

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

Perihalan Produk: **Potassium carbonate**
 Product Description: **Potassium carbonate**
 Cat No. : 10838
 Synonyms Potash; Pearl ash; Dipotassium salt of carbonic acid
 CAS No 584-08-7
 Molecular Formula C K₂ O₃

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

Skin Corrosion/Irritation	Category 2 (H315)
Serious Eye Damage/Eye Irritation	Category 2 (H319)
Specific target organ toxicity - (single exposure)	Category 3 (H335)

Label Elements

Signal Word
Warning

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Hazard Statements

H315 - Causes skin irritation
H319 - Causes serious eye irritation
H335 - May cause respiratory irritation

Precautionary Statements

Prevention

P261 - Avoid breathing dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray
P264 - Wash face, hands and any exposed skin thoroughly after handling
P271 - Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area
P280 - Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection

Response

P302 + P352 - IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water
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
P312 - Call a POISON CENTER or doctor if you feel unwell
P362 + P364 - Take off contaminated clothing and wash it before reuse

Storage

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

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 carbonate	584-08-7	>95

SECTION 4: FIRST AID MEASURES

Description of first aid measures

Eye Contact	Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids, for at least 15 minutes. Get medical attention if symptoms occur.
Skin Contact	Wash off immediately with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Get medical attention if symptoms occur.
Ingestion	Do NOT induce vomiting. Get medical attention if symptoms occur.
Inhalation	Remove to fresh air. If symptoms arise, call a physician. 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

No information available.

Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

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Notes to Physician

Treat symptomatically.

SECTION 5: FIREFIGHTING MEASURES

Extinguishing media

Suitable Extinguishing Media

Substance is nonflammable; use agent most appropriate to extinguish surrounding fire.

Extinguishing media which must not be used for safety reasons

No information available.

Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture

Non-combustible, substance itself does not burn but may decompose upon heating to produce corrosive and/or toxic fumes.

Hazardous Combustion Products

Carbon monoxide (CO), Carbon dioxide (CO₂), 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.

SECTION 6: ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Personal Precautions, Protective Equipment and Emergency Procedures

Use personal protective equipment as required. Ensure adequate ventilation. Avoid dust formation. Avoid contact with skin, eyes or clothing.

Environmental precautions

Avoid release to the environment. 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.

SECTION 7: HANDLING AND STORAGE

Precautions for Safe Handling

Wear personal protective equipment/face protection. Ensure adequate ventilation. Avoid dust formation. Avoid contact with skin and eyes. 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.

Specific End Uses

Use in laboratories.

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SECTION 8: EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

Control Parameters

Exposure Controls

Engineering Measures

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

Hand Protection

Protective gloves

Skin and body protection

Wear appropriate protective gloves and clothing to prevent skin exposure

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 compatibility, 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

No information available

SECTION 9: PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Information on basic physical and chemical properties

Appearance

White

Physical State

Powder Solid

Odor

Odorless

Odor Threshold

No data available

pH

11.5-12

50 g/l aq.sol

Melting Point/Range

891 °C / 1635.8 °F

Softening Point

No data available

Boiling Point/Range

No information available

Flash Point

No information available

Method - No information available

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Evaporation Rate	Not applicable	Solid
Flammability (solid,gas)	No information available	
Explosion Limits	No data available	

Vapor Pressure	No information available	
Vapor Density	Not applicable	Solid
Specific Gravity / Density		
Bulk Density	No data available	
Water Solubility	1120 g/L (20°C)	
Solubility in other solvents	No information available	

Partition Coefficient (n-octanol/water)

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	C K2 O3
Molecular Weight	138.21

SECTION 10: STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Reactivity

None known, based on information available.

Chemical Stability

Stable under recommended storage conditions. Hygroscopic.

Possibility of Hazardous Reactions

Hazardous Polymerization	Hazardous polymerization does not occur.
Hazardous Reactions	No information available.

Conditions to Avoid

Avoid dust formation. Incompatible products. Exposure to moisture.

Incompatible Materials

Acids. Strong oxidizing agents. Halogens.

Hazardous Decomposition Products

Carbon monoxide (CO). Carbon dioxide (CO₂). Potassium oxides.

SECTION 11: TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

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Information on Toxicological Effects

Product Information

(a) acute toxicity;

Oral

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

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 carbonate	> 2000 mg/kg (Rat)	LD50 > 2000 mg/kg (Rabbit)	LC50 > 4.96 mg/L (Rat) 4.5 h

(b) skin corrosion/irritation; Category 2

(c) serious eye damage/irritation; Category 2

(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

Not mutagenic in AMES Test

(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;

Category 3

Results / Target organs

Respiratory system.

(i) STOT-repeated exposure;

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

Target Organs

None known.

(j) aspiration hazard;

Not applicable

Solid

Symptoms / effects, both acute and delayed No information available.

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. .

Component	Freshwater Fish	Water Flea	Freshwater Algae	Microtox
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Potassium carbonate	LC50 <510 mg/L/96h (Pimephales promelas)	LC50: = 630 mg/L, 48h (Ceriodaphnia dubia)		
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Persistence and degradability

Persistence Degradability

Soluble in water, Persistence is unlikely, based on information available.
Not relevant for inorganic substances.

Bioaccumulative potential

Bioaccumulation is unlikely

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

SECTION 14: TRANSPORT INFORMATION

IMDG/IMO

Not regulated

Road and Rail Transport

Not regulated

IATA

Not regulated

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 carbonate	209-529-3	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	KE-29083

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National Regulations

Persistent Organic Pollutant
Ozone Depletion Potential

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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

KECL - Korean Existing and Evaluated Chemical Substances

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

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

ENCS - Japanese Existing and New Chemical Substances

AICS - Australian Inventory of 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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