Material Safety Data Sheet

1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

Product Name
Potassium Hydroxide

Cat No.
P246-3; P250-1; P250-3; P250-10; P250-50; P250-500; P251-3; P251-50; P251-500; P258-12; P258-50; P258-50LC; P258-212

Synonyms
Potassium hydrate; Lye; Caustic potash

Recommended Use
Laboratory chemicals

Company
Fisher Scientific
One Reagent Lane
Fair Lawn, NJ 07410
Tel: (201) 796-7100

Emergency Telephone Number
CHEMTREC®, Inside the USA: 800-424-9300
CHEMTREC®, Outside the USA: 703-527-3887

2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

DANGER!

Emergency Overview
Causes severe burns by all exposure routes. Harmful if swallowed. Water reactive.

Appearance Light yellow

Physical State Solid

Odor odorless

Target Organs
Eyes, Respiratory system, Skin, Gastrointestinal tract (GI)

Potential Health Effects

Acute Effects

Principle Routes of Exposure

Eyes
Causes severe burns. May cause blindness or permanent eye damage.

Skin
Causes severe burns. May be harmful in contact with skin. Repeated exposure may cause skin dryness or cracking.

Inhalation
Causes severe burns. May be harmful if inhaled.

Ingestion
Harmful if swallowed. Causes severe burns.

Chronic Effects
Tumorigenic effects have been reported in experimental animals. Mutagenic effects have occurred in experimental animals.

See Section 11 for additional Toxicological information.
Aggravated Medical Conditions
Preexisting eye disorders. Skin disorders.

### 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

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<th>CAS-No</th>
<th>Weight %</th>
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<td>1310-58-3</td>
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### 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

**Eye Contact**
Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids, for at least 15 minutes. Immediate medical attention is required.

**Skin Contact**
Wash off immediately with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Immediate medical attention is required.

**Inhalation**
Move to fresh air. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. Do not use mouth-to-mouth resuscitation if victim ingested or inhaled the substance; induce artificial respiration with a respiratory medical device. Immediate medical attention is required.

**Ingestion**
Do not induce vomiting. Call a physician or Poison Control Center immediately.

**Notes to Physician**
Treat symptomatically.

### 5. FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES

**Flash Point**
Not applicable

**Method**
No information available.

**Autoignition Temperature**
No information available.

**Explosion Limits**
- **Upper**
  No data available
- **Lower**
  No data available

**Suitable Extinguishing Media**
Substance is nonflammable; use agent most appropriate to extinguish surrounding fire.

**Unsuitable Extinguishing Media**
Carbon dioxide (CO2).

**Hazardous Combustion Products**
No information available.

**Sensitivity to mechanical impact**
No information available.

**Sensitivity to static discharge**
No information available.

**Specific Hazards Arising from the Chemical**
Water reactive. Contact with metals may evolve flammable hydrogen gas. Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating gases and vapors.

**Protective Equipment and Precautions for Firefighters**
As in any fire, wear self-contained breathing apparatus pressure-demand, MSHA/NIOSH (approved or equivalent) and full protective gear.

**NFPA**
- **Health** 3
- **Flammability** 0
- **Instability** 1
- **Physical hazards** N/A
6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Personal Precautions
Use personal protective equipment. Evacuate personnel to safe areas. Ensure adequate ventilation. Avoid dust formation. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing.

Environmental Precautions
Should not be released into the environment.

Methods for Containment and Clean Up
Sweep up or vacuum up spillage and collect in suitable container for disposal. Avoid dust formation.

7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

Handling
Use only under a chemical fume hood. Ensure adequate ventilation. Avoid dust formation. Do not breathe dust. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing.

Storage
Keep containers tightly closed in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place. Protect from moisture. Corrosives area.

8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

Engineering Measures
Use only under a chemical fume hood. Ensure adequate ventilation, especially in confined areas. Ensure that eyewash stations and safety showers are close to the workstation location.

Exposure Guidelines

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<th>OSHA PEL</th>
<th>NIOSH IDLH</th>
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NIOSH IDLH: Immediately Dangerous to Life or Health

Personal Protective Equipment

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<th>Protection Type</th>
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<td>Eye/face Protection</td>
<td>Wear appropriate protective eyeglasses or chemical safety goggles as described by OSHA's eye and face protection regulations in 29 CFR 1910.133 or European Standard EN166</td>
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<td>Skin and body protection</td>
<td>Wear appropriate protective gloves and clothing to prevent skin exposure</td>
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<td>Respiratory Protection</td>
<td>Follow the OSHA respirator regulations found in 29 CFR 1910.134 or European Standard EN 149. Use a NIOSH/MSHA or European Standard EN 149 approved respirator if exposure limits are exceeded or if irritation or other symptoms are experienced</td>
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10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Stability: Moisture sensitive. Air sensitive. Absorbs moisture from air and becomes liquid.

Conditions to Avoid: Avoid dust formation. Incompatible products. Excess heat. Exposure to moist air or water.

Incompatible Materials: Water, Metals, Acids

Hazardous Decomposition Products: Oxides of potassium

Hazardous Polymerization: Hazardous polymerization does not occur

Hazardous Reactions: None under normal processing.

11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Acute Toxicity

Component Information

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<th>Component</th>
<th>LD50 Oral (mg/kg)</th>
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Irritation: Causes severe burns by all exposure routes

Toxicologically Synergistic Products: No information available.

Chronic Toxicity

Carcinogenicity: There are no known carcinogenic chemicals in this product

Sensitization: No information available.

Mutagenic Effects: Mutagenic effects have occurred in experimental animals.
Reproductive Effects  No information available.
Developmental Effects  No information available.
Teratogenicity  No information available.
Other Adverse Effects  Tumorigenic effects have been reported in experimental animals. See actual entry in RTECS for complete information.
Endocrine Disruptor Information  No information available

## 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Ecotoxicity
Do not empty into drains.

Persistence and Degradability  No information available

Bioaccumulation/ Accumulation  No information available

Mobility

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## 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Waste Disposal Methods  Chemical waste generators must determine whether a discarded chemical is classified as a hazardous waste. Chemical waste generators must also consult local, regional, and national hazardous waste regulations to ensure complete and accurate classification

## 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

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Hazard Class: 8
Packing Group: II

IMDG/IMO

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15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

International Inventories

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Legend:
X - Listed
E - Indicates a substance that is the subject of a Section 5(e) Consent order under TSCA.
F - Indicates a substance that is the subject of a Section 5(f) Rule under TSCA.
N - Indicates a polymeric substance containing no free-radical initiator in its inventory name but is considered to cover the designated polymer made with any free-radical initiator regardless of the amount used.
P - Indicates a commenced PMN substance
R - Indicates a substance that is the subject of a Section 6 risk management rule under TSCA.
S - Indicates a substance that is identified in a proposed or final Significant New Use Rule
T - Indicates a substance that is the subject of a Section 4 test rule under TSCA.
XU - Indicates a substance exempt from reporting under the Inventory Update Rule, i.e. Partial Updating of the TSCA Inventory Data Base Production and Site Reports (40 CFR 710(B)).
Y1 - Indicates an exempt polymer that has a number-average molecular weight of 1,000 or greater.
Y2 - Indicates an exempt polymer that is a polyester and is made only from reactants included in a specified list of low concern reactants that comprises one of the eligibility criteria for the exemption rule.

U.S. Federal Regulations

TSCA 12(b) Not applicable
SARA 313
Not applicable

SARA 311/312 Hazardous Categorization

- Acute Health Hazard: No
- Chronic Health Hazard: No
- Fire Hazard: No
- Sudden Release of Pressure Hazard: No
- Reactive Hazard: No

Clean Water Act
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Clean Air Act
Not applicable

OSHA
Not applicable

CERCLA
This material, as supplied, contains one or more substances regulated as a hazardous substance under the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) (40 CFR 302)

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California Proposition 65
This product does not contain any Proposition 65 chemicals.

State Right-to-Know

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U.S. Department of Transportation
Reportable Quantity (RQ): Y
DOT Marine Pollutant: N
DOT Severe Marine Pollutant: N

U.S. Department of Homeland Security
This product does not contain any DHS chemicals.

Other International Regulations

Mexico - Grade: No information available

Canada
This product has been classified in accordance with the hazard criteria of the Controlled Products Regulations (CPR) and the MSDS contains all the information required by the CPR.

WHMIS Hazard Class
E Corrosive material
D1B Toxic materials
16. OTHER INFORMATION

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End of MSDS