1. Identification

Product Name: Potassium Hydroxide

Cat No.: P246-3; P250-1; P250-3; P250-10; P250-50; P251-3; P251-50; P251-500; P258-12; P258-50; P258-50LC; P258-212

Synonyms: Potassium hydrate; Lye; Caustic potash

Recommended Use: Laboratory chemicals.

Uses advised against: No Information available

Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet:

Company: Fisher Scientific
One Reagent Lane
Fair Lawn, NJ 07410
Tel: (201) 796-7100

Emergency Telephone Number:
CHEMTREC®, Inside the USA: 800-424-9300
CHEMTREC®, Outside the USA: 001-703-527-3887

2. Hazard(s) identification

Classification:
This chemical is considered hazardous by the 2012 OSHA Hazard Communication Standard (29 CFR 1910.1200)

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<td>Corrosive to metals</td>
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<td>Acute oral toxicity</td>
<td>4</td>
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<td>Skin Corrosion/irritation</td>
<td>1 A</td>
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<td>Serious Eye Damage/Eye Irritation</td>
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<td>Target Organs - Respiratory system.</td>
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Label Elements:

Signal Word: Danger

Hazard Statements:
May be corrosive to metals
Harmful if swallowed
Causes severe skin burns and eye damage
May cause respiratory irritation
Precautionary Statements
Prevention
Wash face, hands and any exposed skin thoroughly after handling
Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product
Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray
Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection
Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area
Keep only in original container
Response
Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician
Inhalation
IF INHALED: Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing
Skin
IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/shower
Wash contaminated clothing before reuse
Eyes
IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing
Ingestion
Rinse mouth
Do NOT induce vomiting
Storage
Store locked up
Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed
Store in corrosive resistant polypropylene container with a resistant inliner
Disposal
Dispose of contents/container to an approved waste disposal plant
Hazards not otherwise classified (HNOC)
None identified

3. Composition / information on ingredients

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4. First-aid measures

Eye Contact
Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids, for at least 15 minutes. Immediate medical attention is required.

Skin Contact
Wash off immediately with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Immediate medical attention is required.

Inhalation
Move to fresh air. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. Do not use mouth-to-mouth method if victim ingested or inhaled the substance; give artificial respiration with the aid of a pocket mask equipped with a one-way valve or other proper respiratory medical device. Immediate medical attention is required.

Ingestion
Do not induce vomiting. Call a physician or Poison Control Center immediately.
Most important symptoms/effects

Causes burns by all exposure routes. Product is a corrosive material. Use of gastric lavage or emesis is contraindicated. Possible perforation of stomach or esophagus should be investigated: Ingestion causes severe swelling, severe damage to the delicate tissue and danger of perforation.

Notes to Physician

Treat symptomatically

5. Fire-fighting measures

Suitable Extinguishing Media

Substance is nonflammable; use agent most appropriate to extinguish surrounding fire.

Unsuitable Extinguishing Media

Carbon dioxide (CO2)

Flash Point

Not applicable

Method -

No information available

Autoignition Temperature

No information available

Explosion Limits

Upper

No data available

Lower

No data available

Sensitivity to Mechanical Impact

No information available

Sensitivity to Static Discharge

No information available

Specific Hazards Arising from the Chemical

Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating gases and vapors. Contact with metals may evolve flammable hydrogen gas. Water reactive.

Hazardous Combustion Products

Potassium oxides

Protective Equipment and Precautions for Firefighters

As in any fire, wear self-contained breathing apparatus pressure-demand, MSHA/NIOSH (approved or equivalent) and full protective gear.

NFPA

Health 3

Flammability 0

Instability 1

Physical hazards N/A

6. Accidental release measures

Personal Precautions

Use personal protective equipment. Evacuate personnel to safe areas. Ensure adequate ventilation. Avoid dust formation. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing.

Environmental Precautions

Should not be released into the environment. See Section 12 for additional ecological information.

Methods for Containment and Clean Up

Sweep up or vacuum up spillage and collect in suitable container for disposal. Avoid dust formation.

7. Handling and storage

Handling

Use only under a chemical fume hood. Avoid dust formation. Do not breathe dust. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Wear personal protective equipment.

Storage

Keep containers tightly closed in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place. Protect from moisture. Corrosives area.

8. Exposure controls / personal protection

Exposure Guidelines

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<th>OSHA PEL</th>
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<td>Ceiling: 2 mg/m³</td>
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| Component | Quebec | Mexico OEL (TWA) | Ontario TWAEV |

Potassium Hydroxide

Revision Date: 22-Jun-2016
Potassium hydroxide

9. Physical and chemical properties

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11. Toxicological information

Acute Toxicity

Component Information

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Toxicologically Synergistic Products

Delayed and immediate effects as well as chronic effects from short and long-term exposure

Irritation

Causes severe burns by all exposure routes

Sensitization

No information available

Carcinogenicity

The table below indicates whether each agency has listed any ingredient as a carcinogen.

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Mutagenic Effects

Mutagenic effects have occurred in experimental animals.

Reproductive Effects

No information available.

Developmental Effects

No information available.

Teratogenicity

No information available.

STOT - single exposure

Respiratory system

STOT - repeated exposure

None known

Aspiration hazard

No information available

Symptoms / effects, both acute and delayed

Product is a corrosive material. Use of gastric lavage or emesis is contraindicated.

Possible perforation of stomach or esophagus should be investigated. Ingestion causes severe swelling, severe damage to the delicate tissue and danger of perforation

Endocrine Disruptor Information

No information available

Other Adverse Effects

Tumorigenic effects have been reported in experimental animals. See actual entry in RTECS for complete information.

12. Ecological information

Ecotoxicity

Do not empty into drains.

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Persistence and Degradability

No information available

Bioaccumulation/ Accumulation

No information available.

Mobility
### 13. Disposal considerations

#### Waste Disposal Methods
Chemical waste generators must determine whether a discarded chemical is classified as a hazardous waste. Chemical waste generators must also consult local, regional, and national hazardous waste regulations to ensure complete and accurate classification.

### 14. Transport information

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### 15. Regulatory information

#### International Inventories

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**Legend:**

- **X** - Listed
- **E** - Indicates a substance that is the subject of a Section 5(e) Consent order under TSCA.
- **F** - Indicates a substance that is the subject of a Section 5(f) Rule under TSCA.
- **N** - Indicates a polymeric substance containing no free-radical initiator in its inventory name but is considered to cover the designated polymer made with any free-radical initiator regardless of the amount used.
- **P** - Indicates a commenced PMN substance
- **R** - Indicates a substance that is the subject of a Section 6 risk management rule under TSCA.
- **S** - Indicates a substance that is identified in a proposed or final Significant New Use Rule
- **T** - Indicates a substance that is the subject of a Section 4 test rule under TSCA.
- **XU** - Indicates a substance exempt from reporting under the Inventory Update Rule, i.e. Partial Updating of the TSCA Inventory Data Base Production and Site Reports (40 CFR 710(B)).
- **Y1** - Indicates an exempt polymer that has a number-average molecular weight of 1,000 or greater.
- **Y2** - Indicates an exempt polymer that is a polyester and is made only from reactants included in a specified list of low concern reactants that comprises one of the eligibility criteria for the exemption rule.

#### U.S. Federal Regulations

- **TSCA 12(b)**: Not applicable
- **SARA 313**: Not applicable

#### SARA 311/312 Hazard Categories

- **Acute Health Hazard**: Yes
- **Chronic Health Hazard**: No
Potassium Hydroxide

Fire Hazard No
Sudden Release of Pressure Hazard No
Reactive Hazard Yes

CWA (Clean Water Act)

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Clean Air Act Not applicable

OSHA Occupational Safety and Health Administration Not applicable

CERCLA
This material, as supplied, contains one or more substances regulated as a hazardous substance under the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) (40 CFR 302)

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California Proposition 65 This product does not contain any Proposition 65 chemicals

U.S. State Right-to-Know Regulations

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U.S. Department of Transportation

Reportable Quantity (RQ): Y
DOT Marine Pollutant N
DOT Severe Marine Pollutant N

U.S. Department of Homeland Security
This product does not contain any DHS chemicals.

Other International Regulations

Mexico - Grade No information available

Canada
This product has been classified in accordance with the hazard criteria of the Controlled Products Regulations (CPR) and the MSDS contains all the information required by the CPR

WHMIS Hazard Class
D1B  Toxic materials
E   Corrosive material
D2B  Toxic materials

16. Other information

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End of SDS