1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

1.1 Product identifiers

Product name: Potassium hydroxide

Product Number: 221473
Brand: Sigma-Aldrich
Index-No.: 019-002-00-8

CAS-No.: 1310-58-3

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

Identified uses: Laboratory chemicals, Manufacture of substances

1.3 Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

Company: Sigma-Aldrich
3050 Spruce Street
SAINT LOUIS MO  63103
USA

Telephone: +1 800-325-5832
Fax: +1 800-325-5052

1.4 Emergency telephone number

Emergency Phone #: (314) 776-6555

2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture

GHS Classification in accordance with 29 CFR 1910 (OSHA HCS)
Corrosive to metals (Category 1), H290
Acute toxicity, Oral (Category 4), H302
Skin corrosion (Category 1A), H314
Serious eye damage (Category 1), H318
Acute aquatic toxicity (Category 3), H402

For the full text of the H-Statements mentioned in this Section, see Section 16.

2.2 GHS Label elements, including precautionary statements

Pictogram

Signal word: Danger

Hazard statement(s)
H290 May be corrosive to metals.
H302 Harmful if swallowed.
H314 Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.
H318 Causes serious eye damage.
H402 Harmful to aquatic life.

Precautionary statement(s)
P234 Keep only in original container.
P260 Do not breathe dust or mist.
P264 Wash skin thoroughly after handling.
2.3 Hazards not otherwise classified (HNOC) or not covered by GHS - none

3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

3.1 Substances
Synonyms: Caustic potash

Formula: HKO
Molecular weight: 56.11 g/mol
CAS-No.: 1310-58-3
EC-No.: 215-181-3
Index-No.: 019-002-00-8
Registration number: 01-2119487136-33-XXXX

Hazardous components

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4. FIRST AID MEASURES

4.1 Description of first aid measures

General advice
Move out of dangerous area. 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
Take off contaminated clothing and shoes immediately. Wash off with soap and plenty of water. Consult a physician.

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

If swallowed
Do NOT induce vomiting. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Rinse mouth with water. Consult a physician.
4.2 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.

4.3 Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed
No data available

5. FIREFIGHTING MEASURES
5.1 Extinguishing media
Suitable extinguishing media
Use water spray, alcohol-resistant foam, dry chemical or carbon dioxide.

5.2 Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture
No data available

5.3 Advice for firefighters
Wear self-contained breathing apparatus for firefighting if necessary.

5.4 Further information
Gives off hydrogen by reaction with metals.

6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES
6.1 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.

6.2 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.

6.3 Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up
Pick up and arrange disposal without creating dust. Sweep up and shovel. Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal.

6.4 Reference to other sections
For disposal see section 13.

7. HANDLING AND STORAGE
7.1 Precautions for safe handling
Further processing of solid materials may result in the formation of combustible dusts. The potential for combustible dust formation should be taken into consideration before additional processing occurs. 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.

7.2 Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities
Keep container tightly closed in a dry and well-ventilated place. Absorbs carbon dioxide (CO2) from air.
Air sensitive. strongly hygroscopic
Storage class (TRGS 510): Non-combustible, corrosive hazardous materials

7.3 Specific end use(s)
Apart from the uses mentioned in section 1.2 no other specific uses are stipulated

8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION
8.1 Control parameters
Components with workplace control parameters
8.2 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.

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**
Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so. Do not let product enter drains. Discharge into the environment must be avoided.
9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties

a) Appearance
   Form: pellets

b) Odour
   No data available

c) Odour Threshold
   No data available

d) pH
   13.5

e) Melting point/freezing point
   Melting point/range: 361 °C (682 °F) - lit.

f) Initial boiling point and boiling range
   1,320 °C (2,408 °F)

g) Flash point
   No data available

h) Evaporation rate
   No data available

i) Flammability (solid, gas)
   No data available

j) Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits
   No data available

k) Vapour pressure
   1 hPa (1 mmHg) at 719 °C (1,326 °F)
   1 hPa (1 mmHg) at 714 °C (1,317 °F)

l) Vapour density
   No data available

m) Relative density
   2.044 g/cm3

n) Water solubility
   1,120 g/l - soluble

o) Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water
   No data available

p) Auto-ignition temperature
   No data available

q) Decomposition temperature
   No data available

r) Viscosity
   No data available

s) Explosive properties
   No data available

t) Oxidizing properties
   No data available

9.2 Other safety information

Bulk density
   1,300 kg/m³

10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

10.1 Reactivity
   No data available

10.2 Chemical stability
   Heat of solution is very high, and with limited amounts of water, violent boiling may occur
   Stable under recommended storage conditions.

10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions
   No data available

10.4 Conditions to avoid
   Do not heat above melting point.
10.5 Incompatible materials
Nitro compounds, Organic materials, Magnesium, Copper, Water, reacts violently with:, Metals, Light metals, Contact with aluminum, tin and zinc liberates hydrogen gas. Contact with nitromethane and other similar nitro compounds causes formation of shock-sensitive salts., vigorous reaction with:, Alkali metals, Halogens, Azides, Anhydrides

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

11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

11.1 Information on toxicological effects

Acute toxicity
LD50 Oral - Rat - 333 mg/kg
Inhalation: No data available
Dermal: No data available
No data available

Skin corrosion/irritation
Skin - Rabbit
Result: Severe skin irritation - 24 h

Serious eye damage/eye irritation
Eyes - Rabbit
Result: Corrosive to eyes (OECD Test Guideline 405)

Respiratory or skin sensitisation
No data available

Germ cell mutagenicity
No data available

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.
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
No data available
No data available

Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure
No data available

Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure
No data available

Aspiration hazard
No data available

Additional Information
RTECS: TT2100000
To the best of our knowledge, the chemical, physical, and toxicological properties have not been thoroughly investigated.
12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

12.1 Toxicity
Toxicity to fish
LC50 - Gambusia affinis (Mosquito fish) - 80 mg/l - 96 h

12.2 Persistence and degradability
The methods for determining the biological degradability are not applicable to inorganic substances.

12.3 Bioaccumulative potential
No data available

12.4 Mobility in soil
No data available

12.5 Results of PBT and vPvB assessment
PBT/vPvB assessment not available as chemical safety assessment not required/not conducted

12.6 Other adverse effects
An environmental hazard cannot be excluded in the event of unprofessional handling or disposal.
Harmful to aquatic life.

13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

13.1 Waste treatment methods
Product
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. Offer surplus and non-recyclable solutions to a licensed disposal company.

Contaminated packaging
Dispose of as unused product.

14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

DOT (US)
UN number: 1813  Class: 8  Packing group: II
Proper shipping name: Potassium hydroxide, solid
Reportable Quantity (RQ): 1000 lbs
Poison Inhalation Hazard: No

IMDG
UN number: 1813  Class: 8  Packing group: II  EMS-No: F-A, S-B
Proper shipping name: POTASSIUM HYDROXIDE, SOLID

IATA
UN number: 1813  Class: 8  Packing group: II
Proper shipping name: Potassium hydroxide, solid

15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

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

SARA 313 Components
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.

Massachusetts Right To Know Components
Potassium hydroxide  CAS-No.  1310-58-3  Revision Date  2007-03-01

Pennsylvania Right To Know Components
Potassium hydroxide  CAS-No.  1310-58-3  Revision Date  2007-03-01
New Jersey Right To Know Components

Potassium hydroxide  
CAS-No. 1310-58-3  
Revision Date 2007-03-01

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

Full text of H-Statements referred to under sections 2 and 3.

- Acute Tox.  
  Acute toxicity

- Aquatic Acute  
  Acute aquatic toxicity

- Eye Dam.  
  Serious eye damage

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  May be corrosive to metals.

- H302  
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- H318  
  Causes serious eye damage.

- H402  
  Harmful to aquatic life.

  Corrosive to metals

HMIS Rating

- Health hazard: 3
- Chronic Health Hazard:
- Flammability: 0
- Physical Hazard 0

NFPA Rating

- Health hazard: 3
- Fire Hazard: 0
- Reactivity Hazard: 0

Further Information

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