

Safety data sheet

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1. Substance/preparation and manufacturer/supplier identification

Product name:

Potassium Metabisulfite food grade (E224)

Use: food additive(s)

Recommended use: inorganic reducing agents, initial product for chemical syntheses, process chemical

Manufacturer/supplier:

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Emergency information:

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BASF Emergency Advice Number: + 61 3 8855 6666 [outside Australia]

2. Hazard identification

Classification of the substance and mixture:

| Acute toxicity: Cat.5 (oral)

| Skin irritation: Cat.2

| Serious eye damage: Cat.1

| Hazardous to the aquatic environment - acute: Cat.3

Label elements and precautionary statement:

Pictogram:

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Signal Word:

Danger

Hazard Statement:

H318	Causes serious eye damage.
H315	Causes skin irritation.
H303	May be harmful if swallowed.
H402	Harmful to aquatic life.

Precautionary Statements (Prevention):

P280	Wear protective gloves and eye protection or face protection.
P273	Avoid release to the environment.
P264	Wash contaminated body parts thoroughly after handling.

Precautionary Statements (Response):

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 physician.
P302 + P352	IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water.
P301 + P312	IF SWALLOWED: Call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician if you feel unwell.
P332 + P313	If skin irritation occurs: Get medical attention.
P362 + P364	Take off contaminated clothing and wash it before reuse.

Precautionary Statements (Disposal):

P501	Dispose of contents and container to hazardous or special waste collection point.
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Other hazards which do not result in classification:

No specific dangers known, if the regulations/notes for storage and handling are considered. If applicable information is provided in this section on other hazards which do not result in classification but which may contribute to the overall hazards of the substance or mixture.

Contact with acids liberates toxic gas.

3. Composition/information on ingredients

Chemical nature

Substance nature: Substance

dipotassium disulphite

CAS Number: 16731-55-8

K₂S₂O₅

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4. First-Aid Measures

General advice:

Remove contaminated clothing.

If inhaled:

If difficulties occur after dust has been inhaled, remove to fresh air and seek medical attention. After inhalation of decomposition products: Immediately administer a corticosteroid from a controlled/metered dose inhaler. Seek medical attention.

On skin contact:

Wash thoroughly with soap and water

On contact with eyes:

Immediately wash affected eyes for at least 15 minutes under running water with eyelids held open, consult an eye specialist.

On ingestion:

Immediately rinse mouth and then drink 200-300 ml of water, seek medical attention.

Note to physician:

Symptoms: Information, i.e. additional information on symptoms and effects may be included in the GHS labeling phrases available in Section 2 and in the Toxicological assessments available in Section 11., Many individuals are sensitive to sulphite additives and may experience a range of symptoms, including dermatitis, urticaria, angio-oedema, abdominal pain, diarrhoea, bronchoconstriction and anaphylaxis.

Hazards: Risk of sulfur dioxide formation by reaction with gastric acid after swallowing.

Treatment: Treat according to symptoms (decontamination, vital functions), no known specific antidote.

5. Fire-Fighting Measures

Suitable extinguishing media:

water spray, carbon dioxide, foam, dry powder

Unsuitable extinguishing media for safety reasons:

water jet

Additional information:

Product will not burn.

Use extinguishing measures to suit surroundings.

Specific hazards:

Sulphur dioxide

The substances/groups of substances mentioned can be released if the product is involved in a fire.

Special protective equipment:

Wear self-contained breathing apparatus and chemical-protective clothing.

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Further information:

Product itself is non-combustible; fire extinguishing method of surrounding areas must be considered. Contaminated extinguishing water must be disposed of in accordance with official regulations. In case of fire and/or explosion do not breathe fumes.

6. Accidental Release Measures

Personal precautions:

Avoid contact with the skin, eyes and clothing. Use personal protective clothing. Ensure adequate ventilation. Avoid dust formation.

Environmental precautions:

Do not discharge into drains/surface waters/groundwater. Do not discharge into the subsoil/soil. Retain and dispose of contaminated wash water.

Methods for cleaning up or taking up:

Sweep/shovel up. Dispose of absorbed material in accordance with regulations.

7. Handling and Storage

Handling

Use only in well-ventilated areas. Avoid dust formation. Avoid contact with skin and eyes.

Protection against fire and explosion:

The substance/product is non-combustible. No special precautions necessary.

Storage

Segregate from acids and acid forming substances. Segregate from oxidants.

Suitable materials for containers: Stainless steel 1.4571, Stainless steel 1.4541, Low density polyethylene (LDPE), High density polyethylene (HDPE), Carbon steel (Iron), rubberized, Polyester resin, glass reinforced (Palatal A410)

Further information on storage conditions: Keep away from heat. Keep container tightly closed in a cool, well-ventilated place. Keep container dry. The product consumes oxygen. Danger of lack of oxygen in containers and tanks.

8. Exposure controls and personal protection

Components with occupational exposure limits

The nuisance dust limit value is to be kept.

The substance mentioned develops if the regulation/notes for storage and handling are not observed.

Sulphur dioxide, 7446-09-5;

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STEL value 0.25 ppm (ACGIHTLV)
TWA value 5.2 mg/m³ ; 2 ppm (AU NOEL)
STEL value 13 mg/m³ ; 5 ppm (AU NOEL)

disodium disulphite, 7681-57-4;
TWA value 5 mg/m³ (ACGIHTLV)
TWA value 5 mg/m³ (AU NOEL)

Personal protective equipment

Respiratory protection:

Breathing protection if dusts are formed. Suitable respiratory protection for lower concentrations or short-term effect: Particle filter with low efficiency for solid particles (e.g. EN 143 or 149, Type P1 or FFP1) Breathing protection if gases/vapours are formed. Combination filter for gases/vapours of organic, inorganic, acid inorganic, alkaline compounds and toxic particles (e. g. EN 14387 Type ABEK-P3)

Hand protection:

Chemical resistant protective gloves

Suitable materials also with prolonged, direct contact (Recommended: Protective index 6, corresponding > 480 minutes of permeation time according to EN ISO 374-1):

e.g. nitrile rubber (0.4 mm), chloroprene rubber (0.5 mm), polyvinylchloride (0.7 mm) and other

Supplementary note: The specifications are based on tests, literature data and information of glove manufacturers or are derived from similar substances by analogy. Due to many conditions (e.g. temperature) it must be considered, that the practical usage of a chemical-protective glove in practice may be much shorter than the permeation time determined through testing.

Manufacturer's directions for use should be observed because of great diversity of types.

Eye protection:

Tightly fitting safety goggles (splash goggles) (e.g. EN 166)

Body protection:

Body protection must be chosen depending on activity and possible exposure, e.g. apron, protecting boots, chemical-protection suit (according to EN 14605 in case of splashes or EN ISO 13982 in case of dust).

General safety and hygiene measures:

Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice. Do not inhale vapours or dust. Hands and/or face should be washed before breaks and at the end of the shift.

9. Physical and Chemical Properties

Form:	powder
Colour:	white
Odour:	faint odour, of sulfur dioxide
Odour threshold:	Not determined due to potential health hazard by inhalation.
pH value:	3.8 - 4.6 (water, 5 %(m), 20 °C) No data available.

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decomposition point:	approx. 150 °C Literature data.	
Melting point:	The substance / product decomposes therefore not determined.	
Boiling point:	(1,013 hPa) not applicable	
Flash point:	not applicable, the product is a solid	
Evaporation rate:	The product is a non-volatile solid.	
Flammability (solid/gas):	not flammable	(other)
Lower explosion limit:	For solids not relevant for classification and labelling.	
Upper explosion limit:	For solids not relevant for classification and labelling.	
Thermal decomposition:	> 150 °C To avoid thermal decomposition, do not overheat.	
Self ignition:	not self-igniting	Test type: Self-ignition at high temperatures.
	not self-igniting	Test type: Spontaneous self- ignition at room-temperature.
Self heating ability:	It is not a substance capable of spontaneous heating.	
Explosion hazard:	Based on the chemical structure there is no indication of explosive properties.	
Fire promoting properties:	Based on its structural properties the product is not classified as oxidizing.	
Vapour pressure:	not applicable	
Density:	2.3 g/cm ³ (20 °C) Literature data.	
Relative density:	2.3 (20 °C)	
Bulk density:	1,100 - 1,300 kg/m ³	
Solubility in water:	Literature data. 495 g/l (25 °C)	

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Partitioning coefficient n-octanol/water (log Pow):
 not applicable

Adsorption/water - soil:
 Study scientifically not justified.

Surface tension:
 Based on chemical structure, surface activity is not to be expected. (other)

Viscosity, dynamic:
 not applicable

Viscosity, kinematic:
 not applicable, the product is a solid

Particle characteristics

Particle size distribution:	65 µm	(D10, ISO 13320-1)
	228 µm	(D50, ISO 13320-1)
	523 µm	(D90, ISO 13320-1)
Particle size distribution:	fine particles -	
Specific Surface Area:	4.6 m²/g	(MSSA, ISO 9227)
	10.8 m²/cm³	(VSSA, derived from BET)

10. Stability and Reactivity

Conditions to avoid:
 Avoid humidity. avoid atmospheric oxygen

Thermal decomposition: > 150 °C
 To avoid thermal decomposition, do not overheat.

Substances to avoid:
 nitrites, nitrates, oxidizing agents, acids

Hazardous reactions:
 Reacts with nitrites. Reacts with nitrates. Reacts with oxidizing agents. Generation of sulphur dioxide upon exposure to acids. (or conditions.) The product consumes oxygen.

Hazardous decomposition products:
 Sulphur dioxide

Reactivity:
 No hazardous reactions if stored and handled as prescribed/indicated.

11. Toxicological Information

Routes of exposure

Acute oral toxicity

Experimental/calculated data:
 LD50rat (oral): approx. 2,300 mg/kg (similar to OECD guideline 401)

Acute inhalation toxicity

LC50 rat (by inhalation): > 5.5 mg/l 4 h (OECD Guideline 403)

The product has not been tested. The statement has been derived from substances/products of a similar structure or composition. Tested as dust aerosol.

Acute dermal toxicity

LD50 rat (dermal): > 2,000 mg/kg (OECD Guideline 402)

The product has not been tested. The statement has been derived from substances/products of a similar structure or composition.

Assessment of acute toxicity

Of low toxicity after single ingestion. Virtually nontoxic by inhalation. Virtually nontoxic after a single skin contact. The product has not been fully tested. The statements have been derived in parts from products of a similar structure or composition.

Symptoms

Information, i.e. additional information on symptoms and effects may be included in the GHS labeling phrases available in Section 2 and in the Toxicological assessments available in Section 11. Many individuals are sensitive to sulphite additives and may experience a range of symptoms, including dermatitis, urticaria, angio-oedema, abdominal pain, diarrhoea, bronchoconstriction and anaphylaxis.

Irritation

Assessment of irritating effects:

Causes serious eye damage. Causes skin irritation.

Experimental/calculated data:

Skin corrosion/irritation rabbit: non-irritant (BASF-Test)

Skin corrosion/irritation In vitro assay: Irritant. (OECD Guideline 439)

Skin corrosion/irritation In vitro assay: Non corrosive. (OECD Guideline 435)

Serious eye damage/irritation rabbit: irreversible damage (OECD Guideline 405)

Respiratory/Skin sensitization

Assessment of sensitization:

Skin sensitizing effects were not observed in animal studies. The product has not been tested. The statement has been derived from substances/products of a similar structure or composition. A sensitizing effect on particularly sensitive individuals cannot be excluded.

Experimental/calculated data:

Mouse Local Lymph Node Assay (LLNA) mouse: Non-sensitizing. (OECD Guideline 429)

The product has not been tested. The statement has been derived from substances/products of a similar structure or composition.

Germ cell mutagenicity

Assessment of mutagenicity:

No mutagenic effect was found in various tests with bacteria and mammalian cell culture. The substance was not mutagenic in a test with mammals. The product has not been tested. The statement has been derived from substances/products of a similar structure or composition.

Carcinogenicity

Assessment of carcinogenicity:

In long-term animal studies in which the substance was given in the drinking water in high doses, a carcinogenic effect was not observed.

Reproductive toxicity

Assessment of reproduction toxicity:

The results of animal studies gave no indication of a fertility impairing effect. The product has not been tested. The statement has been derived from substances/products of a similar structure or composition.

Developmental toxicity

Assessment of teratogenicity:

No indications of a developmental toxic / teratogenic effect were seen in animal studies.

Experiences in humans

Experimental/calculated data:

With sensitive persons it can lead to an over sensitive reaction.

Specific target organ toxicity (single exposure)

Based on the available information there is no specific target organ toxicity to be expected after a single exposure.

Repeated dose toxicity and Specific target organ toxicity (repeated exposure)

Assessment of repeated dose toxicity:

No substance-specific organotoxicity was observed after repeated administration to animals. The product has not been tested. The statement has been derived from substances/products of a similar structure or composition.

Aspiration hazard

not applicable

12. Ecological Information

Ecotoxicity

Assessment of aquatic toxicity:

There is a high probability that the product is not acutely harmful to aquatic organisms.

Toxicity to fish:

LC50 (96 h) 316 mg/l, *Leuciscus idus* (DIN 38412 Part 15, static)

Nominal concentration. The product has not been tested. The statement has been derived from substances/products of a similar structure or composition.

Aquatic invertebrates:

EC50 (48 h) 89 mg/l, *Daphnia magna* (Directive 79/831/EEC, static)

Nominal concentration. The product has not been tested. The statement has been derived from substances/products of a similar structure or composition.

EC50 (48 h) 230 mg/l, *Daphnia magna* (other, static)

The details of the toxic effect relate to the nominal concentration. The product has not been tested. The statement has been derived from substances/products of a similar structure or composition.

Aquatic plants:

EC50 (72 h) 43.8 mg/l (growth rate), *Scenedesmus subspicatus* (Algal growth inhibition test, static)

Nominal concentration. The product has not been tested. The statement has been derived from substances/products of a similar structure or composition.

EC50 (72 h) > 100 mg/l (growth rate), *Pseudokirchneriella subcapitata* (OECD Guideline 201, static)

Nominal concentration. The product has not been tested. The statement has been derived from substances/products of a similar structure or composition.

Microorganisms/Effect on activated sludge:

No observed effect concentration (180 min) \geq 1,000 mg/l, (OECD Guideline 209, aquatic)

Nominal concentration. The product has not been tested. The statement has been derived from substances/products of a similar structure or composition.

Chronic toxicity to fish:

No observed effect concentration (34 d) \geq 316 mg/l, *Brachydanio rerio* (OECD Guideline 210, Flow through.)

The details of the toxic effect relate to the nominal concentration. The product has not been tested. The statement has been derived from substances/products of a similar structure or composition.

Chronic toxicity to aquatic invertebrates:

No observed effect concentration (21 d), > 10 mg/l, *Daphnia magna* (OECD Guideline 211, semistatic)

Nominal concentration. The product has not been tested. The statement has been derived from substances/products of a similar structure or composition.

Assessment of terrestrial toxicity:

No data available.

Study does not need to be conducted.

Mobility**Assessment transport between environmental compartments:**

The substance will not evaporate into the atmosphere from the water surface.

Study scientifically not justified.

Adsorption to solid soil phase is not expected.

Study scientifically not justified.

Persistence and degradability**Assessment biodegradation and elimination (H₂O):**

Inorganic product which cannot be eliminated from water by biological purification processes.

Study scientifically not justified.

Elimination information:

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Study scientifically not justified.

Assessment of stability in water:

According to structural properties, hydrolysis is not expected/probable.

Study scientifically not justified.

Information on Stability in Water (Hydrolysis):

Study scientifically not justified.

Sum parameter

Chemical oxygen demand (COD): (calculated) approx. 140 mg/g

Bioaccumulation potential

Assessment bioaccumulation potential:

Because of the n-octanol/water distribution coefficient (log Pow) accumulation in organisms is not to be expected.

Bioaccumulation potential:

Because of the n-octanol/water distribution coefficient (log Pow) accumulation in organisms is not to be expected.

Additional information

Other ecotoxicological advice:

Higher concentrations of the substance may cause a strong chemical oxygen consumption in biological sewage-treatment plants and/or waterways. The inhibition of the degradation activity of activated sludge is not anticipated when introduced to biological treatment plants in appropriate low concentrations.

13. Disposal Considerations

Must be disposed of or incinerated in accordance with local regulations.

Observe national and local legal requirements.

Contaminated packaging:

Contaminated packaging should be emptied as far as possible; then it can be passed on for recycling after being thoroughly cleaned.

14. Transport Information

Domestic transport:

UN number or ID number	Not classified as a dangerous good under transport regulations
UN proper shipping name:	Not applicable
Transport hazard class(es):	Not applicable
Packing group:	Not applicable
Environmental hazards:	Not applicable
Special precautions for user	None known

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Sea transport

IMDG

	Not classified as a dangerous good under transport regulations
UN number or ID number:	Not applicable
UN proper shipping name:	Not applicable
Transport hazard class(es):	Not applicable
Packing group:	Not applicable
Environmental hazards:	Not applicable
	Marine pollutant: no
Special precautions for user	None known

Air transport

IATA/ICAO

	Not classified as a dangerous good under transport regulations
UN number or ID number	Not applicable
Proper shipping name:	Not applicable
Transport hazard class(es):	Not applicable
Packing group:	Not applicable
Environmental hazards:	Not applicable
Special precautions for user	None known

Maritime transport in bulk according to IMO instruments

Maritime transport in bulk is not intended.

15. Regulatory Information

Other regulations

If other regulatory information applies that is not already provided elsewhere in this safety data sheet, then it is described in this subsection.

Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Medicines and Poisons (SUSMP): Not Scheduled

Registration status:

AICIS, AU

Listed in AICC.

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16. Other Information

Any other intended applications should be discussed with the manufacturer.

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