

## Safety Data Sheet Potassium Hydroxide Revision 3, Date 31 Jul 2018

### **1. IDENTIFICATION**

Product Name	Potassium Hydroxide
Other Names	Lye; Potassium hydrate
Uses	Cleaning/washing agents and additives; Flotation agents; pH regulation; lubricants and additives; bleaching agents; Laboratory chemical; Electroplating; Process regulators.
Chemical Family	No Data Available
Chemical Formula	НКО
Chemical Name	Potassium hydroxide
Product Description	No Data Available

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#### 2. HAZARD IDENTIFICATION

Poisons Schedule (Aust)

Schedule 6

**Globally Harmonised System** 

Hazard Classification		Hazardous according to Chemicals (GHS)	o the criteria of the Globally Harmonised System of Classification and Labelling of	
Hazard Categories		Corrosive to Metals - Category 1		
		Acute Toxicity (Oral) - C	Category 4	
		Skin Corrosion/Irritation	n - Category 1A	
		Serious Eye Damage/Ir	ritation - Category 1	
Pictograms			!	
Signal Word		Danger		
Hazard Statements		H290	May be corrosive to metals.	
		H302	Harmful if swallowed.	
		H314	Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.	
Precautionary Statements	Prevention	P270	Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.	
		P280	Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection.	
		P260	Do not breathe dusts or mists.	
	Response	P301 + P330 + P331	IF SWALLOWED: Rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting.	
		P303 + P361 + P353	IF ON SKIN (or hair): Remove/take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/shower.	
		P304 + P340	IF INHALED: Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing.	
		P305 + P351 + P338	IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.	
		P310	Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician.	
		P363	Wash contaminated clothing before reuse.	
		P390	Absorb spillage to prevent material damage.	
	Storage	P405	Store locked up.	
		P406	Store in corrosive resistant container with a resistant inner liner.	
	Disposal	P501	Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local / regional / national / international regulations.	

#### National Transport Commission (Australia)

Australian Code for the Transport of Dangerous Goods by Road & Rail (ADG Code)

Dangerous Goods according to the criteria of the Australian Code for the Transport of Dangerous Goods by Road & Rail (ADG Code) **Dangerous Goods Classification** 

Environmental Protection Authority (New Zealand) Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Amendment Act 2015

HSNO Classifications	Health Hazards	6.1C	Substances that are acutely toxic-Toxic
		8.1 A	Substances that are corrosive to metals
		8.2 B	Substances that are corrosive to dermal tissue UN PGII
		8.3 A	Substances that are corrosive to ocular tissue
	Environmental Hazards	9.1D	Substances that are slightly harmful to the aquatic environment or are otherwise designed for biocidal action
		9.3 B	Substances that are ecotoxic to terrestrial vertebrates

#### 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

#### Ingredients

Chemical Entity	Formula	CAS Number	Proportion
Potassium hydroxide	НКО	1310-58-3	<=100 %

#### 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

Description of necessary measured	sures according to routes of exposure
Swallowed	IF SWALLOWED: Rinse mouth, then drink plenty of water. Do NOT induce vomiting. Immediately call a Poison Centre or doctor/physician for advice. Keep victim calm and warm - Obtain immediate medical care. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person.
Eye	IF IN EYES: Immediately flush eyes with running water for several minutes, holding eyelids open and occasionally lifting the upper and lower lids. Remove contact lenses if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing for at least 15 minutes. Immediately call a Poison Centre or doctor/physician for advice - Obtain immediate medical care.
Skin	IF ON SKIN (or hair): Remove contaminated clothing and shoes immediately. Flush skin and hair with running water for at least 15 minutes. For gross contamination, drench contaminated clothing and skin with plenty of water before removing clothes. For minor skin contact, avoid spreading material on unaffected skin. Immediately call a Poison Centre or doctor/physician for advice. In case of burns, cover with a clean, dry dressing - Obtain immediate medical care.
Inhaled	IF INHALED: Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing. Immediately call a Poison Centre or doctor/physician for advice. Apply resuscitation if victim is not breathing - Do not use direct mouth-to-mouth method if victim ingested or inhaled the substance; use alternative respiratory method or proper respiratory device. Administer oxygen if breathing is difficult. Keep victim calm and warm - Obtain immediate medical care.
Advice to Doctor	Symptoms may be delayed - Medical observation and assessment is recommended for all exposures. Treat symptomatically. Ensure that attending medical personnel are aware of the identity and nature of the product(s) involved, and take precautions to protect themselves.
Medical Conditions Aggravated by Exposure	May aggravate pre-existing eye, skin and respiratory conditions (including asthma and other breathing disorders).

#### **5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES**

General Measures	If safe to do so, move undamaged containers from fire area. Cool containers with water spray until well after fire is out. Avoid getting water inside containers.
Flammability Conditions	Non-combustible; Material does not burn.
Extinguishing Media	If material is involved in a fire, use dry chemical, Carbon dioxide (CO2), foam or water spray for extinction - Do not use water jets.
Fire and Explosion Hazard	Risk of violent reaction or explosion: Contact with metals may evolve flammable hydrogen gas. Contact with moisture or water may generate sufficient heat to ignite combustible materials. Containers may explode when heated.
Hazardous Products of Combustion	Fire or heat will produce irritating, toxic and/or corrosive gases, including Potassium oxides.
Special Fire Fighting Instructions	Contain runoff from fire control water or dilution water - Runoff may be toxic and/or corrosive and pollute waterways.
Personal Protective Equipment	Liquid-tight chemical protective clothing (splash suit) in combination with self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) should be worn.
Flash Point	No Data Available
Lower Explosion Limit	No Data Available
Upper Explosion Limit	No Data Available
Auto Ignition Temperature	No Data Available
Hazchem Code	2W

#### 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

General Response Procedure	Ventilate enclosed spaces before entering. ELIMINATE all ignition sources (no smoking, flares, sparks or flames). Do not touch or walk through spilled material. Avoid dust formation. Do not breathe dust; Prevent contact with eyes, skin and clothing.
Clean Up Procedures	Collect material (sweep or vacuum up) and place it into suitable containers for later disposal (see SECTION 13).
Containment	Stop leak if safe to do so – Prevent entry into waterways, drains or confined areas. Prevent dust cloud. Cover with dry earth, sand or other non-combustible material followed by a plastic sheet to minimise spreading or contact with rain. Do NOT get water inside containers.
Decontamination	Wash away remainder with plenty of water.
Environmental Precautionary Measures	Spillages and decontamination runoff should be prevented from entering drains and watercourses.
Evacuation Criteria	Spill or leak area should be isolated immediately. Keep unauthorised personnel away. Keep upwind and to higher ground. Large spill: Consider initial downwind evacuation of areas within at least 250 m; Immediately contact Police or Fire Brigade.
Personal Precautionary Measures	Do not touch damaged containers or spilled material unless wearing appropriate protective clothing (see SECTION 8). Large spill: Wear self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) and chemical splash suit.

#### 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

Handling	Safety showers and eyewash facilities should be provided within the immediate work area for emergency use. Ensure adequate ventilation (local exhaust or respiratory protection required). Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice. Avoid dust formation. Do not breathe dust; Prevent contact with eyes, skin and clothing. Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection (see SECTION 8). To avoid violent reaction, ALWAYS add material to water and NEVER water to material. Absorb spillage to prevent material damage.
Storage	Store in a cool, dry and well-ventilated place, in an area having corrosion-resistant concrete floor. Keep container tightly closed - Check regularly for spills. Avoid exposure to moisture/humidity. Avoid exposure to air. Keep away from food, feedstuffs and incompatible materials (see SECTION 10). Store locked up.
Container	Keep only in the original container or corrosive resistant container/container with a resistant inner liner.

#### 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

General	SUBSTANCE: Potassium hydroxide (CAS No. 1310-58-3): - Safe Work Australia Exposure Standard: TWA = 2 mg/m3 (Peak limitation). - New Zealand WES: TWA = 2 mg/m3 (Ceiling). - NIOSH REL: TWA = 2 mg/m3 (Ceiling).
Exposure Limits	No Data Available
Biological Limits	No information available.
Engineering Measures	A system of local and/or general exhaust is recommended to keep employee exposures as low as possible. Local exhaust ventilation is generally preferred because it can control the emissions of the contaminant at its source, preventing dispersion of it into the general work area.
Personal Protection Equipment	<ul> <li>Respiratory protection: Wear respiratory protection in case of inadequate ventilation or if an inhalation risk exists. Recommended: Full-face particle respirator (filter type N100 or P3) as a backup to engineering controls. If the respirator is the sole means of protection, use a full-face supplied air respirator. Use respirators and components tested and approved under appropriate government standards.</li> <li>Eye/face protection: Wear appropriate eye protection to prevent eye contact. Recommended: Chemical goggles or Face-shield and safety glasses. Use equipment for eye protection tested and approved under appropriate government standards.</li> <li>Hand protection: Wear protective gloves. Recommended (full/splash contact): Impervious gloves, e.g. Nitrile rubber (Minimum layer thickness: 0.11 mm; Break through time: 480 min).</li> <li>Skin/body protection: Wear appropriate personal protective clothing to prevent skin contact. Recommended: Overalls, safety shoes. The type of protective equipment must be selected according to the concentration and amount of the hazardous substance(s) at the specific workplace.</li> </ul>
Special Hazards Precaustions	No information available.
Work Hygienic Practices	Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. Wash hands before breaks and at the end of workday. Wash contaminated clothing and other protective equipment before storage or re-use.

#### 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Physical State	Solid
Appearance	Deliquescent solid; lumps, rods, sticks, pellets, flakes
Odour	Odourless
Colour	Colourless, white, off-white or slightly yellow
рН	13.5 0.1 M soln.
Vapour Pressure	1 mmHg (@ 714 °C)
Relative Vapour Density	No Data Available
Boiling Point	1,324 °C
Melting Point	380 °C
Freezing Point	No Data Available
Solubility	110 g/100 ml water - Soluble in ethanol 25°C
Specific Gravity	2.04 (Water = 1)
Flash Point	No Data Available
Auto Ignition Temp	No Data Available
Evaporation Rate	No Data Available
Bulk Density	No Data Available
Corrosion Rate	No Data Available
Decomposition Temperature N	o Data Available
Density	2.04 g/cm3
Specific Heat	No Data Available
Molecular Weight	56.10 g/mol
Net Propellant Weight	No Data Available
Octanol Water Coefficient	No Data Available
Particle Size	No Data Available
Partition Coefficient	No Data Available
Saturated Vapour Concentration	No Data Available
Vapour Temperature	No Data Available
Viscosity	No Data Available
Volatile Percent	No Data Available
VOC Volume	No Data Available
Additional Characteristics	Deliquescent - Rapidly absorbs Carbon dioxide and water from air.
Potential for Dust Explosion No	information available.
Fast or Intensely Burning Characteristics	No information available.
Flame Propagation or Burning Rate of Solid Materials	No information available.
Non-Flammables That Could Contribute Unusual Hazards to a Fire	Contact with moisture or water may generate sufficient heat to ignite combustible materials.
Properties That May Initiate or Contribute to Fire Intensity	Non-combustible; Material does not burn.
Reactions That Release Gases or Vapours	Fire or heat will produce irritating, toxic and/or corrosive gases, including Potassium oxides.
Release of Invisible Flammable Vapours and Gases	Contact with metals may evolve flammable hydrogen gas.

#### **10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY**

General Information	The substance is a strong base, it reacts violently with acid and is corrosive in moist air to metals such as zinc, aluminium, tin and lead, evolving flammable hydrogen gas. Reacts with ammonium salts to produce ammonia and causing fire hazard. Attacks some forms of plastics, rubber or coatings. Rapidly absorbs carbon dioxide and water from air. Contact with moisture or water will generate heat.
Chemical Stability	This material is stable under recommended storage at normal temperature and pressure.
Conditions to Avoid	Avoid dust formation. Avoid exposure to moisture/humidity. Avoid exposure to air. Avoid contact with organic materials.
Materials to Avoid	Incompatible/reactive with strong acids, water, metals (when wet), ammonium salts, halogenated hydrocarbons, maleic anhydride.
Hazardous Decomposition Products	Fire or heat will produce irritating, toxic and/or corrosive gases, including Potassium oxides.
Hazardous Polymerisation	Will not occur.

#### **11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

General Information	<ul> <li>Acute toxicity: Harmful if swallowed; Corrosive to the gastrointestinal tract, causing abdominal pain, burning sensation, perforation of upper and lower gastrointestinal tissues, shock or collapse.</li> <li>Skin corrosion/irritation: Causes severe skin burns; Corrosive to skin, causing redness, pain, blisters, liquefaction of skin and damage to underlying tissues, deep and painful wounds.</li> <li>Eye damage/irritation: Causes serious eye damage; Corrosive to eyes, causing redness, pain, blurred vision, severe deep burns; Can result in permanent injury, blindness.</li> <li>Respiratory/skin sensitisation: Not considered to be a skin sensitiser.</li> <li>Germ cell mutagenicity: Chronic, systemic health effects are not expected.</li> <li>Carcinogenicity: Chronic, systemic health effects are not expected.</li> <li>STOT (single exposure): Corrosive to the respiratory tract, causing burning sensation, cough, sore throat, laboured breathing, shortness of breath, possible pulmonary edema. Symptoms may be delayed.</li> <li>STOT (repeated exposure): Chronic, systemic health effects are not expected. Prolonged or repeat skin exposures can result in dermatitis.</li> <li>Aspiration toxicity: No information available.</li> </ul>
Acute	
Ingestion	Acute toxicity (Oral): - LD50, Rats: 273 - 1,230 mg/kg bw.
Carcinogen Category	None

#### **12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

Ecotoxicity	Aquatic toxicity: - LC50, Fish (Gambusia affinis): 80 mg/l (96 h). - EC50, Crustacea (Daphnia magna): 660 mg/l (48 h). - EC50, Algae (Nitscheria linearis): 1,337 mg/l (120 h).
Persistence/Degradability	This material is believed to exist in the disassociated state in the environment.
Mobility	Not expected to be absorbed in soil due to its dissociation properties and high water solubility.
Environmental Fate	This material is alkaline and may raise the pH of surface waters with low buffering capacity. Harmful to aquatic life - Prevent entry into drains and waterways.
<b>Bioaccumulation Potential</b>	Not expected to bioconcentrate in organisms.
Environmental Impact	No Data Available

#### **13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS**

#### **General Information**

Dispose of contents/container via a licensed disposal company and in accordance with local/regional/national

regulations.

- Waste treatment method(s): Dissolve or mix the material with a combustible solvent and burn in a chemical incinerator equipped with an afterburner and scrubber.

Special Precautions for Land Fill Contaminated packaging: Dispose of as unused product.

#### **14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION**

**UN Number** 

Land Transport (Australia) ADG Code			
Proper Shipping Name	POTASSIUM HYDROXIDE, SOLID		
Class	8 Corrosive Substances		
Subsidiary Risk(s)	No Data Available		
EPG	37 Toxic And/Or Corrosive Substances Non-Combustible		
UN Number	1813		
Hazchem	2W		
Pack Group	Ш		
Special Provision	No Data Available		
Land Transport (Malaysia) ADR Code			
Proper Shipping Name	POTASSIUM HYDROXIDE, SOLID		
Class	8 Corrosive Substances		
Subsidiary Risk(s)	No Data Available		
EPG	37 Toxic And/Or Corrosive Substances Non-Combustible		
UN Number	1813		
Hazchem	2W		
Pack Group	II		
Special Provision	No Data Available		
Land Transport (New Zealand) NZS5433			
Proper Shipping Name	POTASSIUM HYDROXIDE, SOLID		
Class	8 Corrosive Substances		
Subsidiary Risk(s)	No Data Available		
EPG	37 Toxic And/Or Corrosive Substances Non-Combustible		
UN Number	1813		
Hazchem	2W		
Pack Group	II		
Special Provision	No Data Available		
Land Transport (United States of US DOT	America)		
Proper Shipping Name	POTASSIUM HYDROXIDE, SOLID		
Class	8 Corrosive Substances		
Subsidiary Risk(s)	No Data Available		
ERG	154 Substances - Toxic and/or Corrosive (Non-Combustible)		

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Hazchem	2W	
Pack Group	II	
Special Provision	No Data Available	
Sea Transport IMDG Code		
Proper Shipping Name	POTASSIUM HYDROXIDE, SOLID	
Class	8 Corrosive Substances	
Subsidiary Risk(s)	No Data Available	
UN Number	1813	
Hazchem	2W	
Pack Group	II.	
Special Provision	No Data Available	
EMS	F-A, S-B	
Marine Pollutant	No	
<b>Air Transport</b> IATA DGR		
Proper Shipping Name	POTASSIUM HYDROXIDE, SOLID	
Class	8 Corrosive Substances	
Subsidiary Risk(s)	No Data Available	
UN Number	1813	
Hazchem	2W	
Pack Group	II	
Special Provision	No Data Available	

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#### **15. REGULATORY INFORMATION**

General Information	No Data Available
Poisons Schedule (Aust)	Schedule 6

# Environmental Protection Authority (New Zealand) Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Amendment Act 2015

HSR001546
Listed
Not Determined
Not Determined

China (IECSC)	Not Determined
Europe (EINECS)	215-181-3
Europe (REACh)	Not Determined
Japan (ENCS/METI)	Not Determined
Korea (KECI)	Not Determined
Malaysia (EHS Register)	Not Determined
New Zealand (NZIoC)	Listed
Philippines (PICCS)	Not Determined
Switzerland (Giftliste 1)	Not Determined
Switzerland (Inventory of Notified Substances)	Not Determined
Taiwan (NCSR)	Not Determined
USA (TSCA)	Not Determined

### **16. OTHER INFORMATION**

Related Product Codes	CAPOTA0600, CAPOTA0700, CAPOTA0800, CAPOTA0900, CAPOTA0950, CAPOTA	A1000, CAPOTA1001,
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Revision	3	
Revision Date	31 Jul 2018	
Key/Legend	< Less Than Greater Than AICS Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances atm Atmosphere CAS Chemical Abstracts Service (Registry Number) cm <sup>2</sup> Square Centimetres CO2 Carbon Dioxide COD Chemical Oxygen Demand	

deg C (°C) Degrees Celcius EPA (New Zealand) Environmental Protection Authority of New Zealand deg F (°F) Degrees Farenheit g Grams g/cm<sup>3</sup> Grams per Cubic Centimetre g/I Grams per Litre HSNO Hazardous Substance and New Organism IDLH Immediately Dangerous to Life and Health immiscible Liquids are insoluable in each other. inHg Inch of Mercury inH2O Inch of Water K Kelvin kg Kilogram kg/m<sup>3</sup> Kilograms per Cubic Metre Ib Pound LC50 LC stands for lethal concentration. LC50 is the concentration of a material in air which causes the death of 50% (one half) of a group of test animals. The material is inhaled over a set period of time, usually 1 or 4 hours. LD50 LD stands for Lethal Dose. LD50 is the amount of a material, given all at once, which causes the death of 50% (one half) of a group of test animals. Itr or L Litre m<sup>3</sup> Cubic Metre mbar Millibar mg Milligram mg/24H Milligrams per 24 Hours mg/kg Milligrams per Kilogram mg/m<sup>3</sup> Milligrams per Cubic Metre Misc or Miscible Liquids form one homogeneous liquid phase regardless of the amount of either component present. mm Millimetre mmH2O Millimetres of Water mPa.s Millipascals per Second N/A Not Applicable NIOSH National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health NOHSC National Occupational Heath and Safety Commission OECD Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development Oz Ounce PEL Permissible Exposure Limit Pa Pascal ppb Parts per Billion ppm Parts per Million ppm/2h Parts per Million per 2 Hours ppm/6h Parts per Million per 6 Hours psi Pounds per Square Inch R Rankine RCP Reciprocal Calculation Procedure STEL Short Term Exposure Limit TLV Threshold Limit Value tne Tonne **TWA** Time Weighted Average ug/24H Micrograms per 24 Hours **UN** United Nations wt Weight