Material Safety Data Sheet

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1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

Product name Potassium disulfite

Product Number P2522

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2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

Emergency Overview

OSHA Hazards

Irritant, Reproductive hazard

GHS Label elements, including precautionary statements

Pictogram



Signal word Warning

Hazard statement(s)

H315 Causes skin irritation.

H319 Causes serious eye irritation. H335 May cause respiratory irritation.

Precautionary statement(s)

P261 Avoid breathing dust/fume/gas/mist/vapours/spray.

P264 Wash skin thoroughly after handling.

P271 Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area.

Wear protective gloves/eve protection/face protection. P280 P302 + P352 IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water.

IF INHALED: Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for P304 + P340

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.

P312 Call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician if you feel unwell.

Specific treatment (see supplemental first aid instructions on this label). P321

P332 + P313 If skin irritation occurs: Get medical advice/attention. P337 + P313 If eye irritation persists: Get medical advice/attention. P362 Take off contaminated clothing and wash before reuse. P403 + P233 Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed.

P405 Store locked up.

P501 Dispose of contents/container to an approved waste disposal plant.

HMIS Classification

Health hazard: 2 **Chronic Health Hazard:** Flammability: 0 Physical hazards: 0 **NFPA Rating**

Health hazard: 2 Fire: 0 Reactivity Hazard: 0

Potential Health Effects

InhalationSkinMay be harmful if inhaled. Causes respiratory tract irritation.May be harmful if absorbed through skin. Causes skin irritation.

Eyes Causes eye irritation.

Ingestion May be harmful if swallowed.

3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Synonyms : Potassium metabisulfite

Potassium pyrosulfite

CAS-No.	EC-No.	Index-No.	Concentration
Dipotassium disulphite			
16731-55-8	240-795-3	-	-

4. FIRST AID MEASURES

General advice

Consult a physician. Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance. Move out of dangerous area.

If inhaled

If breathed in, move person into fresh air. If not breathing give artificial respiration Consult a physician.

In case of skin contact

Wash off with soap and plenty of water. Consult a physician.

In case of eye contact

Rinse thoroughly with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes and consult a physician.

If swallowed

Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Rinse mouth with water. Consult a physician.

5. FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES

Suitable extinguishing media

Use water spray, alcohol-resistant foam, dry chemical or carbon dioxide.

Special protective equipment for fire-fighters

Wear self contained breathing apparatus for fire fighting if necessary.

6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Personal precautions

Wear respiratory protection. Avoid dust formation. Avoid breathing dust. Ensure adequate ventilation.

Environmental precautions

Do not let product enter drains.

Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up

Pick up and arrange disposal without creating dust. Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal.

7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

Precautions for safe handling

Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Avoid formation of dust and aerosols.

Provide appropriate exhaust ventilation at places where dust is formed. Normal measures for preventive fire protection.

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Conditions for safe storage

Keep container tightly closed in a dry and well-ventilated place.

Do not store near acids.

Keep in a dry place.

8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

Contains no substances with occupational exposure limit values.

Personal protective equipment

Respiratory protection

Where risk assessment shows air-purifying respirators are appropriate use a dust mask type N95 (US) or type P1 (EN 143) respirator. Use respirators and components tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or CEN (EU).

Hand protection

Handle with gloves.

Eye protection

Safety glasses with side-shields conforming to EN166

Skin and body protection

Choose body protection according to the amount and concentration of the dangerous substance at the work place.

Hygiene measures

Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice. Wash hands before breaks and at the end of workday.

9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Appearance

Form powder
Colour white

Safety data

pH 3.0 - 4.5 at 22.2 g/l at 25 °C (77 °F)

Melting point no data available
Boiling point no data available
Flash point not applicable
Ignition temperature no data available
Lower explosion limit no data available
Upper explosion limit no data available

Water solubility ca.22.2 g/l at 20 °C (68 °F)

10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Chemical stability

Stable under recommended storage conditions.

Conditions to avoid

no data available

Materials to avoid

Strong oxidizing agents

Hazardous decomposition products

Hazardous decomposition products formed under fire conditions. - Sulphur oxides, Potassium oxides

11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

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Acute toxicity

no data available

Skin corrosion/irritation

no data available

Serious eye damage/eye irritation

no data available

Respiratory or skin sensitization

no data available

Germ cell mutagenicity

Genotoxicity in vivo - rat - Oral Unscheduled DNA synthesis

Carcinogenicity

This product is or contains a component that is not classifiable as to its carcinogenicity based on its IARC, ACGIH, NTP, or EPA classification.

IARC: 3 - Group 3: Not classifiable as to its carcinogenicity to humans (Dipotassium disulphite)

ACGIH: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a

carcinogen or potential carcinogen by ACGIH.

NTP: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a known or

anticipated carcinogen by NTP.

OSHA: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a

carcinogen or potential carcinogen by OSHA.

Reproductive toxicity

Reproductive toxicity - rat - Oral

Effects on Newborn: Growth statistics (e.g., reduced weight gain).

Overexposure may cause reproductive disorder(s) based on tests with laboratory animals.

Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure (GHS)

Inhalation - May cause respiratory irritation.

Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure (GHS)

no data available

Aspiration hazard

no data available

Potential health effects

Inhalation May be harmful if inhaled. Causes respiratory tract irritation.

Ingestion May be harmful if swallowed.

Skin May be harmful if absorbed through skin. Causes skin irritation.

Eyes Causes eye irritation.

Signs and Symptoms of Exposure

Cough, Shortness of breath, Headache, Nausea, Vomiting, Difficulty in breathing, Diarrhoea

Additional Information

RTECS: TT4920000

12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Toxicity

no data available

Persistence and degradability

no data available

Bioaccumulative potential

no data available

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Mobility in soil

no data available

PBT and vPvB assessment

no data available

Other adverse effects

no data available

13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Product

Observe all federal, state, and local environmental regulations. Contact a licensed professional waste disposal service to dispose of this material.

Contaminated packaging

Dispose of as unused product.

14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

DOT (US)

Not dangerous goods

IMDG

Not dangerous goods

IATA

Not dangerous goods

15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

OSHA Hazards

Irritant, Reproductive hazard

DSL Status

All components of this product are on the Canadian DSL list.

SARA 302 Components

SARA 302: No chemicals in this material are subject to the reporting requirements of SARA Title III, Section 302.

SARA 313 Components

SARA 313: This material does not contain any chemical components with known CAS numbers that exceed the threshold (De Minimis) reporting levels established by SARA Title III, Section 313.

SARA 311/312 Hazards

Acute Health Hazard, Chronic Health Hazard

Massachusetts Right To Know Components

No components are subject to the Massachusetts Right to Know Act.

Pennsylvania Right To Know Components

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New Jersey Right To Know Components

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California Prop. 65 Components

This product does not contain any chemicals known to State of California to cause cancer, birth defects, or any other reproductive harm.

16. OTHER INFORMATION

Further information

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