1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

Product name : Potassium dichromate

Product Number : 207802
Brand : Sigma-Aldrich

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2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

Emergency Overview

OSHA Hazards
Carcinogen, Target Organ Effect, Highly toxic by inhalation, Highly toxic by ingestion, Highly toxic by skin absorption, Respiratory sensitiser, Corrosive, Teratogen, Mutagen

Target Organs
Lungs, Kidney, Blood

GHS Label elements, including precautionary statements

Pictogram

Signal word Danger

Hazard statement(s)
H272 May intensify fire; oxidiser.
H300 + H310 Fatal if swallowed or in contact with skin.
H314 Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.
H330 Fatal if inhaled.
H334 May cause allergy or asthma symptoms or breathing difficulties if inhaled.
H340 May cause genetic defects.
H350 May cause cancer.
H360 May damage fertility or the unborn child.
H372 Causes damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure if inhaled.
H400 Very toxic to aquatic life.
H413 May cause long lasting harmful effects to aquatic life.

Precautionary statement(s)
P201 Obtain special instructions before use.
P220 Keep/Store away from clothing/ combustible materials.
P260 Do not breathe dust/ fume/ gas/ mist/ vapours/ spray.
P264 Wash hands thoroughly after handling.
P273 Avoid release to the environment.
P280 Wear protective gloves/ protective clothing/ eye protection/ face protection.
P284 Wear respiratory protection.
P302 + P350 IF ON SKIN: Gently wash with plenty of soap and water.
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.

**HMIS Classification**
- Health hazard: 4
- Chronic Health Hazard: *
- Flammability: 0
- Physical hazards: 0
- Reactivity: 3

**NFPA Rating**
- Health hazard: 4
- Fire: 0
- Reactivity Hazard: 3
- Special hazard.: OX

**Potential Health Effects**
- **Inhalation**: May be fatal if inhaled. Material is extremely destructive to the tissue of the mucous membranes and upper respiratory tract.
- **Skin**: May be fatal if absorbed through skin. Causes skin burns.
- **Eyes**: Causes eye burns.
- **Ingestion**: May be fatal if swallowed.

### 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

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### 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**
Take off contaminated clothing and shoes immediately. Wash off with soap and plenty of water. Take victim immediately to hospital. Consult a physician.

**In case of eye contact**
Rinse thoroughly with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes and consult a physician. Continue rinsing eyes during transport to hospital.

**If swallowed**
Do NOT induce vomiting. 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.

**Further information**
Use water spray to cool unopened containers.
6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

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

Environmental precautions
Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so. Do not let product enter drains. Discharge into the environment must be avoided.

Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up
Sweep up and shovel. Contain spillage, and then collect with an electrically protected vacuum cleaner or by wet-brushing and place in container for disposal according to local regulations (see section 13). 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. Keep away from sources of ignition - No smoking. Normal measures for preventive fire protection. Keep away from heat and sources of ignition.

Conditions for safe storage
Keep container tightly closed in a dry and well-ventilated place.

8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

Components with workplace control parameters

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Confirmed human carcinogen: The agent is carcinogenic to humans based on the weight of evidence from epidemiologic studies. Refers to Appendix A – Carcinogens. NOC = not otherwise classified. 1994-1995 Adoption Substances for which there is a Biological Exposure Index or Indices (see BEI® section) Substances for which the TLV is higher than the OSHA Permissible Exposure Limit (PEL) and/or the NIOSH Recommended Exposure Limit (REL). See CFR 58(124) :36338-33351, June 30, 1993, for revised OSHA PEL. Substance identified by other sources as a suspected or confirmed human carcinogen.
Personal protective equipment

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).

Hand 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.

Eye 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 and 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.

Hygiene measures
Avoid contact with skin, eyes and clothing. Wash hands before breaks and immediately after handling the product.

9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Appearance
Form crystalline

Safety data
pH 3.5 - 5.0 at 29.4 g/l at 25 °C (77 °F)
Melting point 398 °C (748 °F) - lit.
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
Density 2.680 g/cm3
Water solubility ca.29.4 g/l at 20 °C (68 °F)
Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water log Pow: 5

10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Chemical stability
Stable under recommended storage conditions.

Conditions to avoid
no data available

Materials to avoid
Organic materials, Do not store near acids., Powdered metals, Hydrazine

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

11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Acute toxicity
LD50 Oral - rat - 25 mg/kg

LC50 Inhalation - rat - female - 4 h - 29 mg/m3

LD50 Dermal - rabbit - 14 mg/kg

Remarks: Lungs, Thorax, or Respiration: Acute pulmonary edema. Diarrhoea Prolonged skin contact may cause skin irritation and/or dermatitis.

**Skin corrosion/irritation**
no data available

**Serious eye damage/eye irritation**
no data available

**Respiratory or skin sensitization**
May cause allergic respiratory reaction.

**Germ cell mutagenicity**
May alter genetic material.
In vivo tests showed mutagenic effects

**Carcinogenicity**
This is or contains a component that has been reported to be carcinogenic based on its IARC, OSHA, ACGIH, NTP, or EPA classification.

Possible human carcinogen

IARC: 1 - Group 1: Carcinogenic to humans (Potassium dichromate)

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: 1910.1026 (Potassium dichromate)

**Reproductive toxicity**

Presumed human reproductive toxicant

**Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure (Globally Harmonized System)**
no data available

**Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure (Globally Harmonized System)**
Inhalation - Causes damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure.

**Aspiration hazard**
no data available

**Potential health effects**

**Inhalation**
May be fatal if inhaled. Material is extremely destructive to the tissue of the mucous membranes and upper respiratory tract.

**Ingestion**
May be fatal if swallowed.

**Skin**
May be fatal if absorbed through skin. Causes skin burns.

**Eyes**
Causes eye burns.

**Signs and Symptoms of Exposure**
Ulceration, Material is extremely destructive to tissue of the mucous membranes and upper respiratory tract, eyes, and skin.

**Additional Information**
RTECS: HX7680000

12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

**Toxicity**

**Toxicity to fish**
LC50 - Lepomis macrochirus - 0.131 mg/l - 96.0 h

mortality NOEC - Pimephales promelas (fathead minnow) - 6 mg/l - 7.0 d

**Toxicity to daphnia**
mortality NOEC - Daphnia - 0.016 - 0.064 mg/l - 7 d
and other aquatic invertebrates.

EC50 - Daphnia magna (Water flea) - 0.035 mg/l - 48 h
Toxicity to algae EC50 - Pseudokirchneriella subcapitata - 0.31 mg/l - 72 h

**Persistence and degradability**

**Bioaccumulative potential**

Bioaccumulation

Oncorhynchus mykiss (rainbow trout) - 180 d
Bioconcentration factor (BCF): 17.4

**Mobility in soil**

no data available

**PBT and vPvB assessment**

no data available

**Other adverse effects**

An environmental hazard cannot be excluded in the event of unprofessional handling or disposal.

Very toxic to aquatic life.

13. **DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS**

**Product**

Burn in a chemical incinerator equipped with an afterburner and scrubber but exert extra care in igniting as this material is highly flammable. Offer surplus and non-recyclable solutions to a licensed disposal company. Contact a licensed professional waste disposal service to dispose of this material. Dissolve or mix the material with a combustible solvent and burn in a chemical incinerator equipped with an afterburner and scrubber.

**Contaminated packaging**

Dispose of as unused product.

14. **TRANSPORT INFORMATION**

**DOT (US)**

UN-Number: 3086  Class: 6.1 (5.1)  Packing group: I
Proper shipping name: Toxic solids, oxidizing, n.o.s. (Potassium dichromate)
Reportable Quantity (RQ): 10 lbs
Marine pollutant: No
Poison Inhalation Hazard: No

**IMDG**

UN-Number: 3086  Class: 6.1 (5.1)  Packing group: I  EMS-No: F-A, S-Q
Proper shipping name: TOXIC SOLID, OXIDIZING, N.O.S. (Potassium dichromate)
Marine pollutant: No

**IATA**

UN-Number: 3086  Class: 6.1 (5.1)  Packing group: I
Proper shipping name: Toxic solid, oxidizing, n.o.s. (Potassium dichromate)
IATA Passenger: Not permitted for transport

15. **REGULATORY INFORMATION**

**OSHA Hazards**

Carcinogen, Target Organ Effect, Highly toxic by inhalation, Highly toxic by ingestion, Highly toxic by skin absorption, Respiratory sensitiser, Corrosive, Teratogen, Mutagen

**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

Potassium dichromate

CAS-No. 7778-50-9
Revision Date 1993-04-24

SARA 311/312 Hazards
Acute Health Hazard, Chronic Health Hazard

Massachusetts Right To Know Components

Potassium dichromate

CAS-No. 7778-50-9
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Pennsylvania Right To Know Components

Potassium dichromate

CAS-No. 7778-50-9
Revision Date 1993-04-24

New Jersey Right To Know Components

Potassium dichromate

CAS-No. 7778-50-9
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California Prop. 65 Components

WARNING! This product contains a chemical known to the State of California to cause cancer.

Potassium dichromate

CAS-No. 7778-50-9
Revision Date 1987-02-27

16. OTHER INFORMATION

Further information
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