods and material for containment and cleaning up**

Sweep up and shovel into suitable containers for disposal. Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal.

## **6.4. Reference to other sections**

Refer to protective measures listed in Sections 8 and 13.

## **SECTION 7: HANDLING AND STORAGE**

### **7.1. Precautions for safe handling**

Wear personal protective equipment/face protection. Ensure adequate ventilation. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Avoid ingestion and inhalation. Avoid dust formation.

#### **Hygiene Measures**

Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice. Keep away from food, drink and animal feeding stuffs. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. Remove and wash contaminated clothing and gloves, including the inside, before re-use. Wash hands before breaks and after work.

### **7.2. Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities**

Store under an inert atmosphere. Keep container tightly closed in a dry and well-ventilated place. Protect from moisture.

**Technical Rules for Hazardous Substances (TRGS) 510**      Class 13  
**Storage Class (LGK) (Germany)**

### **7.3. Specific end use(s)**

Use in laboratories

## **SECTION 8: EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION**

### **8.1. Control parameters**

#### **Exposure limits**

List source(s):

#### **Biological limit values**

This product, as supplied, does not contain any hazardous materials with biological limits established by the region specific regulatory bodies

#### **Derived No Effect Level (DNEL) / Derived Minimum Effect Level (DMEL)**

No information available

#### **Predicted No Effect Concentration (PNEC)**

No information available.

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## 8.2. Exposure controls

### Engineering Measures

Ensure that eyewash stations and safety showers are close to the workstation location.

Wherever possible, engineering control measures such as the isolation or enclosure of the process, the introduction of process or equipment changes to minimise release or contact, and the use of properly designed ventilation systems, should be adopted to control hazardous materials at source

### Personal protective equipment

**Eye Protection** Goggles (European standard - EN 166)

**Hand Protection** Protective gloves

| Glove material | Breakthrough time | Glove thickness | EU standard | Glove comments        |
|----------------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------|-----------------------|
| Natural rubber | See manufacturers | -               | EN 374      | (minimum requirement) |
| Nitrile rubber | recommendations   |                 |             |                       |
| Neoprene       |                   |                 |             |                       |
| PVC            |                   |                 |             |                       |

**Skin and body protection** Long sleeved clothing.

Inspect gloves before use.

Please observe the instructions regarding permeability and breakthrough time which are provided by the supplier of the gloves. (Refer to manufacturer/supplier for information)

Ensure gloves are suitable for the task: Chemical compatibility, Dexterity, Operational conditions, User susceptibility, e.g. sensitisation effects, also take into consideration the specific local conditions under which the product is used, such as the danger of cuts, abrasion.

Remove gloves with care avoiding skin contamination.

**Respiratory Protection** When workers are facing concentrations above the exposure limit they must use appropriate certified respirators.  
To protect the wearer, respiratory protective equipment must be the correct fit and be used and maintained properly

**Large scale/emergency use** Use a NIOSH/MSHA or European Standard EN 136 approved respirator if exposure limits are exceeded or if irritation or other symptoms are experienced  
**Recommended Filter type:** Particulates filter conforming to EN 143

**Small scale/Laboratory use** Use a NIOSH/MSHA or European Standard EN 149:2001 approved respirator if exposure limits are exceeded or if irritation or other symptoms are experienced.  
**Recommended half mask:-** Particle filtering: EN149:2001  
When RPE is used a face piece Fit Test should be conducted

**Environmental exposure controls** No information available.

## SECTION 9: PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

### 9.1. Information on basic physical and chemical properties

|                                 |                          |                                          |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| <b>Physical State</b>           | Solid Crystalline        |                                          |
| <b>Appearance</b>               | Yellow                   |                                          |
| <b>Odor</b>                     | Odorless                 |                                          |
| <b>Odor Threshold</b>           | No data available        |                                          |
| <b>Melting Point/Range</b>      | 1143 °C / 2089.4 °F      |                                          |
| <b>Softening Point</b>          | No data available        |                                          |
| <b>Boiling Point/Range</b>      | 2200 °C / 3992 °F        |                                          |
| <b>Flammability (liquid)</b>    | Not applicable           | Solid                                    |
| <b>Flammability (solid,gas)</b> | No information available |                                          |
| <b>Explosion Limits</b>         | No data available        |                                          |
| <b>Flash Point</b>              | No information available | <b>Method -</b> No information available |

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|                                         |                          |         |
|-----------------------------------------|--------------------------|---------|
| Autoignition Temperature                | No data available        |         |
| Decomposition Temperature               | No data available        |         |
| pH                                      | No information available |         |
| Viscosity                               | Not applicable           | Solid   |
| Water Solubility                        | Insoluble in water       |         |
| Solubility in other solvents            | No information available |         |
| Partition Coefficient (n-octanol/water) |                          |         |
| Vapor Pressure                          | No data available        |         |
| Density / Specific Gravity              | 7.6 g/cm <sup>3</sup>    | @ 20 °C |
| Bulk Density                            | No data available        |         |
| Vapor Density                           | Not applicable           | Solid   |
| Particle characteristics                | No data available        |         |

## 9.2. Other information

|                   |                        |
|-------------------|------------------------|
| Molecular Formula | HoF <sub>3</sub>       |
| Molecular Weight  | 221.93                 |
| Evaporation Rate  | Not applicable - Solid |

## SECTION 10: STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

10.1. Reactivity  
None known, based on information available

10.2. Chemical stability  
Hygroscopic.

### 10.3. Possibility of hazardous reactions

|                          |                               |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Hazardous Polymerization | No information available.     |
| Hazardous Reactions      | None under normal processing. |

10.4. Conditions to avoid  
Exposure to moist air or water.

10.5. Incompatible materials  
Oxidizing agent.

10.6. Hazardous decomposition products  
Hydrogen fluoride. Holmium oxide.

## SECTION 11: TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### 11.1. Information on hazard classes as defined in Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008

#### Product Information

|                     |            |
|---------------------|------------|
| (a) acute toxicity; |            |
| Oral                | Category 4 |
| Dermal              | Category 4 |
| Inhalation          | Category 4 |

(b) skin corrosion/irritation;      Category 2

(c) serious eye damage/irritation;      Category 2

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**(d) respiratory or skin sensitization;**

|             |                   |
|-------------|-------------------|
| Respiratory | No data available |
| Skin        | No data available |

**(e) germ cell mutagenicity;** No data available

**(f) carcinogenicity;** No data available  
There are no known carcinogenic chemicals in this product

**(g) reproductive toxicity;** No data available

**(h) STOT-single exposure;** Category 3  
**Results / Target organs** Respiratory system.

**(i) STOT-repeated exposure;** No data available  
**Target Organs** No information available.

**(j) aspiration hazard;** Not applicable  
Solid

**Symptoms / effects, both acute and delayed** No information available.

**11.2. Information on other hazards**

**Endocrine Disrupting Properties** Assess endocrine disrupting properties for human health. This product does not contain any known or suspected endocrine disruptors.

## SECTION 12: ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

**12.1. Toxicity**

**Ecotoxicity effects** May cause long-term adverse effects in the environment. Do not allow material to contaminate ground water system.

**12.2. Persistence and degradability** Product contains heavy metals. Discharge into the environment must be avoided. Special pre-treatment is necessary  
**Persistence** Insoluble in water, May persist.  
**Degradability** Not relevant for inorganic substances.  
**Degradation in sewage treatment plant** Contains substances known to be hazardous to the environment or not degradable in waste water treatment plants.

**12.3. Bioaccumulative potential** May have some potential to bioaccumulate; Product has a high potential to bioconcentrate

**12.4. Mobility in soil** Spillage unlikely to penetrate soil Is not likely mobile in the environment due its low water solubility.

**12.5. Results of PBT and vPvB assessment** No data available for assessment.

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## 12.6. Endocrine disrupting properties

### Endocrine Disruptor Information

This product does not contain any known or suspected endocrine disruptors

## 12.7. Other adverse effects

### Persistent Organic Pollutant

This product does not contain any known or suspected substance

### Ozone Depletion Potential

This product does not contain any known or suspected substance

## SECTION 13: DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

### 13.1. Waste treatment methods

#### Waste from Residues/Unused Products

Waste is classified as hazardous. Dispose of in accordance with the European Directives on waste and hazardous waste. Dispose of in accordance with local regulations.

#### Contaminated Packaging

Dispose of this container to hazardous or special waste collection point.

#### European Waste Catalogue (EWC)

According to the European Waste Catalog, Waste Codes are not product specific, but application specific.

#### Other Information

Waste codes should be assigned by the user based on the application for which the product was used. Do not empty into drains.

## SECTION 14: TRANSPORT INFORMATION

### IMDG/IMO

#### 14.1. UN number

UN3288

#### 14.2. UN proper shipping name

Toxic solid, inorganic, n.o.s.

#### Technical Shipping Name

(holmium fluoride)

#### 14.3. Transport hazard class(es)

6.1

#### 14.4. Packing group

III

### ADR

#### 14.1. UN number

UN3288

#### 14.2. UN proper shipping name

Toxic solid, inorganic, n.o.s.

#### Technical Shipping Name

(holmium fluoride)

#### 14.3. Transport hazard class(es)

6.1

#### 14.4. Packing group

III

### IATA

#### 14.1. UN number

UN3288

#### 14.2. UN proper shipping name

Toxic solid, inorganic, n.o.s.

#### Technical Shipping Name

(holmium fluoride)

#### 14.3. Transport hazard class(es)

6.1

#### 14.4. Packing group

III

#### 14.5. Environmental hazards

No hazards identified

#### 14.6. Special precautions for user

No special precautions required.

#### 14.7. Maritime transport in bulk according to IMO instruments

Not applicable, packaged goods

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## SECTION 15: REGULATORY INFORMATION

### 15.1. Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture

#### International Inventories

Europe (EINECS/ELINCS/NLP), China (IECSC), Taiwan (TCSI), Korea (KECL), Japan (ENCS), Japan (ISHL), Canada (DSL/NDSL), Australia (AICS), New Zealand (NZIoC), Philippines (PICCS). US EPA (TSCA) - Toxic Substances Control Act, (40 CFR Part 710)

| Component               | CAS No     | EINECS    | ELINCS | NLP | IECSC | TCSI | KECL     | ENCS | ISHL |
|-------------------------|------------|-----------|--------|-----|-------|------|----------|------|------|
| Holmium fluoride (HoF3) | 13760-78-6 | 237-352-1 | -      | -   | -     | X    | KE-19956 | -    | X    |

| Component               | CAS No     | TSCA | TSCA Inventory notification - Active-Inactive | DSL | NDSL | AICS | NZIoC | PICCS |
|-------------------------|------------|------|-----------------------------------------------|-----|------|------|-------|-------|
| Holmium fluoride (HoF3) | 13760-78-6 | X    | INACTIVE                                      | -   | X    | X    | -     | -     |

Legend: X - Listed '-' - Not Listed

KECL - NIER number or KE number (<http://ncis.nier.go.kr/en/main.do>)

#### Authorisation/Restrictions according to EU REACH

Not applicable

| Component               | CAS No     | REACH (1907/2006) - Annex XIV - Substances Subject to Authorization | REACH (1907/2006) - Annex XVII - Restrictions on Certain Dangerous Substances | REACH Regulation (EC 1907/2006) article 59 - Candidate List of Substances of Very High Concern (SVHC) |
|-------------------------|------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Holmium fluoride (HoF3) | 13760-78-6 | -                                                                   | -                                                                             | -                                                                                                     |

#### Seveso III Directive (2012/18/EC)

| Component               | CAS No     | Seveso III Directive (2012/18/EC) - Qualifying Quantities for Major Accident Notification | Seveso III Directive (2012/18/EC) - Qualifying Quantities for Safety Report Requirements |
|-------------------------|------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Holmium fluoride (HoF3) | 13760-78-6 | Not applicable                                                                            | Not applicable                                                                           |

#### Regulation (EC) No 649/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 4 July 2012 concerning the export and import of dangerous chemicals

Not applicable

#### Contains component(s) that meet a 'definition' of per & poly fluoroalkyl substance (PFAS)?

Not applicable

Take note of Directive 98/24/EC on the protection of the health and safety of workers from the risks related to chemical agents at work .

#### National Regulations

UK - Take note of Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations (COSHH) 2002 and 2005 Amendment

#### WGK Classification

Water endangering class = 3 (self classification)

### 15.2. Chemical safety assessment

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A Chemical Safety Assessment/Report (CSA/CSR) has not been conducted

## SECTION 16: OTHER INFORMATION

### Full text of H-Statements referred to under sections 2 and 3

H302 - Harmful if swallowed  
H312 - Harmful in contact with skin  
H332 - Harmful if inhaled  
H315 - Causes skin irritation  
H319 - Causes serious eye irritation  
H335 - May cause respiratory irritation

### Legend

**CAS** - Chemical Abstracts Service

**EINECS/ELINCS** - European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances/EU List of Notified Chemical Substances

**PICCS** - Philippines Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances

**IECSC** - Chinese Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances

**KECL** - Korean Existing and Evaluated Chemical Substances

**TSCA** - United States Toxic Substances Control Act Section 8(b) Inventory

**DSL/NDSL** - Canadian Domestic Substances List/Non-Domestic Substances List

**ENCS** - Japanese Existing and New Chemical Substances

**AICS** - Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances

**NZIoC** - New Zealand Inventory of Chemicals

**WEL** - Workplace Exposure Limit

**ACGIH** - American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists

**DNEL** - Derived No Effect Level

**RPE** - Respiratory Protective Equipment

**LC50** - Lethal Concentration 50%

**NOEC** - No Observed Effect Concentration

**PBT** - Persistent, Bioaccumulative, Toxic

**TWA** - Time Weighted Average

**IARC** - International Agency for Research on Cancer

Predicted No Effect Concentration (PNEC)

**LD50** - Lethal Dose 50%

**EC50** - Effective Concentration 50%

**POW** - Partition coefficient Octanol:Water

**vPvB** - very Persistent, very Bioaccumulative

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

**IMO/IMDG** - International Maritime Organization/International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code

**OECD** - Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development

**BCF** - Bioconcentration factor

### Key literature references and sources for data

<https://echa.europa.eu/information-on-chemicals>

Suppliers safety data sheet, Chemadvisor - LOLI, Merck index, RTECS

**ICAO/IATA** - International Civil Aviation Organization/International Air Transport Association

**MARPOL** - International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships

**ATE** - Acute Toxicity Estimate

**VOC** - (Volatile Organic Compound)

### Training Advice

Chemical hazard awareness training, incorporating labelling, Safety Data Sheets (SDS), Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and hygiene.

Use of personal protective equipment, covering appropriate selection, compatibility, breakthrough thresholds, care, maintenance, fit and standards.

First aid for chemical exposure, including the use of eye wash and safety showers.

### Prepared By

Health, Safety and Environmental Department

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### Revision Summary

New emergency telephone response service provider.

**This safety data sheet complies with Regulation UK SI 2019/758 and UK SI 2020/1577 as amended.**

### Disclaimer

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