Material Safety Data Sheet
Chromium (III) Chloride Hexahydrate

ACC# 04960

Section 1 - Chemical Product and Company Identification

**MSDS Name:** Chromium (III) Chloride Hexahydrate  
**Catalog Numbers:** C325-500, S76784  
**Synonyms:** Chromic chloride hexahydrate; Chromium chloride, hexahydrate; Chromium sesquichloride; Chromium trichloride hexahydrate; Hexaaquachromium chloride; Hexaaquachromium (III) chloride  
**Company Identification:** Fisher Scientific  
1 Reagent Lane  
Fair Lawn, NJ 07410  
For information, call: 201-796-7100  
Emergency Number: 201-796-7100  
For CHEMTREC assistance, call: 800-424-9300  
For International CHEMTREC assistance, call: 703-527-3887

Section 2 - Composition, Information on Ingredients

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Section 3 - Hazards Identification

**EMERGENCY OVERVIEW**

Appearance: violet crystalline powder.  
**Warning!** Causes respiratory tract irritation. May cause allergic skin reaction. Causes eye and skin irritation and possible burns. May be harmful if swallowed. May cause liver and kidney damage. May cause fetal effects based upon animal studies.  
**Target Organs:** Kidneys, liver.

**Potential Health Effects**  
**Eye:** May result in corneal injury. Causes eye irritation and possible burns. May cause
chemical conjunctivitis.  
**Skin:** May cause skin sensitization, an allergic reaction, which becomes evident upon re-exposure to this material. Causes skin irritation and possible burns.  
**Ingestion:** May cause gastrointestinal irritation with nausea, vomiting and diarrhea. May be harmful if swallowed.  
**Inhalation:** Causes respiratory tract irritation. Can produce delayed pulmonary edema.  
**Chronic:** Prolonged or repeated skin contact may cause dermatitis. May cause liver and kidney damage. Animal studies have reported that fetal effects/abnormalities may occur when maternal toxicity is seen. Effects may be delayed. Laboratory experiments have resulted in mutagenic effects.

### Section 4 - First Aid Measures

**Eyes:** Immediately flush eyes with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes, occasionally lifting the upper and lower eyelids. Get medical aid.  
**Skin:** Get medical aid. Flush skin with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes while removing contaminated clothing and shoes. Wash clothing before reuse.  
**Ingestion:** Do not induce vomiting. If victim is conscious and alert, give 2-4 cupfuls of milk or water. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Get medical aid.  
**Inhalation:** Remove from exposure and move to fresh air immediately. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. Get medical aid.  
**Notes to Physician:** Treat symptomatically and supportively.

### Section 5 - Fire Fighting Measures

**General Information:** As in any fire, wear a self-contained breathing apparatus in pressure-demand, MSHA/NIOSH (approved or equivalent), and full protective gear. During a fire, irritating and highly toxic gases may be generated by thermal decomposition or combustion. This material in sufficient quantity and reduced particle size is capable of creating a dust explosion.  
**Extinguishing Media:** Use extinguishing media most appropriate for the surrounding fire. Use water spray, dry chemical, carbon dioxide, or appropriate foam.  
**Flash Point:** Not available.  
**Autoignition Temperature:** Not available.  
**Explosion Limits, Lower:** Not available.  
**Upper:** Not available.  
**NFPA Rating:** (estimated) Health: 2; Flammability: 0; Instability: 0

### Section 6 - Accidental Release Measures
**General Information:** Use proper personal protective equipment as indicated in Section 8.

**Spills/Leaks:** Vacuum or sweep up material and place into a suitable disposal container. Clean up spills immediately, observing precautions in the Protective Equipment section. Avoid generating dusty conditions. Provide ventilation.

### Section 7 - Handling and Storage

**Handling:** Remove contaminated clothing and wash before reuse. Use only in a well-ventilated area. Minimize dust generation and accumulation. Avoid contact with eyes, skin, and clothing. Keep container tightly closed. Avoid ingestion and inhalation.

**Storage:** Store in a tightly closed container. Store in a cool, dry, well-ventilated area away from incompatible substances.

### Section 8 - Exposure Controls, Personal Protection

**Engineering Controls:** Facilities storing or utilizing this material should be equipped with an eyewash facility and a safety shower. Use adequate ventilation to keep airborne concentrations low.

**Exposure Limits**

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**OSHA Vacated PELs:** Chromium (III) chloride hexahydrate: No OSHA Vacated PELs are listed for this chemical.

**Personal Protective Equipment**

**Eyes:** Wear appropriate protective eyeglasses or chemical safety goggles as described by OSHA's eye and face protection regulations in 29 CFR 1910.133 or European Standard EN166.

**Skin:** Wear appropriate protective gloves to prevent skin exposure.

**Clothing:** Wear appropriate protective clothing to prevent skin exposure.

**Respirators:** A respiratory protection program that meets OSHA's 29 CFR 1910.134 and ANSI Z88.2 requirements or European Standard EN 149 must be followed whenever workplace conditions warrant respirator use.

### Section 9 - Physical and Chemical Properties
**Physical State:** Crystalline powder  
**Appearance:** violet  
**Odor:** none reported  
**pH:** 2.4 (0.2M solution)  
**Vapor Pressure:** Not applicable.  
**Vapor Density:** Not available.  
**Evaporation Rate:** Not applicable.  
**Viscosity:** Not applicable.  
**Boiling Point:** Not available.  
**Freezing/Melting Point:** 83 deg C  
**Decomposition Temperature:** Not available.  
**Solubility:** 58.5% @ 25°C  
**Specific Gravity/Density:** 1.760  
**Molecular Formula:** CrCl₃.6H₂O  
**Molecular Weight:** 266.4354

**Section 10 - Stability and Reactivity**

**Chemical Stability:** Stable under normal temperatures and pressures.  
**Conditions to Avoid:** Incompatible materials, dust generation, moisture, excess heat, strong oxidants.  
**Incompatibilities with Other Materials:** Strong oxidizing agents.  
**Hazardous Decomposition Products:** Hydrogen chloride, hydrogen chloride.  
**Hazardous Polymerization:** Has not been reported.

**Section 11 - Toxicological Information**

**RTECS#:**  
**CAS# 10060-12-5:** GB5450000  
**LD50/LC50:**  
- **CAS# 10060-12-5:**  
  - Oral, rat: LD50 = 1790 mg/kg;  

**Carcinogenicity:**  
**CAS# 10060-12-5:** Not listed by ACGIH, IARC, NTP, or CA Prop 65.  

**Epidemiology:** No information available.  
**Teratogenicity:** Intraperitoneal, mouse: TDL0 = 134 mg/kg (female 8 day(s) after conception) Effects on Embryo or Fetus - cytological changes (including somatic cell genetic material) and Specific Developmental Abnormalities - Central Nervous System.  
**Reproductive Effects:** No information available.
**Mutagenicity:** Mutation Test Systems - not otherwise specified: Human Cells - not otherwise specified = 500 mg/L.; Cytogenetic Analysis: Human, Lymphocyte = 2500 ug/L.; Cytogenetic Analysis: Human, Leukocyte = 400 mg/L.

**Neurotoxicity:** No information available.

**Other Studies:**

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**Section 12 - Ecological Information**

No information available.

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**Section 13 - Disposal Considerations**

Chemical waste generators must determine whether a discarded chemical is classified as a hazardous waste. US EPA guidelines for the classification determination are listed in 40 CFR Parts 261.3. Additionally, waste generators must consult state and local hazardous waste regulations to ensure complete and accurate classification.

**RCRA P-Series:** None listed.

**RCRA U-Series:** None listed.

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**Section 14 - Transport Information**

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**Section 15 - Regulatory Information**

**US FEDERAL**

**TSCA**

CAS# 10060-12-5 is not on the TSCA Inventory because it is a hydrate. It is considered to be listed if the CAS number for the anhydrous form is on the inventory (40CFR720.3(u)(2)).

**Health & Safety Reporting List**
None of the chemicals are on the Health & Safety Reporting List.

**Chemical Test Rules**
None of the chemicals in this product are under a Chemical Test Rule.

**Section 12b**
None of the chemicals are listed under TSCA Section 12b.

**TSCA Significant New Use Rule**
None of the chemicals in this material have a SNUR under TSCA.

**CERCLA Hazardous Substances and corresponding RQs**
None of the chemicals in this material have an RQ.

**SARA Section 302 Extremely Hazardous Substances**
None of the chemicals in this product have a TPQ.

**SARA Codes**
CAS # 10060-12-5: immediate, delayed.

**Section 313**
No chemicals are reportable under Section 313.

**Clean Air Act:**
This material does not contain any hazardous air pollutants.
This material does not contain any Class 1 Ozone depletors.
This material does not contain any Class 2 Ozone depletors.

**Clean Water Act:**
None of the chemicals in this product are listed as Hazardous Substances under the CWA.
None of the chemicals in this product are listed as Priority Pollutants under the CWA.
None of the chemicals in this product are listed as Toxic Pollutants under the CWA.

**OSHA:**
None of the chemicals in this product are considered highly hazardous by OSHA.

**STATE**
CAS# 10060-12-5 is not present on state lists from CA, PA, MN, MA, FL, or NJ.

**California Prop 65**
California No Significant Risk Level: None of the chemicals in this product are listed.

**European/International Regulations**

**European Labeling in Accordance with EC Directives**

**Hazard Symbols:**
- XN

**Risk Phrases:**
- R 22 Harmful if swallowed.
- R 36/37/38 Irritating to eyes, respiratory system and skin.

**Safety Phrases:**
- S 26 In case of contact with eyes, rinse immediately with plenty of water and seek medical advice.
- S 28 After contact with skin, wash immediately with...

**WGK (Water Danger/Protection)**
- CAS# 10060-12-5: No information available.

**Canada - DSL/NDSL**
None of the chemicals in this product are listed on the DSL or NDSL list.

**Canada - WHMIS**
This product has a WHMIS classification of D2A.
This product has been classified in accordance with the hazard criteria of the Controlled
Products Regulations and the MSDS contains all of the information required by those regulations.

**Canadian Ingredient Disclosure List**
CAS# 10060-12-5 is not listed on the Canadian Ingredient Disclosure List.

### Section 16 - Additional Information

**MSDS Creation Date:** 6/28/1999  
**Revision #4 Date:** 11/20/2008

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