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SECTION 1. IDENTIFICATION

Product identifier used on the label

: **Helium**

Other means of identification : InnoPure Helium
InnoBeam Purity Plus Helium 4.7
InnoBeam Purity Plus Helium 5.0

Recommended use of the chemical and restrictions on use

: Industrial use.
Recommended restrictions: None Known.

Chemical family

: Helium gas

Name, address, and telephone number of the supplier:

Innovair Industrial Limited

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Winnipeg, MB, Canada
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Supplier's Telephone # : 800-667-3344

24 Hr. Emergency Tel # : No information available.

Name, address, and telephone number of the manufacturer:

Refer to supplier

SECTION 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

Classification of the chemical

Colourless gas. Odourless.

This material is classified as hazardous under U.S. OSHA regulations (29CFR 1910.1200) (Hazcom 2012) and Canadian WHMIS regulations (Hazardous Products Regulations) (WHMIS 2015).

Hazard classification :

Gases under pressure - Compressed gas
Simple asphyxiant

Label elements

Hazard pictogram(s)



Signal Word

WARNING!

Hazard statement(s)

Contains gas under pressure; may explode if heated.
May displace oxygen and cause rapid suffocation.

Precautionary statement(s)

Protect from sunlight and store in well-ventilated place.

Other hazards

None known.

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SECTION 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Pure gas.

<u>Chemical name</u>	<u>Common name and synonyms</u>	<u>CAS #</u>	<u>Concentration (% by weight)</u>
Helium	He	7440-59-7	80.0 - 100.0

The exact concentrations of the above listed chemicals are being withheld as a trade secret.

SECTION 4. FIRST-AID MEASURES

Description of first aid measures

- Ingestion* : Not an expected route of entry.
- Inhalation* : Wear personal protective equipment. A self contained breathing apparatus should be used in emergency situations or instances where exposure levels are not known. Immediately remove person to fresh air. If breathing has stopped, give artificial respiration. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen by qualified medical personnel only. Get medical attention if irritation develops and persists.
- Skin contact* : Not an expected route of entry.
- Eye contact* : Not an expected route of entry.

Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed

- : Simple asphyxiant - this product does not contain oxygen and may cause asphyxia in confined spaces. Oxygen content in the area must not fall below 19.5% or harmful effects will result. In extremely high concentrations, product may act as an asphyxiant and cause increased breathing and pulse rates, fatigue and unconsciousness. As asphyxiation progresses, nausea, vomiting, prostration and loss of consciousness may result, eventually leading to convulsions, coma and death.

Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

- : Provide general supportive measures and treat symptomatically. Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance.

SECTION 5. FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES

Extinguishing media

- Suitable extinguishing media* : Use media suitable to the surrounding fire such as water fog or fine spray, alcohol foams, carbon dioxide and dry chemical.

- Unsuitable extinguishing media* : None known.

Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture / Conditions of flammability

- : Not flammable under normal conditions of use. Closed containers are contained under pressure and may explode if exposed to excess heat for a prolonged period of time. Product is a simple asphyxiant. Asphyxiant, can replace oxygen in confined area. May displace oxygen in breathing air and lead to suffocation and death, particularly in confined spaces.

Flammability classification (OSHA 29 CFR 1910.106)

- : Non-flammable.

Hazardous combustion products

- : None known.

Special protective equipment and precautions for firefighters

Protective equipment for fire-fighters

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- : Firefighters should wear an approved full-face, self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) and impervious clothing. Do not enter without wearing specialized protective equipment suitable for the situation. Firefighter's normal protective clothing (Bunker Gear) will not provide adequate protection. A full-body encapsulating chemical protective suit with positive pressure self-contained breathing apparatus (NIOSH approved or equivalent) may be necessary.

Special fire-fighting procedures

- : Evacuate personnel to safe areas. Avoid inhaling gas. If feasible, stop the flow of gas. Move containers from fire area if safe to do so. Shield personnel to protect from venting or rupturing containers. Cool closed containers exposed to fire with water spray. Stay away from ends of cylinders and withdraw immediately in case of rising sounds or discolouration of containers.

SECTION 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES**Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures**

- : Restrict access to area until completion of clean-up. Keep all other personnel upwind and away from the spill/release. Ensure clean-up is conducted by trained personnel only. All persons dealing with clean-up should wear the appropriate protective equipment including self-contained breathing apparatus. Refer to Section 8, EXPOSURE CONTROLS AND PERSONAL PROTECTION, for additional information on acceptable personal protective equipment.

Environmental precautions : Ensure spilled product does not enter confined areas.**Methods and material for containment and cleaning up**

- : Ventilate area of release. Do not enter confined spaces unless adequately ventilated. Eliminate all ignition sources. Leaks in lines to equipment set-ups can be identified by painting suspected sites with soapy water. Leaks can be located by bubble formation. Stop spill or leak at source if safely possible. If leak cannot be stopped, move cylinders to an open space. Isolate the area until all gas has dispersed. Notify the appropriate authorities as required.

Special spill response procedures

- : If a spill/release in excess of the EPA reportable quantity is made into the environment, immediately notify the National Response Center in the United States (phone: 1-800-424-8802).

US CERCLA Reportable quantity (RQ): None reported.

In Canada: Contact appropriate local and provincial environmental authorities for assistance and/or reporting requirements.

SECTION 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE**Precautions for safe handling**

- : Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood. Before handling, it is very important that engineering controls are operating, and that protective equipment requirements and personal hygiene measures are being followed. People working with this chemical should be properly trained regarding its hazards and its safe use. Simple asphyxiant - this product does not contain oxygen and may cause asphyxia in confined spaces. Oxygen content in the area must not fall below 19.5% or harmful effects will result. Use only in well-ventilated areas. Avoid inhaling gas. Keep away from extreme heat and flame. Keep away from incompatibles. Protect cylinders from damage. Never attempt to lift cylinder by its cap. Open valves slowly to prevent rapid decompression. Shut flow off at cylinder valve and not just at the regulator after use. Use only with equipment rated for cylinder pressure. Do not puncture or incinerate containers.

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Conditions for safe storage : Cylinders should be stored upright and firmly secured to prevent falling or being knocked over. Store in a cool, dry, well ventilated area, away from heat and ignition sources. Avoid storage of cylinders for more than six months. Do not store in direct sunlight. Protect from sunlight when ambient temperature exceeds 52°C/125°F
 Storage area should be clearly identified, clear of obstruction and accessible only to trained and authorized personnel. Inspect periodically for damage or leaks.

Incompatible materials : None reported by the manufacturer.

SECTION 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

<u>Exposure Limits:</u>	<u>ACGIH TLV</u>		<u>OSHA PEL</u>	
	<u>TWA</u>	<u>STEL</u>	<u>PEL</u>	<u>STEL</u>
	Helium	N/Av	N/Av	N/Av

Exposure controls

Ventilation and engineering measures

: Provide exhaust ventilation or other engineering controls to keep the airborne concentration of vapours below their respective threshold limit value. Recommended monitoring procedures: Provide sufficient air exchange and/or exhaust in work rooms. Oxygen content in the area must not fall below 19.5% or harmful effects will result.

Respiratory protection

: If engineering controls and work practices are not effective in controlling exposure to this material, then wear suitable approved respiratory protection. Confirmation of which type of respirator is most suitable for the intended application should be obtained from respiratory protection suppliers.

Skin protection

: Not required under normal conditions of handling.

Eye / face protection

: Chemical splash goggles are recommended.

Other protective equipment

: An eyewash station and safety shower should be made available in the immediate working area. Other equipment may be required depending on workplace standards.

General hygiene considerations

: Avoid inhaling gas. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.

SECTION 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Appearance : Colourless gas.

Odour : Odourless.

Odour threshold : Not applicable.

pH : Not applicable.

Melting Point/Freezing point : -272 °C

Initial boiling point and boiling range

: -268°C

Flash point : Non-flammable.

Flashpoint (Method) : Not applicable.

Evaporation rate (BuAe = 1) : Not applicable.

Flammability (solid, gas) : Not flammable.

Lower flammable limit (% by vol.)

: Not applicable.

Upper flammable limit (% by vol.)

: Not applicable.

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Oxidizing properties : None known.
Explosive properties : Not explosive.
Vapour pressure : Not applicable.
Vapour density : Not available.
Relative density / Specific gravity
: Not available.
Solubility in water : Partially soluble.
Other solubility(ies) : Not available.
Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water or Coefficient of water/oil distribution
: Not available.
Auto-ignition temperature : Not applicable.
Decomposition temperature : Not applicable.
Viscosity : Not applicable.
Volatiles (% by weight) : Not applicable.
Volatile organic Compounds (VOC's)
: Not applicable.
Absolute pressure of container
: Not available.
Flame projection length : Not applicable.
Other physical/chemical comments
: Density: 0.166 kg/m³
Critical temperature: 230 kPa

SECTION 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Reactivity : Not normally reactive.
Chemical stability : Stable under normal conditions.
Possibility of hazardous reactions
: No dangerous reaction known under conditions of normal use. Hazardous polymerization does not occur.
Conditions to avoid : High temperatures. Ensure adequate ventilation, especially in confined areas.
Incompatible materials : None reported by the manufacturer.
Hazardous decomposition products
: None known, refer to hazardous combustion products in Section 5.

SECTION 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Information on likely routes of exposure:

Routes of entry inhalation : YES
Routes of entry skin & eye : NO
Routes of entry Ingestion : NO
Routes of exposure skin absorption
: NO

Potential Health Effects:

Signs and symptoms of short-term (acute) exposure

Sign and symptoms Inhalation

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Sign and symptoms ingestion

: Not an expected route of entry under normal conditions of use. (gas)

Sign and symptoms skin

: No known effect. Not an irritant.

Sign and symptoms eyes

: No known effect. Not an irritant.

Potential Chronic Health Effects

: None reported.

Mutagenicity

: Not expected to be mutagenic in humans.

Carcinogenicity

: No components are listed as carcinogens by ACGIH, IARC, OSHA or NTP.

Reproductive effects & Teratogenicity

: Not expected to have other reproductive effects.

Sensitization to material

: Not expected to be a skin or respiratory sensitizer.

Specific target organ effects

: The substance or mixture is not classified as specific target organ toxicant, single exposure.

The substance or mixture is not classified as specific target organ toxicant, repeated exposure.

Medical conditions aggravated by overexposure

: Pre-existing skin, eye and respiratory disorders.

Synergistic materials

: No information available.

Toxicological data

: Not classified for acute toxicity based on available data. See below for toxicological data on the substance.

<u>Chemical name</u>	<u>LC₅₀(4hr)</u> <u>inh, rat</u>	<u>LD₅₀</u>	
		<u>(Oral, rat)</u>	<u>(Rabbit, dermal)</u>
Helium	N/Av	N/Av	N/Av

Other important toxicological hazards

: None known.

SECTION 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Ecotoxicity

: No information available. Measured ecotoxicity data are not available for the aquatic toxicity endpoints for these gases. These chemicals are gases at standard temperature and pressure and are expected to partition primarily to air, therefore aquatic toxicity tests may not be relevant.

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Ecotoxicity data:

<u>Ingredients</u>	CAS #	Toxicity to Fish		
		LC50 / 96h	NOEC / 21 day	M Factor
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<u>Ingredients</u>	CAS #	Toxicity to Daphnia		
		EC50 / 48h	NOEC / 21 day	M Factor
Helium	7440-59-7	N/Av	N/Av	None.

<u>Ingredients</u>	CAS #	Toxicity to Algae		
		EC50 / 96h or 72h	NOEC / 96h or 72h	M Factor
Helium	7440-59-7	N/Av	N/Av	None.

Persistence and degradability

: No information available. The methods for determining biodegradability are not applicable to inorganic substances.

Bioaccumulation potential

: No information available.

Mobility in soil

: No information available.

Other Adverse Environmental effects

: No information available.

SECTION 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Handling for Disposal

: Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice. See Section 7 (Handling and Storage) for further details. Allow to safely dissipate into atmosphere. Do not puncture or incinerate containers.

Methods of Disposal

: Return to vendor with cylinder valve tightly closed and valve cap in place. Dispose in accordance with all applicable federal, state, provincial and local regulations.

RCRA

: If this product, as supplied, becomes a waste in the United States, it may meet the criteria of a hazardous waste as defined under RCRA, Title 40 CFR 261. It is the responsibility of the waste generator to determine the proper waste identification and disposal method. For disposal of unused or waste material, check with local, state and federal environmental agencies.



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SECTION 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

Regulatory Information	UN Number	UN proper shipping name	Transport hazard class(es)	Packing Group	Label
TDG	UN1046	HELIUM, COMPRESSED	2.2	none	
TDG Additional information	May be shipped as a LIMITED QUANTITY in containers no larger than 125 mL, in packages not exceeding 30 kg gross mass.				
49CFR/DOT	UN1046	Helium, compressed	2.2	none	
49CFR/DOT Additional information	Limited Quantity exemption may be used if shipped in containers of 0.120 Litres or less, per section 173.306 of 49 CFR.				

Special precautions for user : Keep away from extreme heat and flame. Appropriate advice on safety must accompany the package.

Environmental hazards : This substance does not meet the criteria for an environmentally hazardous substance according to the IMDG Code. See ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION, Section 12.

Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL 73/78 and the IBC Code

: This information is not available.

SECTION 15 - REGULATORY INFORMATION

US Federal Information:

Components listed below are present on the following U.S. Federal chemical lists:

<u>Ingredients</u>	CAS #	TSCA Inventory	CERCLA Reportable Quantity (RQ) (40 CFR 117.302):	SARA TITLE III: Sec. 302, Extremely Hazardous Substance, 40 CFR 355:	SARA TITLE III: Sec. 313, 40 CFR 372, Specific Toxic Chemical	
					Toxic Chemical	de minimus Concentration
Helium	7440-59-7	Yes	N/Ap	N/Av	No	No

SARA TITLE III: Sec. 311 and 312, SDS Requirements, 40 CFR 370 Hazard Classes: Physical hazards (Gas Under Pressure ;Simple Asphyxiant). Under SARA Sections 311 and 312, the EPA has established threshold quantities for the reporting of hazardous chemicals. The current thresholds are 500 pounds or the threshold planning quantity (TPQ), whichever is lower, for extremely hazardous substances and 10,000 pounds for all other hazardous chemicals.

US State Right to Know Laws:

The following chemicals are specifically listed by individual States:

<u>Ingredients</u>	CAS #	California Proposition 65		State "Right to Know" Lists					
		Listed	Type of Toxicity	CA	MA	MN	NJ	PA	RI
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Canadian Information:

Canadian Environmental Protection Act (CEPA) information: All ingredients listed appear on the Domestic Substances List (DSL). WHMIS information: Refer to Section 2 for a WHMIS Classification for this product.

International Information:

Components listed below are present on the following International Inventory list:

<u>Ingredients</u>	<u>CAS #</u>	<u>European EINECS</u>	<u>Australia AICS</u>	<u>Philippines PICCS</u>	<u>Japan ENCS</u>	<u>Korea KECI/KECL</u>	<u>China IECSC</u>	<u>NewZealand IOC</u>
Helium	7440-59-7	231-168-5	Present	Present	Present	KE-18199	Present	HSR001024

SECTION 16. OTHER INFORMATION

Legend

- : ACGIH: American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists
- AICS: Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances
- CAS: Chemical Abstract Services
- CERCLA: Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980
- EC50: Effective Concentration 50%
- EINECS: European Inventory of Existing Commercial chemical Substances
- ENCS: Existing and New Chemical Substances
- EPA: Environmental Protection Agency
- IARC: International Agency for Research on Cancer
- IECSC: Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances
- IOC: Inventory of Chemicals
- KECI: Korean Existing Chemicals Inventory
- KECL: Korean Existing Chemicals List
- LC: Lethal Concentration
- LD: Lethal Dose
- N/Ap: Not Applicable
- N/Av: Not Available
- NIOSH: National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health
- NOEC: No observable effect concentration
- NTP: National Toxicology Program
- OECD: Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
- OSHA: Occupational Safety and Health Administration
- PEL: Permissible exposure limit
- PICCS: Philippine Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances
- RQ: Reportable Quantity
- SARA: Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act
- SCBA: Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus
- STEL: Short Term Exposure Limit
- TDG: Canadian Transportation of Dangerous Goods Act & Regulations
- TLV: Threshold Limit Values
- TSCA: Toxic Substance Control Act
- TWA: Time Weighted Average
- WHMIS: Workplace Hazardous Materials Identification System

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- References** :
1. ACGIH, Threshold Limit Values for Chemical Substances and Physical Agents & Biological Exposure Indices
 2. ECHA - European Chemical Agency
 3. Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety, CCInfoWeb databases
 4. Safety Data Sheets from manufacturer.
 5. US EPA Title III List of Lists
 6. California Proposition 65 List
 7. OECD - The Global Portal to Information on Chemical Substances - eChemPortal

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Other special considerations for handling
 : Provide adequate information, instruction and training for operators.

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