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## 1.0 ACCREDITATION / REGISTRATION

**INORGANIC VENTURES** is accredited to ISO 17034, "General Requirements for the Competence of Reference Material Producers" and ISO/IEC 17025, "General Requirements for the Competence of Testing and Calibration Laboratories". Inorganic Ventures is also an ISO 9001 registered manufacturer (QSR Certificate Number QSR-1034).



## 2.0 PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

Product Code: Single Analyte Mass Spec Solution  
Catalog Number: MSHO-10PPM  
Lot Number: U2-HO739732  
Matrix: 5% (v/v) HNO3  
Value / Analyte(s): 10 µg/mL ea:  
Holmium  
Starting Material: Holmium Oxide  
Starting Material Lot#: 1890  
Starting Material Purity: 99.9947%

## 3.0 CERTIFIED VALUES AND UNCERTAINTIES

**Certified Value:** 9.995 ± 0.037 µg/mL  
**Density:** 1.023 g/mL (measured at 20 ± 4 °C)

### Assay Information:

ANALYTE	METHOD	NIST SRM#	SRM LOT#
Ho	ICP Assay	3123a	090408
Ho	EDTA	928	928
Ho	Calculated		See Sec. 4.2

The following equations are used in the calculation of the certified value and the uncertainty. Reported uncertainties represent expanded uncertainties expressed at approximately the 95% confidence level using a coverage factor of k = 2.

### Characterization of CRM/RM by Two or More Methods

Certified Value,  $X_{CRM/RM}$ , where two or more methods of characterization are used is the weighted mean of the results:

$$X_{CRM/RM} = \sum(w_i)(X_i)$$

$X_i$  = mean of Assay Method  $i$  with standard uncertainty  $u_{char\ i}$   
 $w_i$  = the weighting factors for each method calculated using the inverse square of the variance:  
 $w_i = (1/u_{char\ i}^2) / (\sum(1/(u_{char\ i}^2)))$

$$CRM/RM \text{ Expanded Uncertainty } (\pm) = U_{CRM/RM} = k (u_{char}^2 + u_{bb}^2 + u_{Its}^2 + u_{ts}^2)^{1/2}$$

k = coverage factor = 2

$u_{char}$  =  $[\sum(w_i)^2 (u_{char\ i})^2]^{1/2}$  where  $u_{char\ i}$  are the errors from each characterization method

$u_{bb}$  = bottle to bottle homogeneity standard uncertainty

$u_{Its}$  = long term stability standard uncertainty (storage)

$u_{ts}$  = transport stability standard uncertainty

### Characterization of CRM/RM by One Method

Certified Value,  $X_{CRM/RM}$ , where one method of characterization is used is the mean of individual results:

$$X_{CRM/RM} = (X_a) (u_{char\ a})$$

$X_a$  = mean of Assay Method A with  
 $u_{char\ a}$  = the standard uncertainty of characterization Method A

$$CRM/RM \text{ Expanded Uncertainty } (\pm) = U_{CRM/RM} = k (u_{char\ a}^2 + u_{bb}^2 + u_{Its}^2 + u_{ts}^2)^{1/2}$$

k = coverage factor = 2

$u_{char\ a}$  = the errors from characterization

$u_{bb}$  = bottle to bottle homogeneity standard uncertainty

$u_{Its}$  = long term stability standard uncertainty (storage)

$u_{ts}$  = transport stability standard uncertainty

#### 4.0 TRACEABILITY TO NIST

- This product is traceable to NIST via an unbroken chain of comparisons. The uncertainties for each certified value are reported, taking into account the SRM/RM uncertainty error and the measurement, weighing and volume dilution errors. In rare cases where no NIST SRM/RM are available, the term 'in-house std.' is specified.

#### 4.1 Thermometer Calibration

- All thermometers are NIST traceable through thermometers that are calibrated by an accredited calibration laboratory.

#### 4.2 Balance Calibration

- All analytical balances are calibrated by an accredited calibration laboratory and procedure. The weights used for testing are annually compared to master weights and are traceable to NIST.

#### 4.3 Glassware Calibration

- An in-house procedure is used to calibrate all Class A glassware used in the manufacturing and quality control of CRM/RMs.

#### 5.0 TRACE METALLIC IMPURITIES (TMI ) DETERMINED BY ICP-MS AND ICP-OES (µg/mL)

CRM/RMs are tested for trace metallic impurities by Axial ICP-OES and ICP-MS. The result from the most sensitive method for each element, is reported below. Solutions tested by ICP-MS were analyzed in an ULPA-Filtered Clean Room. An ULPA-Filter is 99.9985% efficient for the removal of particles down to 0.3 µm.

M Ag <	0.010000	M Eu	0.000003	M Na <	0.036000	M Se <	0.004400	M Zn <	0.071000
M Al <	0.020000	M Fe	0.000029	M Nb <	0.001200	i Si <		M Zr <	0.000400
M As <	0.011000	M Ga <	0.001600	M Nd	0.000001	M Sm	0.000007		
M Au <	0.006400	M Gd	0.000004	M Ni <	0.004800	M Sn <	0.002400		
M B <	0.091000	M Ge <	0.004000	M Os <	0.000400	M Sr <	0.002400		
M Ba <	0.002400	M Hf <	0.003200	i P <		i Ta <			
M Be <	0.003200	M Hg <	0.005600	M Pb <	0.057000	M Tb	0.000004		
M Bi <	0.005600	s Ho <		M Pd <	0.004400	M Te <	0.008000		
M Ca <	0.028000	M In <	0.001600	M Pr	0.000002	M Th <	0.001200		
M Cd <	0.000800	M Ir <	0.001600	M Pt <	0.000400	M Ti <	0.000800		
M Ce <	0.004800	O K	0.000029	M Rb <	0.002400	M Tl <	0.001600		
M Co <	0.001600	M La	0.000003	M Re <	0.000400	M Tm	0.000003		
M Cr <	0.005600	O Li <	0.001200	M Rh <	0.001600	M U <	0.000400		
M Cs	0.000004	M Lu	0.000378	M Ru <	0.000400	M V <	0.029000		
M Cu <	0.005600	O Mg <	0.003300	n S <		M W <	0.011000		
M Dy	0.000094	M Mn <	0.001200	M Sb <	0.002000	M Y	0.000035		
M Er	0.000016	M Mo <	0.011000	M Sc <	0.001200	M Yb	0.000062		

M - Checked by ICP-MS      O - Checked by ICP-OES      i - Spectral Interference  
n - Not Checked For      s - Solution Standard Element

#### 6.0 INTENDED USE

**6.1** This standard is intended for the calibration of analytical instruments and validation of analytical methods as appropriate. This CRM may be used in connection with EPA Methods 6010, 6020 (all versions), Standard Methods 3120 B and USP <232> / ICH Q3D.

**6.2** For products attaining traceability through Inorganic Ventures' Primary Certified Reference Materials (PCRM™) see the Limited License to Use PCRM™ in the Inorganic Ventures [Terms and Conditions of Sale](https://www.inorganicventures.com/terms-and-conditions-sale). <https://www.inorganicventures.com/terms-and-conditions-sale>. The Terms and Conditions contain information on the use of materials traceable to PCRM™ certified reference materials. This Limited License agreement is especially pertinent for laboratories accredited under ISO:17034.

#### 7.0 INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE CORRECT USE OF THIS REFERENCE MATERIAL

##### 7.1 Storage and Handling Recommendations

- Store between approximately 4° - 30° C while in sealed TCT bag.

- While stored in the sealed TCT bag, transpiration of this CRM/RM is negligible. After opening the sealed TCT bag transpiration of the CRM/RM will occur, resulting in a gradual increase in the analyte concentration(s). It is the responsibility of the user to account for this effect. When the bottle is weighed both before and after being placed in storage, the mass difference observed will be a measure of transpiration mass loss.

- After opening the sealed TCT bag, keep cap tightly sealed when not in use and store between 4° - 24° C to minimize the effects of transpiration. Use at 20° ± 4° C to minimize volumetric dilution error when using the reported density. Do not pipette from the container. Do not return removed aliquots to container.

- For more information, visit [www.inorganicventures.com/TCT](http://www.inorganicventures.com/TCT)

**Atomic Weight; Valence; Coordination Number; Chemical Form in Solution** - 164.93 +3 6 to 9 or 10 for some compounds  $Ho(OH)_x(H_2O)_y+3-x$

**Chemical Compatibility** -Soluble in HCl, H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and HNO<sub>3</sub>. Avoid HF, H<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub> and neutral to basic media. Stable with most metals and inorganic anions forming an insoluble carbonate, oxide, oxalate, and fluoride. Avoid mixing with elements / solutions containing moderate amounts of fluoride.

**Stability** - 2-100 ppb levels stable for months in 1% HNO<sub>3</sub> / LDPE container. 1-10,000 ppm solutions chemically stable for years in 2-5% HNO<sub>3</sub> / LDPE container.

**Ho Containing Samples (Preparation and Solution)** - Meta I (Soluble in acids); Oxide (Dissolved by heating in H<sub>2</sub>O / HNO<sub>3</sub>); Ores (Carbonate fusion in Pt0 followed by HCl dissolution); Organic Matrices (Dry ash and dissolve in 1:1 H<sub>2</sub>O / HCl or HNO<sub>3</sub> ).

**Atomic Spectroscopic Information (ICP-OES D.L.s are given as radial/axial view):**

Technique/Line	Estimated D.L.	Order	Interferences (underlined indicates severe)
ICP-MS 165 amu	1 ppt	n/a	149 Sm16O
ICP-OES 339.898 nm	0.02 / 0.002 µg/mL	1	Ce, Re
ICP-OES 345.600 nm	0.006 / 0.0001 µg/mL	1	U, Ti

## 8.0 HAZARDOUS INFORMATION

- Please refer to the Safety Data Sheet for information regarding this CRM/RM.

## 9.0 HOMOGENEITY

- This solution was mixed according to an in-house procedure and is guaranteed to be homogeneous. Homogeneity data indicate that the end user should take a minimum sample size of 0.2 mL to assure homogeneity.

## 10.0 QUALITY STANDARD DOCUMENTATION

### 10.1 ISO 9001 Quality Management System Registration

- QSR Certificate Number QSR-1034

### 10.2 ISO/IEC 17025 "General Requirements for the Competence of Testing and Calibration Laboratories"

- Chemical Testing - Accredited / A2LA Certificate Number 883.01

### 10.3 ISO 17034 "General Requirements for the Competence of Reference Material Producers"

- Reference Material Producer - Accredited / A2LA Certificate Number 883.02

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## 11.0 CERTIFICATION, LOT EXPIRATION AND PERIOD OF VALIDITY

**11.1 Certification Issue Date**

January 04, 2024

- The certification is valid within the measurement uncertainty specified provided the CRM/RM is stored and handled in accordance with instructions given in Sec 7.1. This certification is nullified if instructions in Sec 7.1 are not followed or if the CRM/RM is damaged, contaminated, or otherwise modified.

**11.2 Lot Expiration Date**

- **January 04, 2029**

- The date after which this CRM/RM should not be used.

- The lot expiration date reflects the period of time that the stability of a CRM/RM can be supported by long term stability studies conducted on properly stored and handled CRM/RMs. Lot expiration is limited primarily by transpiration (loss of water from the solution) and infrequently by chemical stability.

**11.3 Period of Validity**

- Sealed TCT Bag Open Date: \_\_\_\_\_

- This CRM/RM should not be used longer than one year (or six months in the case of a 30 mL bottle) from the date of opening the aluminized bag or after the date given in Sec. 11.2, whichever comes first. This is contingent upon the CRM/RM being stored and handled in accordance with the instructions given in Sec. 7.1.

**12.0 NAMES AND SIGNATURES OF CERTIFYING OFFICERS**

**Certificate Prepared By:**

Uyen Truong  
Custom Processing Supervisor



**Certificate Approved By:**

Muzzammil Khan  
Stock Laboratory Supervisor



**Certifying Officer:**

Paul Gaines  
Chairman / Senior Technical Director

