



Chemifloc Ltd.

SAFETY DATA SHEET Ferric Chloride Liquid

Conforms to Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006 (REACH), Annex II

1: Identification of the substance/preparation and of the company/undertaking

Identification of the substance or preparation

Product Name: Ferric Chloride

Chemical Name: Iron (III) Chloride Solution

Use of the preparation:

Used as a chemical for the treatment of drinking water, has received appropriate approval by the European Committee for Standardisation.

Company/Undertaking identification

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2: Hazards Identification

Hazard Class: **C: Corrosive**

Risk Phrase: R22 : Harmful if swallowed.

R34 : Causes burns.

Material causes burns to eyes, skin and gastrointestinal tract.

3: Composition/Information on Ingredients

Substance/Preparation: The material is formed by the reaction of iron oxide with hydrochloric acid.

Ingredient Name	CAS Number	%	EC Number	Classification	Risk Phrases
Iron (III) Chloride	7705-08-0	40	231-729-4	C	R22 R34
Water		60		Not classified	

There are no additional ingredients present which, within the current knowledge of the supplier and in the concentrations applicable, are classified as hazardous to health or the environment and hence require reporting in this section.

Occupational exposure limits, if available, are listed in section 8.

4: First Aid Measures

- Inhalation: Remove to fresh air and loosen clothing. Seek medical attention if symptoms are severe.
- Eyes: Wash out thoroughly with water or saline solution for a minimum of 15 minutes; seek medical attention.
- Skin: Remove contaminated clothing, wash skin thoroughly with plenty of water for minimum 15 minutes. In severe cases seek medical attention.
- Ingestion: If confined to the mouth area give large quantities of water as a mouth wash, ensure the water is not swallowed. If substance has been swallowed, give 250ml of water to dilute in stomach. Do not induce vomiting. In severe cases seek medical attention.

5: Fire-Fighting Measures

- Use full acid-resistant protective clothing.
- Material is not combustible, but may release toxic vapours of chlorine and hydrogen chloride at excessive heat. If fumes are present, use an approved full-face-respirator with acid cartridge.
- Use extinguishing media appropriate to the surrounding fire conditions.
- Use water to keep containers cool. Do not release runoff to sewers or waterways.

6: Accidental, Release Measures

- Wear appropriate protective clothing.
- Do not allow runoff to enter sewers or waterways.
- Small spills of liquid, neutralise with soda ash or lime, absorb liquid with sand.
- Large spills of liquid, contain, then neutralise with caustic soda solution, and dispose in accordance with local regulations. Iron sludge formed can be disposed of as a neutral waste.

7: Handling and Storage

- Transport: Delivered in 20/24 tonne, rubber lined steel tankers, or plastic IBCs.
- Storage: Store in vessels suitable for solutions of low pH such as rubber-lined, plastic, or glass reinforced plastic.
- Handling: Handle with care as an acid.
Avoid contact with skin and eyes.
Wear appropriate acid-resistant protective clothing.

8: Exposure Controls/Personal Protection

EH40/2005 listing under soluble iron salts – WEL 8 hour exposure 1 mg/m³.

Personal protective measures as appropriate to quantity used.

Respiratory: N/A.

Hand Protection: Rubber or PVC gloves.

Eye protection: Goggles or face shield affording complete eye protection.

Other measures: Plastic apron, sleeves, boots – if handling large quantities

9: Physical and Chemical Properties

General information	
Appearance	Dark Liquid
Colour	Dark Brown
Odour	Odourless
Molecular Formula	FeCl ₃ n H ₂ O.
Important health, safety and environmental information	
pH	< 1.0
Boiling point	Decomposition starts at 160 °C.
Freezing point	-12°C
Vapour pressure @ 20 °C	Not known
Density g/cm ³	1.43 (20 °C)
Solubility	Miscible in water. The products can be diluted down to about a mass fraction of 1 % of FeCl ₃ . Below this concentration, hydrolysis and formation of iron hydroxide will occur.
Viscosity (mPa.s)	For the product (c) the viscosity is about 10 mPa.s for a solution of a mass fraction of 40 % of FeCl ₃ at 20 °C.

10: Stability and Reactivity

Hazardous Decomposition Products: Thermal decomposition: Under fire conditions chlorine and hydrogen chloride may be released.

Solution is acidic and may react with metal to liberate flammable hydrogen gas. Dangerous reactions with bases i.e. chlorites, hypochlorites, sulphites, cyanides and sulphides. Avoid contact with most common metals (aluminium, copper, zinc and their alloys). In case of excessive heat: chlorine and hydrogen chloride can be produced.

11: Toxicological Information

Potential acute health effects	
Ingestion	Harmful if swallowed. Ingestion may result in damage to mucous membranes, nausea, vomiting, sore throat, abdominal pain and diarrhoea.
Skin contact	May cause burns
Eye contact	May cause corneal damage.

12: Ecological Information

Ferric Chloride is acidic, and so will cause damage to flora and fauna. The material should not be allowed to spill into controlled waters in large amounts, as sufficient quantities will affect aquatic life forms. In such cases the Environment Protection Agency or Local Authority should be contacted. Once diluted and neutralised no lasting effects will occur. Material is not bio-accumulative.

13: Disposal Considerations

Do not dispose directly into rivers or drains. Small spills may be neutralised with sodium carbonate, lime, or calcium carbonate, and flushed to sewer. Large amounts of Ferric Chloride should be contained, and then be neutralised with a weak alkali solution. The resulting suspension (mainly iron hydroxide) may be regarded as neutral waste and disposal should be in accordance with local or state or national legislation.

14: Transport Information

Proper Shipping Name: FERRIC CHLORIDE SOLUTION,
UN Number: 2582
RID/ADR: Class 8
Hazard ID Number: 80
Classification Code: C1
Packing Group: PG III

15: Regulatory Information

Ferric Chloride Solution is classed as **Corrosive** for supply, and packaging will carry the following information:

EU Regulations:

Hazard Symbol or symbols: C : Corrosive

Risk Phrase: R 22 : Harmful if swallowed.
R 34 : Causes burns.

Safety Phrases: S 26 : In case of contact with eyes, rinse immediately with plenty of water and seek medical advice
S 36/37/39: Wear suitable protective clothing, gloves and eye/face protection.

Contains EINECS number: 231-729-4

16: Other Information

References: Ferric Chloride solutions are used as chemicals for the treatment of drinking water, as approved by the European Committee for Standardisation under EN 888:2005. The Transport and Regulatory Information given are in accordance with EN 888:2005.

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