

Australian statement of hazardous nature : Classified as hazardous according to criteria of Safe Work Australia

Section 1 - Identification

Product Name Tetrabutylammonium hydroxide, Aqueous solution
CAS No 2052-49-5

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Recommended Use Laboratory chemicals.

Uses advised against This product does not contain any substance(s) on the Illicit Drug Precursors/Reagents list.
 This product does not contain any substance(s) subject to Prohibition, Authorization or Restriction. This product does not contain any substance(s) listed on the voluntary National Code of Practice for Chemicals of Security Concern.

Section 2 - Hazard(s) Identification

Classification under Safe Work Australia

Classified as hazardous according to criteria of Safe Work Australia

Physical hazards
 No hazards identified

Health hazards

Acute Oral Toxicity
 Skin Corrosion/Irritation
 Serious Eye Damage/Eye Irritation

Category 4
 Category 1 A B
 Category 1

Environmental hazards
 No hazards identified

Label Elements



Exclamation Mark



Corrosion

Signal Word

Danger

Hazard Statements

H314 - Causes severe skin burns and eye damage

H302 - Harmful if swallowed

Precautionary Statements

P264 - Wash face, hands and any exposed skin thoroughly after handling

P270 - Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product

P271 - Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area

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

P303 + P361 + P353 - IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water or shower

P304 + P340 - IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing

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

P330 - Rinse mouth

P331 - Do NOT induce vomiting

P363 - Wash contaminated clothing before reuse

P403 + P233 - Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed

P501 - Dispose of contents/ container to an approved waste disposal plant

Other information

This product does not contain any known or suspected endocrine disruptors

Section 3 - Composition and Information on Ingredients

Component	CAS No	Weight %
Water	7732-18-5	60
1-Butanaminium, N,N,N-tributyl-, hydroxide	2052-49-5	40

Section 4 - First Aid Measures

Inhalation

If not breathing, give artificial respiration. Remove from exposure, lie down. Do not use mouth-to-mouth method if victim ingested or inhaled the substance; give artificial respiration with the aid of a pocket mask equipped with a one-way valve or other proper respiratory medical device. Call a physician immediately.

Ingestion

Do NOT induce vomiting. Clean mouth with water. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Call a physician immediately.

Skin Contact

Wash off immediately with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Remove and wash contaminated clothing and gloves, including the inside, before re-use. Call a physician immediately.

Eye Contact

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

General Advice

Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance. Immediate medical attention is required.

Self-Protection of the First Aider

Use personal protective equipment as required. Avoid contact with skin, eyes or clothing.

First Aid Facilities

Eyewash, safety shower and washroom.

Most important symptoms and effects

Causes burns by all exposure routes. Ingestion causes severe swelling, severe damage to the delicate tissue and danger of perforation

Notes to Physician

Product is a corrosive material. Use of gastric lavage or emesis is contraindicated. Possible perforation of stomach or esophagus should be investigated. Do not give chemical antidotes. Asphyxia from glottal edema may occur. Marked decrease in blood pressure may occur with moist rales, frothy sputum, and high pulse pressure. Treat symptomatically.

Section 5 - Fire Fighting Measures

Suitable Extinguishing Media

CO₂, dry chemical, dry sand, alcohol-resistant foam.

Extinguishing media which must not be used for safety reasons

No information available.

Hazardous Decomposition Products

Carbon monoxide (CO), Carbon dioxide (CO₂), Nitrogen oxides (NO_x).

Decomposition Temperature

> 80°C

Specific Hazards Arising from the Chemical

Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating gases and vapors. The product causes burns of eyes, skin and mucous membranes.

Special protective equipment and precautions for fire fighters

As in any fire, wear self-contained breathing apparatus pressure-demand, MSHA/NIOSH (approved or equivalent) and full protective gear. Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating gases and vapors.

Section 6 - Accidental Release Measures

Emergency procedures

Ensure adequate ventilation. Use personal protective equipment as required. Evacuate personnel to safe areas. Keep people away from and upwind of spill/leak.

Environmental Precautions

Should not be released into the environment. See Section 12 for additional Ecological Information.

Methods for Containment and Clean Up

Clean-up methods - small spillage

Soak up with inert absorbent material. Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal.

Clean-up methods - large spillage

Typically only supplied in small quantities as packaged goods.

If extremely toxic or used in larger quantities ensure a spillage action plan is in place. Evacuate area. Control the source and/or contain the spill if safe and able to do so. Use temporary diking, sand bags, dry sand, earth or proprietary booms/absorbent pads if available. Obtain advice on containment, neutralisation and clean-up from local emergency responders.

Reference to Other Sections

Refer to protective measures listed in Sections 8 and 13.

Section 7 - Handling and Storage

Precautions for Safe Handling

Wear personal protective equipment/face protection. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Use only under a chemical fume hood. Do not breathe mist/vapors/spray. Do not ingest. If swallowed then seek immediate medical assistance.

Conditions for Safe Storage, Including any Incompatibilities

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

AS/NZS 2243.10:2004, Safety in laboratories - Storage of chemicals

Section 8 - Exposure Controls and Personal Protection

Exposure limits

The product does not contain any hazardous materials with occupational exposure limits established.

Biological limit values

This product, as supplied, does not contain any hazardous materials with biological limits established by the region specific regulatory bodies

Exposure Controls

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.

Wherever possible, engineering control measures such as the isolation or enclosure of the process, the introduction of process or equipment changes to minimise release or contact, and the use of properly designed ventilation systems, should be adopted to control hazardous materials at source

Personal protective equipment

Eye Protection

Goggles (Australian/New Zealand Standard AS/NZS 1337 - Eye protectors for Industrial applications)

Hand Protection

Protective gloves

Glove material	Breakthrough time	Glove thickness	AUS/NZ Standard	Glove comments
Neoprene	See manufacturers recommendations	-	AS/NZS 2161	(minimum requirement)

Inspect gloves before use.

Please observe the instructions regarding permeability and breakthrough time which are provided by the supplier of the gloves. (Refer to manufacturer/supplier for information)

Ensure gloves are suitable for the task: Chemical compatability, Dexterity, Operational conditions, User susceptibility, e.g. sensitisation effects, also take into consideration the specific local conditions under which the product is used, such as the danger of cuts, abrasion.

Remove gloves with care avoiding skin contamination.

Skin and body protection

Long sleeved clothing

Respiratory Protection

Use an AS/NZS 1716 approved respirator if exposure limits are exceeded or if irritation or other symptoms are experienced. To protect the wearer, respiratory protective equipment must be the correct fit and be used and maintained in line with AS/NZS 1715 on the use and maintenance of respiratory protective devices

Recommended Filter type:

Inorganic gases and vapours filter Type B Grey or Ammonia and organic ammonia derivatives filter Type K Green conforming to EN14387 (or AUS/NZ equivalent)

Recommended half mask:-

Valve filtering: EN405 or Half mask: EN140 plus filter, EN 141 (or AUS/NZ equivalent)
When RPE is used a face piece Fit Test should be conducted

Hygiene Measures

Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.

Environmental exposure controls

No information available.

Section 9 - Physical and Chemical Properties

Information on basic physical and chemical properties

Appearance	Light yellow	
Physical State	Liquid	
Odor	No information available	
Odor Threshold	No data available	
pH	14 @ 20°C	100g/l aq. sol
Melting Point/Range	No data available	
Softening Point	No data available	
Boiling Point/Range	No data available	
Flash Point	No information available	Method - No information available
Evaporation Rate	No data available	
Flammability (solid,gas)	Not applicable	Liquid
Explosion Limits	No data available	
Vapor Pressure	No information available	
Vapor Density	No information available	(Air = 1.0)
Specific Gravity / Density	0.995	
Bulk Density	Not applicable	Liquid
Water Solubility	Soluble	
Solubility in other solvents	No information available	
Partition Coefficient (n-octanol/water)		
Component	log Pow	
1-Butanaminium, N,N,N-tributyl-, hydroxide	1.518	
Autoignition Temperature	No data available	
Decomposition Temperature	> 80°C	
Viscosity	No data available	
Explosive Properties	No information available	
Oxidizing Properties	No information available	

Other information

Molecular Formula	C16 H37 N O
Molecular Weight	259.46

Section 10 - Stability and Reactivity

Reactivity	None known, based on information available
Stability	Stable under normal conditions.
Conditions to Avoid	Incompatible products, Excess heat.
Incompatible Materials	Strong oxidizing agents, Strong acids.
Hazardous Decomposition Products	Carbon monoxide (CO). Carbon dioxide (CO ₂). Nitrogen oxides (NO _x).
Hazardous Polymerization	Hazardous polymerization does not occur.

Section 11 - Toxicological Information

Information on Toxicological Effects

Product Information

(a) acute toxicity;
 Oral Category 4
 Dermal No data available
 Inhalation No data available

Toxicology data for the components

Component	LD50 Oral	LD50 Dermal	LC50 Inhalation
Water	-	-	-
1-Butanaminium, N,N,N-tributyl-, hydroxide	500 mg/kg (Rat)		

(b) skin corrosion/irritation; Category 1 B

(c) serious eye damage/irritation; Category 1

(d) respiratory or skin sensitization;
 Respiratory No data available
 Skin No data available

(e) germ cell mutagenicity; No data available

(f) carcinogenicity; No data available
 There are no known carcinogenic chemicals in this product

(g) reproductive toxicity; No data available

(h) STOT-single exposure; No data available

(i) STOT-repeated exposure; No data available
 Target Organs No information available.

(j) aspiration hazard; No data available

Other Adverse Effects The toxicological properties have not been fully investigated.

Symptoms / effects, both acute and delayed Ingestion causes severe swelling, severe damage to the delicate tissue and danger of perforation

Section 12 - Ecological Information

Ecotoxicity effects Do not empty into drains.
Persistence and Degradability Not readily biodegradable
Persistence Soluble in water, Persistence is unlikely, based on information available.
Bioaccumulative Potential Bioaccumulation is unlikely

Component	log Pow	Bioconcentration factor (BCF)
1-Butanaminium, N,N,N-tributyl-, hydroxide	1.518	No data available

Mobility The product is water soluble, and may spread in water systems. No information available:
 Will likely be mobile in the environment due to its water solubility Highly mobile in soils

Endocrine Disruptor Information This product does not contain any known or suspected endocrine disruptors

Persistent Organic Pollutant This product does not contain any known or suspected substance

Ozone Depletion Potential This product does not contain any known or suspected substance

Section 13 - Disposal Considerations

Waste from Residues/Unused Products	Do not allow into drains or watercourses or dispose of where ground or surface waters may be affected. Wastes, including emptied containers, are controlled wastes and should be disposed of in accordance with all federal, E.P.A., state and local regulations. Assure conformity with all applicable regulations.
Contaminated Packaging	Do not reuse empty containers. Dispose of this container to hazardous or special waste collection point.
Other Information	Chemical wastes should be disposed through a licensed commercial waste collection service. Waste codes should be assigned by the user based on the application for which the product was used. Do not empty into drains. Do not flush to sewer. Large amounts will affect pH and harm aquatic organisms. Solutions with high pH-value must be neutralized before discharge.

Section 14 - Transport Information

IMDG/IMO

UN-No	UN3267
Proper Shipping Name	Corrosive liquid, basic, organic, n.o.s.
Technical Shipping Name	Tetrabutylammonium hydroxide
Hazard Class	8
Packing Group	II

ADG

UN-No	UN3267
Proper Shipping Name	Corrosive liquid, basic, organic, n.o.s.
Technical Shipping Name	Tetrabutylammonium hydroxide
Hazard Class	8
Packing Group	II

IATA

UN-No	UN3267
Proper Shipping Name	CORROSIVE LIQUID, BASIC, ORGANIC, N.O.S.*
Technical Shipping Name	Tetrabutylammonium hydroxide
Hazard Class	8
Packing Group	II

Environmental hazards	No hazards identified
Special Precautions	No special precautions required
Additional information	None known

Section 15 - Regulatory Information

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

National Regulations **Australia**

See section 8 for national exposure control parameters.

Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Medicines and Poisons

Classified as a scheduled poison according to the Standard for Uniform Scheduling of Medicines and Poisons.

Component	Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Medicines and Poisons
1-Butanaminium, N,N,N-tributyl-, hydroxide - 2052-49-5	Schedule 5 listed - in preparations except: a) when separately specified in these Schedules, or b) Dialkyl or dialkoyl quaternary ammonium compounds where the alkyl or alkoyl groups are derived from tallow or hydrogenated tallow or similar chain length [C16/C18] source, or c) in preparations containing <=5% of such Quaternary ammonium compounds Schedule 6 listed - except: a) when separately specified in these Schedules, b) when included in Schedule 5, c) Dialkyl or Dialkoyl quaternary ammonium compounds where the Alkyl or Alkoyl groups are derived from Tallow or hydrogenated Tallow or similar chain length [C16/C18] sources, or d) in preparations containing <=5% of such Quaternary ammonium compounds

Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme (AICIS)

Component	Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme (AICIS)	Additional information
Water - 7732-18-5	Present	-
1-Butanaminium, N,N,N-tributyl-, hydroxide - 2052-49-5	Present	-

Australian - Illicit Drug Precursors/Reagents Substance List

This product does not contain any substance(s) on the Illicit Drug Precursors/Reagents list.

Chemicals of Security Concern

This product does not contain any substance(s) listed on the voluntary National Code of Practice for Chemicals of Security Concern

National pollutant inventory Not applicable

Prohibition or notification/licensing requirements

Shown below are details of specific prohibition/notifications or licensing requirements when they apply.

This product does not contain any substance(s) subject to Prohibition, Authorization or Restriction.

International Inventories

Component	AICS	NZIoC	EINECS	ELINCS	TSCA	DSL	NDSL	PICCS	ENCS	ISHL	IECSC	KECL
Water	X	X	231-791-2	-	X	X	-	X	X		X	KE-35400
1-Butanaminium, N,N,N-tributyl-, hydroxide	X	X	218-147-6	-	X	X	-	X	X	X	X	KE-34029

Legend: X - Listed. '-' - Not Listed. **KECL** - NIER number or KE number (<http://ncis.nier.go.kr/en/main.do>)

International Regulations

Ozone Depletion Potential This product does not contain any known or suspected substance

Persistent Organic Pollutant This product does not contain any known or suspected substance

Rotterdam Convention (PIC) Not applicable

Basel convention on the control of transboundary movements of hazardous wastes and their disposal
Not applicable.

Component	CAS No	OECD HPV	Restriction of Hazardous Substances (RoHS)	Seveso III Directive (2012/18/EC) - Qualifying Quantities for Major Accident Notification	Seveso III Directive (2012/18/EC) - Qualifying Quantities for Safety Report Requirements
Water	7732-18-5	Listed	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
1-Butanaminium, N,N,N-tributyl-, hydroxide	2052-49-5	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable

Authorisation/Restrictions according to EU REACH

Not applicable

Section 16 - Other Information

Legend

AICS - Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances TSCA - United States Toxic Substances Control Act Section 8(b) Inventory DSL/NDL - Canadian Domestic Substances List/Non-Domestic Substances List IECSC - Chinese Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances PICCS - Philippines Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances TWA - Time Weighted Average IARC - International Agency for Research on Cancer ICAO/IATA - International Civil Aviation Organization/International Air Transport Association MARPOL - International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships NZS 5433:2020 - Transport of Dangerous Goods on Land LD50 - Lethal Dose 50% EC50 - Effective Concentration 50% WEL - Workplace Exposure Limit DNEL - Derived No Effect Level POW - Partition coefficient Octanol:Water vPvB - very Persistent, very Bioaccumulative VOC - (Volatile Organic Compound)	NZIoC - New Zealand Inventory of Chemicals EINECS/ELINCS - European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances/EU List of Notified Chemical Substances ENCS - Japanese Existing and New Chemical Substances KECL - Korean Existing and Evaluated Chemical Substances CAS - Chemical Abstracts Service ACGIH - American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists Predicted No Effect Concentration (PNEC) IMO/IMDG - International Maritime Organization/International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code ADG - Australian Code for the Transport of Dangerous Goods by Road and Rail OECD - Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development LC50 - Lethal Concentration 50% ATE - Acute Toxicity Estimate RPE - Respiratory Protective Equipment NOEC - No Observed Effect Concentration BCF - Bioconcentration factor PBT - Persistent, Bioaccumulative, Toxic
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Key literature references and sources for data

<https://echa.europa.eu/information-on-chemicals>
Suppliers safety data sheet, Chemadviser - LOLI, Merck index, RTECS

Classification and procedure used to derive the classification for mixtures according to Regulation (EC) 1272/2008 [CLP]:

Physical hazards	On basis of test data
Health Hazards	Calculation method
Environmental hazards	Calculation method

Training Advice

Chemical hazard awareness training, incorporating labelling, Safety Data Sheets (SDS), Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and hygiene.
Use of personal protective equipment, covering appropriate selection, compatibility, breakthrough thresholds, care, maintenance, fit and standards.
First aid for chemical exposure, including the use of eye wash and safety showers.
Chemical incident response training.

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This Safety Data Sheet (SDS) is prepared in accordance to and complies with the requirements of Safe Work Australia - Work Health and Safety Regulations (WHS Regulations).

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