

## Chemical Safety Data Sheet MSDS / SDS

**POTASSIUM METABISULFITE**

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**SECTION 1: Identification of the substance/mixture and of the company/undertaking****Product identifier**

Product name : POTASSIUM METABISULFITE  
CBnumber : CB5179482  
CAS : 16731-55-8  
EINECS Number : 240-795-3  
Synonyms : potassium metabisulfite,potassium pyrosulfite

**Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against**

Relevant identified uses : For R&D use only. Not for medicinal, household or other use.  
Uses advised against : none

**Company Identification**

Company : Chemicalbook  
Address : Building 1, Huihuang International, Shangdi 10th Street, Haidian District, Beijing  
Telephone : 010-86108875

**SECTION 2: Hazards identification****GHS Label elements, including precautionary statements**

Symbol(GHS)



Signal word

Danger

**Precautionary statements**

P405 Store locked up.

P305+P351+P338 IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do.  
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P304+P340 IF INHALED: Remove victim to fresh air and Keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing.

P280 Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection.

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

**Hazard statements**

H335 May cause respiratory irritation

H319 Causes serious eye irritation

H318 Causes serious eye damage

## SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients

### Substance

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Synonyms	: potassium metabisulfite, potassium pyrosulfite
CAS	: 16731-55-8
EC number	: 240-795-3
MF	: K <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> S <sub>2</sub>
MW	: 222.32

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## SECTION 4: First aid measures

### Description of first aid measures

#### General advice

Consult a physician. Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance.

#### 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.

### Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed

The most important known symptoms and effects are described in the labelling (see section 2.2) and/or in section 11

### Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

No data available

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## SECTION 5: Firefighting measures

### Extinguishing media

#### Suitable extinguishing media

Dry powder Dry sand

### Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture

Sulphur oxides, Potassium oxides Not combustible.

### Advice for firefighters

Wear self-contained breathing apparatus for firefighting if necessary.

### Further information

No data available

### NFPA 704



**HEALTH** 2 Intense or continued but not chronic exposure could cause temporary incapacitation or possible residual injury (e.g. [diethyl ether](#), ammonium phosphate, iodine)

**FIRE** 1 Materials that require considerable preheating, under all ambient temperature conditions, before ignition and combustion can occur. Includes some finely divided suspended solids that do not require heating before ignition can occur. Flash point at or above 93.3 °C (200 °F). (e.g. [mineral oil](#), ammonia)

**REACT** 1 Normally stable, but can become unstable at elevated temperatures and pressures (e.g. [propene](#))

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## SECTION 6: Accidental release measures

### Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

Wear respiratory protection. Avoid dust formation. Avoid breathing vapours, mist or gas. Ensure adequate ventilation. Evacuate personnel to safe areas. Avoid breathing dust.

For personal protection see section 8.

### Environmental precautions

Do not let product enter drains.

### Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up

Pick up and arrange disposal without creating dust. Sweep up and shovel. Do not flush with water. Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal.

### Reference to other sections

For disposal see section 13.

## SECTION 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. For precautions see section 2.2.

### **Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities**

Keep container tightly closed in a dry and well-ventilated place. Store in cool place. Never allow product to get in contact with water during storage. Do not store near acids.

### **Specific end use(s)**

Apart from the uses mentioned in section 1.2 no other specific uses are stipulated

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## **SECTION 8: Exposure controls/personal protection**

### **control parameter**

#### **Hazard composition and occupational exposure limits**

Does not contain substances with occupational exposure limits.

### **Exposure controls**

#### **Appropriate engineering controls**

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

#### **Personal protective equipment**

##### **Eye/face protection**

Face shield and safety glasses Use equipment for eye protection tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or EN 166(EU).

##### **Skin protection**

Handle with gloves. Gloves must be inspected prior to use. Use proper glove removal technique (without touching glove's outer surface) to avoid skin contact with this product. Dispose of contaminated gloves after use in accordance with applicable laws and good laboratory practices. Wash and dry hands.

The selected protective gloves have to satisfy the specifications of Regulation (EU) 2016/425 and the standard EN 374 derived from it.

Full contact

Material: Nitrile rubber

Minimum layer thickness: 0,11 mm Break through time: 480 min

Material tested:Dermatril? (KCL 740 / Aldrich Z677272, Size M)

Splash contact Material: Nitrile rubber

Minimum layer thickness: 0,11 mm Break through time: 480 min

Material tested:Dermatril? (KCL 740 / Aldrich Z677272, Size M)

data source: KCL GmbH, D-36124 Eichenzell, phone +49 (0)6659 87300, e-mail sales@kcl.de, test method: EN374

If used in solution, or mixed with other substances, and under conditions which differ from EN 374, contact the supplier of the CE approved gloves. This recommendation is advisory only and must be evaluated by an industrial hygienist and safety officer familiar with the specific situation of anticipated use by our customers. It should not be construed as offering an approval for any specific use scenario.

##### **Body Protection**

Complete suit protecting against chemicals, The type of protective equipment must be selected according to the concentration and amount of the dangerous substance at the specific workplace.

##### **Respiratory protection**

Where risk assessment shows air-purifying respirators are appropriate use a full- face particle respirator type N100 (US) or type P3 (EN 143) respirator cartridges 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 such as NIOSH (US) or CEN (EU).

#### Control of environmental exposure

Do not let product enter drains.

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## SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties

### Information on basic physicochemical properties

Appearance	solid
Odour	No data available
Odour Threshold	No data available
pH	2.5-4.5 (25°C, 0.1M in H <sub>2</sub> O)
Melting point/freezing point	190°C
Initial boiling point and boiling range	No data available
Flash point	No data available
Evaporation rate	No data available
Flammability (solid, gas)	No data available
Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits	No data available
Vapour pressure	No data available
Vapour density	2.3 (vs air)
Relative density	2.3
Water solubility	H <sub>2</sub> O: 0.1 M at 20 °C, clear, colorless
Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water	No data available
Autoignition temperature	No data available
Decomposition temperature	150°C
Viscosity	No data available
Explosive properties	No data available
Oxidizing properties	No data available
λ <sub>max</sub>	267nm(H <sub>2</sub> O)(lit.)

### Other safety information

No data available

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## SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity

### Reactivity

Contact with acids liberates toxic gas.

## Chemical stability

Stable under recommended storage conditions.

## Possibility of hazardous reactions

No data available

## Conditions to avoid

No data available

## Incompatible materials

No data available

## Hazardous decomposition products

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

Other decomposition products - No data available In the event of fire: see section 5

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# SECTION 11: Toxicological information

## Information on toxicological effects

### Acute toxicity

LD50 Oral - Rat - 2.300 mg/kg Remarks: (IUCLID)

### Skin corrosion/irritation

Skin - Rabbit

Result: No skin irritation Remarks: (IUCLID)

### Serious eye damage/eye irritation

Eyes - Rabbit Result: Eye irritation

(OECD Test Guideline 405)

### Respiratory or skin sensitisation Germ cell mutagenicity

Ames test

Result: negative

Mutagenicity (mammal cell test):

Result: negative (IUCLID)

### Carcinogenicity

IARC: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as probable, possible or confirmed human carcinogen by IARC.

### Reproductive toxicity

#### Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure

May cause respiratory irritation. - Respiratory system

Acute oral toxicity - Irritations of mucous membranes in the mouth, pharynx, oesophagus and gastrointestinal tract.

Acute inhalation toxicity - mucosal irritations, Cough, Shortness of breath, Possible damages:, damage of respiratory tract

#### Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure Aspiration hazard

### Additional Information

RTECS: TT4920000

Cough, Shortness of breath, Headache, Nausea, Vomiting, Difficulty in breathing, Diarrhoea Other dangerous properties can not be excluded.

Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.

### **Toxicity**

LD50 orally in Rabbit: 2300 mg/kg

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## **SECTION 12: Ecological information**

### **Toxicity**

#### **Toxicity to fish**

LC50 - Danio rerio (zebra fish) - 460 - 1.000 mg/l - 96 h (OECD Test Guideline 203)

#### **Toxicity to bacteria**

Remarks: (IUCLID)(Potassium disulfite)

### **Persistence and degradability**

Chemical Oxygen Demand (COD)

140 mg/g

Remarks: (External MSDS)

### **Bioaccumulative potential**

### **Mobility in soil**

### **Results of PBT and vPvB assessment**

This substance/mixture contains no components considered to be either persistent, bioaccumulative and toxic (PBT), or very persistent and very bioaccumulative (vPvB) at levels of 0.1% or higher.

### **Other adverse effects**

Additional ecological information

Harmful effect due to pH shift.

Discharge into the environment must be avoided.

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## **SECTION 13: Disposal considerations**

### **Waste treatment methods**

### **Product**

Offer surplus and non-recyclable solutions to a licensed disposal company. Dissolve or mix the material with a combustible solvent and burn in a chemical incinerator equipped with an afterburner and scrubber. Waste material must be disposed of in accordance with the Directive on waste 2008/98/EC as well as other national and local regulations. Leave chemicals in original containers. No mixing with other waste. Handle uncleaned containers like the product itself.

### **Incompatibilities**

Potassium metabisulfite is incompatible with strong acids, water, and most common metals. It reacts with nitrites and sodium nitrate at room

temperature, which occasionally results in the formation of flame. The reaction may be explosive if water is present. Sulfites, including potassium metabisulfite, can react with various pharmaceutical compounds.

### **Contaminated packaging**

Dispose of as unused product.

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## **SECTION 14: Transport information**

### **UN number**

ADR/RID: - IMDG: - IATA: -

### **UN proper shipping name**

ADR/RID: Not dangerous goods IMDG: Not dangerous goods IATA: Not dangerous goods

### **Transport hazard class(es)**

ADR/RID: - IMDG: - IATA: -

### **Packaging group**

ADR/RID: - IMDG: - IATA: -

### **Environmental hazards**

ADR/RID: no IMDG Marine pollutant: no IATA: no

### **Special precautions for user**

No data available

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## **SECTION 15: Regulatory information**

### **Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture**

#### **Regulations on the Safety Management of Hazardous Chemicals**

China Catalog of Hazardous chemicals 2015:Not Listed. website: <https://www.mem.gov.cn/>

#### **Measures for Environmental Management of New Chemical Substances**

Vietnam National Chemical Inventory:Listed. website: <https://chemicaldata.gov.vn/>

United States Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) Inventory:Listed. website: <https://www.epa.gov/>

Philippines Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances (PICCS):Listed. website: <https://emb.gov.ph/>

New Zealand Inventory of Chemicals (NZIoC):Listed. website: <https://www.epa.govt.nz/>

Korea Existing Chemicals List (KECL):Listed. website: <http://ncis.nier.go.kr>

European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances (EINECS):Listed. website: <https://echa.europa.eu/>

EC Inventory:Listed.

Chinese Chemical Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances (China IECSC):Listed. website: <https://www.mee.gov.cn/>

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## **SECTION 16: Other information**



## Abbreviations and acronyms

ADR: European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road

CAS: Chemical Abstracts Service

EC50: Effective Concentration 50%

IATA: International Air Transportation Association

IMDG: International Maritime Dangerous Goods

LC50: Lethal Concentration 50%

LD50: Lethal Dose 50%

RID: Regulation concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Rail

STEL: Short term exposure limit

TWA: Time Weighted Average

## References

【1】 CAMEO Chemicals, website: <http://cameochemicals.noaa.gov/search/simple>

【2】 ChemIDplus, website: <http://chem.sis.nlm.nih.gov/chemidplus/chemidlite.jsp>

【3】 ECHA - European Chemicals Agency, website: <https://echa.europa.eu/>

【4】 eChemPortal - The Global Portal to Information on Chemical Substances by OECD, website:

[http://www.echemportal.org/echemportal/index?pageID=0&request\\_locale=en](http://www.echemportal.org/echemportal/index?pageID=0&request_locale=en)

【5】 ERG - Emergency Response Guidebook by U.S. Department of Transportation, website: <http://www.phmsa.dot.gov/hazmat/library/erg>

【6】 Germany GESTIS-database on hazard substance, website: <http://www.dguv.de/ifa/gestis/gestis-stoffdatenbank/index-2.jsp>

【7】 HSDB - Hazardous Substances Data Bank, website: <https://toxnet.nlm.nih.gov/newtoxnet/hsdb.htm>

【8】 IARC - International Agency for Research on Cancer, website: <http://www.iarc.fr/>

【9】 IPCS - The International Chemical Safety Cards (ICSC), website: <http://www.ilo.org/dyn/icsc/showcard.home>

【10】 Sigma-Aldrich, website: <https://www.sigmaaldrich.com/>

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