

Occupational Safety and Health (Classification, Labelling and Safety Data Sheet of Hazardous Chemicals) Regulations 2013

**SECTION 1: IDENTIFICATION OF THE SUBSTANCE/MIXTURE AND OF THE COMPANY/UNDERTAKING**
**Product Identifier**

Perihal Produk: **Potassium hydroxide**  
 Product Description: **Potassium hydroxide**  
 Cat No. : L13277  
 CAS No 1310-58-3  
 Molecular Formula H K O

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

Recommended Use Laboratory chemicals.  
 Uses advised against No Information available

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**SECTION 2: HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION**
**Classification of the substance or mixture**

Substances/mixtures corrosive to metal	Category 1 (H290)
Acute oral toxicity	Category 4 (H302)
Skin Corrosion/Irritation	Category 1 A (H314)
Serious Eye Damage/Eye Irritation	Category 1 (H318)

**Label Elements**


Signal Word

Danger

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## Hazard Statements

H290 - May be corrosive to metals

H302 - Harmful if swallowed

H314 - Causes severe skin burns and eye damage

## Precautionary Statements

### Prevention

P234 - Keep only in original packaging

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

### Response

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

P390 - Absorb spillage to prevent material damage

P362 + P364 - Take off contaminated clothing and wash it before reuse

### Storage

P402 - Store in a dry place

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

P406 - Store in corrosion resistant polypropylene container with a resistant inliner

### Disposal

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

## Other Hazards

Toxic to terrestrial vertebrates

This product does not contain any known or suspected endocrine disruptors

## SECTION 3: COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Component	CAS No	Weight %
Potassium hydroxide	1310-58-3	85-100

## SECTION 4: FIRST AID MEASURES

### Description of first aid measures

#### General Advice

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

#### Eye Contact

Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids, for at least 15 minutes. Immediate medical attention is required. Keep eye wide open while rinsing.

#### Skin Contact

Wash off immediately with soap and plenty of water while removing all contaminated clothes and shoes. Call a physician immediately.

#### Ingestion

Do NOT induce vomiting. Immediate medical attention is required. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Drink plenty of water.

#### Inhalation

Remove to fresh air. Do not use mouth-to-mouth method if victim ingested or inhaled the

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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 or poison control center immediately. If not breathing, give artificial respiration.

## Self-Protection of the First Aider

Ensure that medical personnel are aware of the material(s) involved, take precautions to protect themselves and prevent spread of contamination.

## Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed

Causes burns by all exposure routes. Product is a corrosive material. Use of gastric lavage or emesis is contraindicated. Possible perforation of stomach or esophagus should be investigated. Ingestion causes severe swelling, severe damage to the delicate tissue and danger of perforation.

## Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

### Notes to Physician

Treat symptomatically.

## SECTION 5: FIREFIGHTING MEASURES

### Extinguishing media

#### Suitable Extinguishing Media

CO<sub>2</sub>, dry chemical, dry sand, alcohol-resistant foam.

#### Extinguishing media which must not be used for safety reasons

Water.

### Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture

The product causes burns of eyes, skin and mucous membranes.

### Hazardous Combustion Products

Hydrogen, Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating gases and vapors, Potassium oxides.

### Advice 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

### Personal Precautions, Protective Equipment and Emergency Procedures

Use personal protective equipment as required. Evacuate personnel to safe areas. Avoid contact with skin, eyes or clothing.

### Environmental precautions

Do not allow material to contaminate ground water system. Should not be released into the environment. Do not flush into surface water or sanitary sewer system. See Section 12 for additional Ecological Information.

### Methods and Material for Containment and Cleaning Up

Sweep up and shovel into suitable containers for disposal. Avoid dust formation.

### Reference to Other Sections

Refer to protective measures listed in Sections 8 and 13.

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## SECTION 7: HANDLING AND STORAGE

### Precautions for Safe Handling

Use only under a chemical fume hood. Wear personal protective equipment/face protection. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Do not breathe dust. 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. Store under an inert atmosphere.

### Specific End Uses

Use in laboratories.

## SECTION 8: EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

### Control Parameters

Component	Malaysia	ACGIH TLV	OSHA PEL
Potassium hydroxide		Ceiling: 2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	(Vacated) Ceiling: 2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>

Component	European Union	The United Kingdom	Germany
Potassium hydroxide		WEL - 2 mg/m <sup>3</sup> STEL	

### Exposure Controls

#### Engineering Measures

Use only under a chemical fume hood. 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

<b>Eye Protection</b>	Goggles
<b>Hand Protection</b>	Protective gloves
<b>Skin and body protection</b>	Long sleeved clothing

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.

#### **Respiratory Protection**

When workers are facing concentrations above the exposure limit they must use appropriate certified respirators

#### **Recommended Filter type:**

Particulates filter conforming to EN 143  
To protect the wearer, respiratory protective equipment must be the correct fit and be used and maintained properly  
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

Prevent product from entering drains

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## SECTION 9: PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

### Information on basic physical and chemical properties

Appearance	White	
Physical State	Solid	
Odor	Odorless	
Odor Threshold	No data available	
pH	13.5	0.1M aq.solution
Melting Point/Range	360 °C / 680 °F	
Softening Point	No data available	
Boiling Point/Range	1320 °C / 2408 °F	
Flash Point	No information available	Method - No information available
Evaporation Rate	Not applicable	Solid
Flammability (solid,gas)	No information available	
Explosion Limits	No data available	
Vapor Pressure	No data available	
Vapor Density	Not applicable	Solid
Specific Gravity / Density	No data available	
Bulk Density	No data available	
Water Solubility	1120 g/L (20°C)	
Solubility in other solvents	No information available	
Partition Coefficient (n-octanol/water)		
Component	log Pow	
Potassium hydroxide	0.83	
Autoignition Temperature	No data available	
Decomposition Temperature	No data available	
Viscosity	Not applicable	Solid
Explosive Properties	No information available	
Oxidizing Properties	No information available	
Molecular Formula	H K O	
Molecular Weight	56.11	

## SECTION 10: STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

### Reactivity

Yes.

### Chemical Stability

Hygroscopic. Air sensitive.

### Possibility of Hazardous Reactions

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## Hazardous Polymerization Hazardous Reactions

Hazardous polymerization does not occur.  
None under normal processing.

## Conditions to Avoid

Incompatible products. Excess heat. Exposure to air. Exposure to moist air or water.

## Incompatible Materials

Strong oxidizing agents. Acids. Acid chlorides. Acid anhydrides. Ketones. Peroxides. Water. Metals.

## Hazardous Decomposition Products

Hydrogen. Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating gases and vapors. Potassium oxides.

## SECTION 11: TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### Information on Toxicological Effects

#### Product Information

##### (a) acute toxicity;

Oral

Category 4

Dermal

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

Inhalation

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

Component	LD50 Oral	LD50 Dermal	LC50 Inhalation
Potassium hydroxide	LD50 = 333-384 mg/kg (Rat)	-	-

##### (b) skin corrosion/irritation;

Category 1 A

##### (c) serious eye damage/irritation;

Category 1

##### (d) respiratory or skin sensitization;

Respiratory

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

Skin

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

##### (e) germ cell mutagenicity;

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

##### (f) carcinogenicity;

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

There are no known carcinogenic chemicals in this product

##### (g) reproductive toxicity;

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

##### (h) STOT-single exposure;

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

##### (i) STOT-repeated exposure;

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

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**Target Organs** None known.

**(j) aspiration hazard;** Not applicable  
Solid

**Symptoms / effects, both acute and delayed** Product is a corrosive material. Use of gastric lavage or emesis is contraindicated. Possible perforation of stomach or esophagus should be investigated. Ingestion causes severe swelling, severe damage to the delicate tissue and danger of perforation.

**Endocrine Disrupting Properties** Assess endocrine disrupting properties for human health. This product does not contain any known or suspected endocrine disruptors.

## SECTION 12: ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

**Ecotoxicity effects** Do not empty into drains. Contains a substance which is: Harmful to aquatic organisms. The product contains following substances which are hazardous for the environment.

Component	Freshwater Fish	Water Flea	Freshwater Algae	Microtox
Potassium hydroxide	LC50 = 50-165 mg/L (96h)			

### **Persistence and degradability**

**Persistence** Persistence is unlikely.  
**Degradability** Not relevant for inorganic substances.  
**Degradation in sewage treatment plant** Contains substances known to be hazardous to the environment or not degradable in waste water treatment plants.

**Bioaccumulative potential** Bioaccumulation is unlikely

Component	log Pow	Bioconcentration factor (BCF)
Potassium hydroxide	0.83	No data available

**Mobility in soil** The product is water soluble, and may spread in water systems. 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

**Other adverse effects** No information available

## SECTION 13: DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

### **Waste treatment methods**

**Waste from Residues/Unused Products** Waste is classified as hazardous Dispose of in accordance with the European Directives on waste and hazardous waste Dispose of in accordance with local regulations

**Contaminated Packaging** Dispose of this container to hazardous or special waste collection point.

**Other Information** 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

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## SECTION 14: TRANSPORT INFORMATION

### IMDG/IMO

UN-No UN1813  
Hazard Class 8  
Packing Group II  
Proper Shipping Name Potassium hydroxide, solid

### Road and Rail Transport

UN-No UN1813  
Hazard Class 8  
Packing Group II  
Proper Shipping Name Potassium hydroxide, solid

### IATA

UN-No UN1813  
Hazard Class 8  
Packing Group II  
Proper Shipping Name Potassium hydroxide, solid

Special Precautions for User No special precautions required

## SECTION 15: REGULATORY INFORMATION

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

International Inventories X = listed

Component	EINECS	TSCA	DSL	PICCS	ENCS	ISHL	IECSC	AICS	KECL
Potassium hydroxide	215-181-3	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	KE-29139

Component	Seveso III Directive (2012/18/EC) - Qualifying Quantities for Major Accident Notification	Seveso III Directive (2012/18/EC) - Qualifying Quantities for Safety Report Requirements	Rotterdam Convention (PIC)	Basel Convention (Hazardous Waste)
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### National Regulations

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 16: OTHER INFORMATION

### Legend

CAS - Chemical Abstracts Service

EINECS/ELINCS - European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances/EU List of Notified Chemical Substances

PICCS - Philippines Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances

IECSC - Chinese Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances

TSCA - United States Toxic Substances Control Act Section 8(b) Inventory

DSL/NDL - Canadian Domestic Substances List/Non-Domestic Substances List

ENCS - Japanese Existing and New Chemical Substances

AICS - Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances



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KECL - Korean Existing and Evaluated Chemical Substances

NZIoC - New Zealand Inventory of Chemicals

WEL - Workplace Exposure Limit

ACGIH - American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists

RPE - Respiratory Protective Equipment

LC50 - Lethal Concentration 50%

POW - Partition coefficient Octanol:Water

TWA - Time Weighted Average

IARC - International Agency for Research on Cancer

LD50 - Lethal Dose 50%

EC50 - Effective Concentration 50%

ADR - European Agreement Concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road

IMO/IMDG - International Maritime Organization/International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code

OECD - Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development

BCF - Bioconcentration factor

ICAO/IATA - International Civil Aviation Organization/International Air Transport Association

MARPOL - International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships

ATE - Acute Toxicity Estimate

VOC - (Volatile Organic Compound)

## Key literature references and sources for data

<https://echa.europa.eu/information-on-chemicals>

Suppliers safety data sheet, Chemadvisor - LOLI, Merck index, RTECS

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Not applicable.

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