# SAFETY DATA SHEET



# 1. Identification

**Product identifier** POTASSIUM HYDROXIDE PELLETS

Other means of identification

**CAS** number 1310-58-3

General purpose solvent. Recommended use

Use in accordance with manufacturer's recommendations. **Recommended restrictions** 

Manufacturer/Importer/Supplier/Distributor information

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2. Hazard(s) identification

Corrosive to metals **Physical hazards** Category 1 Health hazards Acute toxicity, oral Category 4

> Skin corrosion/irritation Category 1A Serious eye damage/eye irritation Category 1 Hazardous to the aquatic environment, acute Category 3

**Environmental hazards** hazard

**OSHA** defined hazards Not classified.

Label elements



Signal word Danger

**Hazard statement** May be corrosive to metals. Harmful if swallowed. Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.

Causes serious eye damage. Harmful to aquatic life.

**Precautionary statement** 

Prevention Keep only in original container. Wash thoroughly after handling. Do not eat, drink or smoke when

using this product. Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection.

Avoid release to the environment.

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If swallowed: Rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting. If on skin (or hair): Take off immediately all Response

contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/shower. Wash contaminated clothing before reuse. If inhaled: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing. If in eyes: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. Immediately call a poison center/doctor. Absorb spillage to prevent material

Storage Store locked up. Store in corrosive resistant container with a resistant inner liner.

Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local/regional/national/international regulations. Disposal

Hazard(s) not otherwise

classified (HNOC)

None known.

Supplemental information None.

# 3. Composition/information on ingredients

## **Substances**

| Chemical name       | Common name and synonyms |           | %   |
|---------------------|--------------------------|-----------|-----|
| Potassium hydroxide |                          | 1310-58-3 | 100 |

#### **Composition comments**

All concentrations are in percent by weight unless otherwise indicated.

## 4. First-aid measures

Inhalation Move to fresh air. Call a physician if symptoms develop or persist.

Skin contact Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/shower. Call a physician or

poison control center immediately. Chemical burns must be treated by a physician. Wash

contaminated clothing before reuse.

Immediately flush eyes with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Remove contact lenses, if Eye contact

present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. Call a physician or poison control center immediately.

Nausea, vomiting. Diarrhea. Burning pain and severe corrosive skin damage. Causes serious eye

Call a physician or poison control center immediately. Rinse mouth. Do not induce vomiting. If

damage. Symptoms may include stinging, tearing, redness, swelling, and blurred vision.

vomiting occurs, keep head low so that stomach content doesn't get into the lungs.

Most important

symptoms/effects, acute and

delayed

Ingestion

Indication of immediate medical attention and special

treatment needed

Provide general supportive measures and treat symptomatically. Chemical burns: Flush with water immediately. While flushing, remove clothes which do not adhere to affected area. Call an ambulance. Continue flushing during transport to hospital. Keep victim warm. Keep victim under observation. Symptoms may be delayed.

**General information** 

Ensure that medical personnel are aware of the material(s) involved, and take precautions to protect themselves. Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance.

# 5. Fire-fighting measures

Suitable extinguishing media

Unsuitable extinguishing

media

The product is not flammable.

Use fire-extinguishing media appropriate for surrounding materials.

Permanent eye damage including blindness could result. Coughing.

Specific hazards arising from

the chemical

Contact with metals may evolve flammable hydrogen gas.

Special protective equipment and precautions for firefighters Self-contained breathing apparatus and full protective clothing must be worn in case of fire.

Fire fighting equipment/instructions Move containers from fire area if you can do so without risk.

Specific methods

Use standard firefighting procedures and consider the hazards of other involved materials.

## 6. Accidental release measures

Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

Keep unnecessary personnel away. Keep people away from and upwind of spill/leak. Wear appropriate protective equipment and clothing during clean-up. Do not touch damaged containers or spilled material unless wearing appropriate protective clothing. Ensure adequate ventilation. Local authorities should be advised if significant spillages cannot be contained. For personal protection, see section 8 of the SDS.

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# Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up

Prevent entry into waterways, sewer, basements or confined areas.

Large Spills: Stop the flow of material, if this is without risk. Dike the spilled material, where this is possible. Absorb spillage to prevent material damage. Absorb in vermiculite, dry sand or earth and place into containers. Following product recovery, flush area with water.

Small Spills: Wipe up with absorbent material (e.g. cloth, fleece). Clean surface thoroughly to remove residual contamination.

Never return spills to original containers for re-use. For waste disposal, see section 13 of the SDS.

## **Environmental precautions**

Avoid release to the environment. Inform appropriate managerial or supervisory personnel of all environmental releases. Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so. Avoid discharge into drains, water courses or onto the ground.

# 7. Handling and storage

**Precautions for safe handling** Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Do not taste or swallow. Avoid prolonged exposure.

When using, do not eat, drink or smoke. Provide adequate ventilation. Wear appropriate personal protective equipment. Wash hands thoroughly after handling. Avoid release to the environment.

Observe good industrial hygiene practices.

Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Store locked up. Store in a cool, dry place out of direct sunlight. Store in corrosive resistant container with a resistant inner liner. Store in tightly closed container. Keep only in the original container. Store away from incompatible materials (see Section 10 of the SDS).

# 8. Exposure controls/personal protection

## Occupational exposure limits

# **US. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values**

| Material                            | Туре    | Value   |
|-------------------------------------|---------|---------|
| Potassium hydroxide (CAS 1310-58-3) | Ceiling | 2 mg/m3 |

# US. NIOSH: Pocket Guide to Chemical Hazards Material Type

Potassium hydroxide (CAS Ceiling 2 mg/m3

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#### Biological limit values

No biological exposure limits noted for the ingredient(s).

# Appropriate engineering controls

Good general ventilation should be used. Ventilation rates should be matched to conditions. If applicable, use process enclosures, local exhaust ventilation, or other engineering controls to maintain airborne levels below recommended exposure limits. If exposure limits have not been established, maintain airborne levels to an acceptable level. Eye wash facilities and emergency shower must be available when handling this product.

Value

### Individual protection measures, such as personal protective equipment

**Eye/face protection** Wear chemical goggles and face shield.

Skin protection

Hand protection Wear appropriate chemical resistant gloves. Neoprene, butyl rubber, nitrile or Viton® gloves are

recommended. Be aware that the liquid may penetrate the gloves. Frequent change is advisable.

Skin protection

Other Wear appropriate chemical resistant clothing.

Respiratory protection In case of insufficient ventilation, wear suitable respiratory equipment.

**Thermal hazards** Wear appropriate thermal protective clothing, when necessary.

General hygiene considerations

Keep away from food and drink. Always observe good personal hygiene measures, such as washing after handling the material and before eating, drinking, and/or smoking. Routinely wash

work clothing and protective equipment to remove contaminants.

## 9. Physical and chemical properties

## **Appearance**

Physical state Solid.

Form Solid. Pellets.
Color Not available.
Odor Not available.
Odor threshold Not available.

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**pH** 13.5

Melting point/freezing point 681.8 °F (361 °C) Initial boiling point and boiling 2408 °F (1320 °C)

range

Flash point Not available.

Evaporation rate Not available.

Flammability (solid, gas) Not flammable.

Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits

Flammability limit - lower

Not available.

(%)

Flammability limit - upper

Not available.

(%)

Explosive limit - lower (%) Not available.

Explosive limit - upper (%) Not available.

**Vapor pressure** 1 mmHg (1326.2 °F (719 °C))

Vapor density Not available.

Relative density 2.044 g/cm³

Solubility(ies)

Solubility (water) soluble in water

Partition coefficient Not available.

(n-octanol/water)

Auto-ignition temperatureNot available.Decomposition temperatureNot available.ViscosityNot available.

Other information

**Explosive properties** Not explosive.

Molecular formulaH-K-OMolecular weight56.11 g/molOxidizing propertiesNot oxidizing.

# 10. Stability and reactivity

**Reactivity** Reacts violently with strong acids. May be corrosive to metals.

Chemical stability Material is stable under normal conditions.

Possibility of hazardous Hazardous polymerization does not occur.

reactions

**Conditions to avoid**Contact with incompatible materials. Do not mix with other chemicals.

Incompatible materials Acids. Metals. Maleic anhydride.

**Hazardous decomposition** No hazardous decomposition products are known.

products

# 11. Toxicological information

# Information on likely routes of exposure

Inhalation May cause irritation to the respiratory system. Prolonged inhalation may be harmful.

Skin contact Causes severe skin burns.

Eye contact Causes serious eye damage.

**Ingestion** Causes digestive tract burns. Harmful if swallowed.

Symptoms related to the physical, chemical and toxicological characteristics

Nausea, vomiting. Diarrhea. Burning pain and severe corrosive skin damage. Causes serious eye

damage. Symptoms may include stinging, tearing, redness, swelling, and blurred vision.

Information on toxicological effects

Acute toxicity Harmful if swallowed.

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**Product Species Test Results** 

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Acute Oral

LD50 Rat 273 mg/kg

Skin corrosion/irritation Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.

Serious eye damage/eye

irritation

Causes serious eye damage.

Respiratory or skin sensitization

Respiratory sensitization Not a respiratory sensitizer.

Skin sensitization This product is not expected to cause skin sensitization.

Germ cell mutagenicity No data available to indicate product or any components present at greater than 0.1% are

mutagenic or genotoxic.

Not classifiable as to carcinogenicity to humans. Carcinogenicity

IARC Monographs. Overall Evaluation of Carcinogenicity

Not listed.

**NTP Report on Carcinogens** 

Not listed.

OSHA Specifically Regulated Substances (29 CFR 1910.1001-1053)

Not listed

Reproductive toxicity This product is not expected to cause reproductive or developmental effects.

Specific target organ toxicity -

single exposure

Not classified.

Specific target organ toxicity -

repeated exposure

Not classified.

**Aspiration hazard** Not an aspiration hazard.

**Chronic effects** Prolonged inhalation may be harmful.

# 12. Ecological information

Harmful to aquatic life. **Ecotoxicity** 

Persistence and degradability

No data is available on the degradability of this substance.

Bioaccumulative potential No data available.

Mobility in soil This product is water soluble and may disperse in soil. Expected to be mobile in soil.

No other adverse environmental effects (e.g. ozone depletion, photochemical ozone creation Other adverse effects potential, endocrine disruption, global warming potential) are expected from this component. The

product may affect the acidity (pH-factor) in water with risk of harmful effects to aquatic

organisms.

# 13. Disposal considerations

**Disposal instructions** Collect and reclaim or dispose in sealed containers at licensed waste disposal site. Incinerate the

material under controlled conditions in an approved incinerator. Do not allow this material to drain into sewers/water supplies. Do not contaminate ponds, waterways or ditches with chemical or used container. Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local/regional/national/international

regulations.

Local disposal regulations

Dispose in accordance with all applicable regulations.

Hazardous waste code

D002: Waste Corrosive material [pH <=2 or =>12.5, or corrosive to steel]

The waste code should be assigned in discussion between the user, the producer and the waste

disposal company.

Waste from residues / unused

products

Dispose of in accordance with local regulations. Empty containers or liners may retain some product residues. This material and its container must be disposed of in a safe manner (see:

Disposal instructions).

Contaminated packaging

Since emptied containers may retain product residue, follow label warnings even after container is emptied. Empty containers should be taken to an approved waste handling site for recycling or

disposal.

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# 14. Transport information

DOT

UN1813 **UN** number

Potassium hydroxide, solid **UN proper shipping name** 

Transport hazard class(es)

Class 8 Subsidiary risk 8 Label(s) **Packing group** Ш **Environmental hazards** 

> No Marine pollutant

Special precautions for user Read safety instructions, SDS and emergency procedures before handling.

Special provisions IB8, IP2, IP4, T3, TP33

Packaging exceptions 154 Packaging non bulk 212 Packaging bulk 240

IATA

**UN** number **UN1813** 

Potassium hydroxide, solid **UN proper shipping name** 

Transport hazard class(es)

Class 8 Subsidiary risk П Packing group **Environmental hazards** No **ERG Code** 8L

Special precautions for user Read safety instructions, SDS and emergency procedures before handling.

**IMDG** 

**UN** number

UN proper shipping name POTASSIUM HYDROXIDE, SOLID

Transport hazard class(es)

Class 8 Subsidiary risk Packing group Ш **Environmental hazards** 

Marine pollutant No **EmS** F-A, S-B

Special precautions for user Read safety instructions, SDS and emergency procedures before handling.

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

the IBC Code

15. Regulatory information

This product is a "Hazardous Chemical" as defined by the OSHA Hazard Communication **US federal regulations** 

Standard, 29 CFR 1910,1200.

TSCA Section 12(b) Export Notification (40 CFR 707, Subpt. D)

Not applicable.

Not regulated.

**CERCLA Hazardous Substance List (40 CFR 302.4)** 

Potassium hydroxide (CAS 1310-58-3) Listed.

SARA 304 Emergency release notification

Not regulated.

OSHA Specifically Regulated Substances (29 CFR 1910.1001-1053)

Not listed.

**Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA)** This substance is on the TSCA 8(b) inventory and is designated "active".

Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA)

SARA 302 Extremely hazardous substance

Not listed.

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SARA 311/312 Hazardous Yes

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Classified hazard

Corrosive to metal

categories

Acute toxicity (any route of exposure)

Skin corrosion or irritation

Serious eye damage or eye irritation

## SARA 313 (TRI reporting)

Not regulated.

## Other federal regulations

### Clean Air Act (CAA) Section 112 Hazardous Air Pollutants (HAPs) List

Not regulated.

### Clean Air Act (CAA) Section 112(r) Accidental Release Prevention (40 CFR 68.130)

Not regulated.

Clean Water Act (CWA)

Hazardous substance

Section 112(r) (40 CFR

68.130)

Safe Drinking Water Act

Not regulated.

(SDWA)

Food and Drug
Administration (FDA)

Total food additive
Direct food additive
GRAS food additive

**US state regulations** 

## **US. Massachusetts RTK - Substance List**

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## US. New Jersey Worker and Community Right-to-Know Act

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## US. Pennsylvania Worker and Community Right-to-Know Law

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#### **US. Rhode Island RTK**

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## California Proposition 65

California Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (Proposition 65): This material is not known to contain any chemicals currently listed as carcinogens or reproductive toxins. For more information go to www.P65Warnings.ca.gov.

# International Inventories

| Country(s) or region        | Inventory name   | On inventory (yes/no)* |
|-----------------------------|--|------------------------|
| Australia                   | Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances (AICS)                     | Yes                    |
| Canada                      | Domestic Substances List (DSL)   | Yes                    |
| Canada                      | Non-Domestic Substances List (NDSL)                                    | No                     |
| China                       | Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances in China (IECSC)             | Yes                    |
| Europe                      | European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances (EINECS) | Yes                    |
| Europe                      | European List of Notified Chemical Substances (ELINCS)                 | No                     |
| Japan                       | Inventory of Existing and New Chemical Substances (ENCS)               | Yes                    |
| Korea                       | Existing Chemicals List (ECL)  | Yes                    |
| New Zealand                 | New Zealand Inventory  | Yes                    |
| Philippines                 | Philippine Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances (PICCS)      | Yes                    |
| Taiwan                      | Taiwan Chemical Substance Inventory (TCSI)                             | Yes                    |
| United States & Puerto Rico | Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) Inventory                          | Yes                    |

<sup>\*</sup>A "Yes" indicates this product complies with the inventory requirements administered by the governing country(s).

# 16. Other information, including date of preparation or last revision

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A "No" indicates that one or more components of the product are not listed or exempt from listing on the inventory administered by the governing country(s).

HMIS® ratings

Health: 3 Flammability: 0 Physical hazard: 4

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