

Classified as hazardous in accordance with the criteria of EPA New Zealand

## Section 1 - Identification

### Product Identifier

<b>Product Name</b>	<u>Potassium sorbate</u>
<b>CAS No</b>	24634-61-5
<b>Synonyms</b>	2,4-Hexadienoic acid, potassium salt; Sorbic acid potassium salt
<b>Molecular Formula</b>	C6 H7 K O2
<b>Molecular Weight</b>	150.22
<b>Recommended Use</b>	Laboratory chemicals.
<b>Uses advised against</b>	No Information available

<b>Product Code</b>	<b>291740000; 291740010; 291740050; 291741000; 291742500</b>
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## Section 2 - Hazard(s) Identification

### Classification under Work Safe New Zealand

Classified as hazardous in accordance with the criteria of EPA New Zealand

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### GHS Classification

#### Physical hazards

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

#### Health hazards

Serious Eye Damage/Eye Irritation

Category 2

#### Environmental hazards

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

### Label Elements

**Signal Word****Warning****Hazard Statements**

H319 - Causes serious eye irritation

**Precautionary Statements****Prevention**

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

P280 - Wear eye protection/ face protection

**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

P337 + P313 - If eye irritation persists: Get medical advice/attention

**Storage**

P403 - Store in a well-ventilated place

**Disposal**

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

**Other hazards which do not result in classification**

## Section 3 - Composition and Information on Ingredients

Component	CAS No	Weight %
Potassium sorbate	24634-61-5	>95

## Section 4 - First Aid Measures

**Description of first aid measures****General Advice**

If symptoms persist, call a physician.

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09 980 6780 or +64 9 980 6780**Inhalation**

Remove to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. Get medical attention if symptoms occur.

**Eye Contact**

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

**Skin Contact**

Wash off immediately with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. If skin irritation persists, call a physician.

**Ingestion**

Clean mouth with water and drink afterwards plenty of water. Get medical attention if symptoms occur.

**Self-Protection of the First Aider**

Use personal protective equipment as required.

**First Aid Facilities**

Eyewash, safety shower and washroom.

**Most important symptoms and effects** None reasonably foreseeable.

**Notes to Physician** Treat symptomatically.

## **Section 5 - Fire Fighting Measures**

### **Suitable Extinguishing Media**

Water spray, carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>), dry chemical, alcohol-resistant foam.

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

No information available.

### **Specific Hazards Arising from the Chemical**

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

### **Hazardous Combustion Products**

Carbon monoxide (CO), Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>).

### **Decomposition Temperature**

270 °C

### **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.

## **Section 6 - Accidental Release Measures**

### **Personal Precautions, Protective Equipment and Emergency Procedures**

#### **Emergency procedures**

Use personal protective equipment as required. Ensure adequate ventilation. Avoid dust formation.

#### **Environmental Precautions**

Should not be released into the environment.

#### **Methods for Containment and Clean Up**

Sweep up and shovel into suitable containers for disposal. Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal.

#### **Precautions to prevent secondary hazards**

Clean contaminated objects and areas thoroughly observing environmental regulations

#### **Reference to Other Sections**

Refer to protective measures listed in Sections 8 and 13.

## **Section 7 - Handling and Storage**

### **Precautions for Safe Handling**

#### **Advice on safe handling**

Wear personal protective equipment/face protection. Ensure adequate ventilation. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Avoid ingestion and inhalation. Avoid dust formation.

#### **Hygiene Measures**

Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.

### **Conditions for Safe Storage, Including any Incompatibilities**

#### **Storage Conditions**

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

**Incompatible Materials**

Strong oxidizing agents.

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

## Section 8 - Exposure Controls and Personal Protection

**Control parameters****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

**Appropriate engineering 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

**Individual protection measures, such as 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
Natural rubber, Nitrile rubber, Neoprene, PVC.	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 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.

**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:  
Recommended half mask:-**

Particulates filter conforming to EN 143 (or AUS/NZ equivalent)  
Particle filtering: EN149:2001 (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**

<b>Physical State</b>	Powder Solid	
<b>Appearance</b>	Light cream	
<b>Odor</b>	Strong	
<b>Odor Threshold</b>	No data available	
<b>pH</b>	7	(543 g/l @ 20°C)
<b>Melting Point/Range</b>	270 °C / 518 °F	
<b>Softening Point</b>	No data available	
<b>Boiling Point/Range</b>	No information available	
<b>Flammability (liquid)</b>	Not applicable	Solid
<b>Flammability (solid,gas)</b>	No information available	
<b>Explosion Limits</b>	No data available	
<b>Flash Point</b>	No information available	<b>Method -</b> No information available
<b>Autoignition Temperature</b>	Not applicable	
<b>Decomposition Temperature</b>	270 °C	
<b>Viscosity</b>	Not applicable	Solid
<b>Water Solubility</b>	58.2 % (20°C)	
<b>Solubility in other solvents</b>	No information available	
<b>Partition Coefficient (n-octanol/water)</b>		
<b>Component</b>	<b>log Pow</b>	
Potassium sorbate	-1.72	
<b>Vapor Pressure</b>	No information available	
<b>Density / Specific Gravity</b>	No data available	
<b>Bulk Density</b>	No data available	
<b>Vapor Density</b>	Not applicable	Solid
<b>Particle characteristics</b>	No data available	
<b><u>Other information</u></b>		
<b>Molecular Formula</b>	C6 H7 K O2	
<b>Molecular Weight</b>	150.22	
<b>Evaporation Rate</b>	Not applicable - Solid	

## Section 10 - Stability and Reactivity

<b>Reactivity</b>	None known, based on information available
<b>Stability</b>	Stable under normal conditions.
<b>Sensitivity to Mechanical Impact</b>	No information available
<b>Sensitivity to Static Discharge</b>	No information available
<b>Hazardous Polymerization</b>	Hazardous polymerization does not occur.
<b>Hazardous Reactions</b>	None under normal processing.
<b>Conditions to Avoid</b>	Incompatible products, Excess heat, Avoid dust formation.
<b>Incompatible Materials</b>	Strong oxidizing agents.
<b>Hazardous Decomposition Products</b>	Carbon monoxide (CO). Carbon dioxide (CO <sub>2</sub> ).

## Section 11 - Toxicological Information

### Acute Effects

### Information on likely routes of exposure

**Product Information**

**Inhalation** Avoid breathing dust or spray mist. May be harmful if inhaled.  
**Eyes** Avoid contact with eyes. Irritating to eyes.  
**Skin** Avoid contact with skin. May cause irritation.  
**Ingestion** May be harmful if swallowed.

**Numerical measures of toxicity****(a) acute toxicity;**

**Oral** Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met  
**Dermal** No data available  
**Inhalation** No data available

Component	LD50 Oral	LD50 Dermal	LC50 Inhalation
Potassium sorbate	LD50 = 3200 mg/kg ( Rat )		

**(b) skin corrosion/irritation;** No data available

**(c) serious eye damage/irritation;** Category 2

**(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** None known.

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

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

**Symptoms / effects, both acute and delayed**

No information available.

**Section 12 - Ecological Information****Ecotoxicity**

**Aquatic ecotoxicity** Do not empty into drains. .

Component	Freshwater Fish	Water Flea	Freshwater Algae	Microtox
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Potassium sorbate	LC50: = 1250 mg/L, 96h static (Brachydanio rerio)	EC50: = 750 mg/L, 48h (Daphnia magna)		
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**Terrestrial ecotoxicity** There is no data for this product

**Persistence and Degradability** Readily biodegradable

**Persistence** Persistence is unlikely.

**Bioaccumulative Potential** Bioaccumulation is unlikely

Component	log Pow	Bioconcentration factor (BCF)
Potassium sorbate	-1.72	No data available

**Mobility** 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

#### Other adverse effects

**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 treatment methods

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

**Other Information** Disposal agencies or waste contractors must comply with the New Zealand Hazardous Substances (Disposal) Regulations. 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

**NZS 5433:2020** Not regulated

**IATA** Not regulated

**IMDG/IMO** Not regulated

**Environmental hazards** No hazards identified

**Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL 73/78 and the** Not applicable, packaged goods

## IBC Code

## Special Precautions

No special precautions required. Please refer to the applicable dangerous goods regulations for additional information.

## Additional information

None known

## Section 15 - Regulatory Information

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

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#### National Regulations

There are no applicable tolerable exposure limits or environmental exposure limits according to the EPA Controls for Hazardous Substances

#### Certified handlers, tracking and controlled substance license requirements

Certified handlers are required for some substances. This includes substances requiring a controlled substance license, and most explosives, vertebrates toxic agents, and certain fumigants. Acutely toxic substances which are a Category 1 or 2, such as pesticides also require Certified handlers. Please check the Health and Safety at Work Act 2015 for further information. Tracking is required for some highly hazardous substances. These substances need to be under the control of an appropriately trained person or appropriately secured. Please check the Health and Safety at Work Act 2015 for further information.

#### Prohibition or notification/licensing requirements

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

#### 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

#### Authorisation/Restrictions according to EU REACH

Component	REACH (1907/2006) - Annex XIV - Substances Subject to Authorization	REACH (1907/2006) - Annex XVII - Restrictions on Certain Dangerous Substances	REACH Regulation (EC 1907/2006) article 59 - Candidate List of Substances of Very High Concern (SVHC)
Potassium sorbate	-	Use restricted. See item 75. (see link for restriction details)	-

<https://echa.europa.eu/substances-restricted-under-reach>

#### International Inventories

New Zealand (NZIoC), Australia (AICS), Europe (EINECS/ELINCS/NLP), Korea (KECL), China (IECSC), Taiwan (TCSI), Japan (ENCS), Japan (ISHL), Canada (DSL/NDSL), Philippines (PICCS). US EPA (TSCA) - Toxic Substances Control Act, (40 CFR Part 710)

Component	CAS No	NZIoC	AICS	EINECS	ELINCS	NLP	KECL	IECSC	TCSI
Potassium sorbate	24634-61-5	X	X	246-376-1	-	-	KE-18528	X	X

Component	CAS No	TSCA	TSCA Inventory notification - Active-Inactive	DSL	NDSL	PICCS	ISHL	ENCS
Potassium sorbate	24634-61-5	X	ACTIVE	X	-	X	X	X

Legend: X - Listed '-' - Not Listed

KECL - NIER number or KE number (<http://ncis.nier.go.kr/en/main.do>)



## Section 16 - Other Information

**This safety data sheet complies with the requirements of the EPA Hazardous Substances (Hazard Classification) Notice 2020 and WorkSafe New Zealand Regulations**

### Legend

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

### **Key literature references and sources for data**

HSNO classifications provided in the New Zealand Chemical Classification Information Database (CCID).

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

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

EPA Guide to classifying hazardous substances in New Zealand

EPA - Assigning a product to an existing HSNO approval guide

### **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.

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