

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

## Section 1 - Identification

### Product Identifier

<b>Product Name</b>	<u>Potassium tetraborate tetrahydrate</u>
<b>CAS No</b>	12045-78-2
<b>Synonyms</b>	Potassium baborate tetrahydrate
<b>Molecular Formula</b>	B4 K2 O7 . 4 H2 O
<b>Molecular Weight</b>	305.5
<b>Recommended Use</b>	Laboratory chemicals.
<b>Uses advised against</b>	No Information available

<b>Product Code</b>	<b>A16272</b>
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## Section 2 - Hazard(s) Identification

### Classification under Work Safe New Zealand

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### GHS Classification

#### Physical hazards

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

#### Health hazards

Reproductive Toxicity

Category 2

#### Environmental hazards

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

### Label Elements

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

H361 - Suspected of damaging fertility or the unborn child

**Precautionary Statements****Prevention**

P201 - Obtain special instructions before use

P202 - Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood

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

**Response**

P308 + P313 - IF exposed or concerned: 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 borate tetrahydrate	12045-78-2	>95
Boron potassium oxide (B <sub>4</sub> K <sub>2</sub> O <sub>7</sub> )	1332-77-0	-

## 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**

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

**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. Chemical 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**

Oxides of boron.

### **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**

Ensure adequate ventilation. Use personal protective equipment as required. 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. Keep away from food, drink and animal feeding stuffs. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. Remove and wash contaminated clothing and gloves, including the inside, before re-use. Wash hands before breaks and after work.

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

#### **Storage Conditions**

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

**Incompatible Materials**

Strong oxidizing agents. Strong acids. Acid anhydrides. Strong reducing agents.

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

## Section 8 - Exposure Controls and Personal Protection

**Control parameters****Exposure limits**

**ACGIH** - Threshold Limit Values - Ceiling (TLV-C) guidelines by the American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists (ACGIH) for controlling worker exposure to airborne chemical concentrations in the workplace.

Component	New Zealand WEL	Australia	ACGIH TLV	The United Kingdom
Potassium borate tetrahydrate			TWA: 2 mg/m <sup>3</sup> STEL: 6 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	
Boron potassium oxide (B4K2O7)			TWA: 2 mg/m <sup>3</sup> STEL: 6 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	

**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. 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

Physical State	Powder Solid	
Appearance	White	
Odor	No information available	
Odor Threshold	No data available	
pH	9.2-9.3	0.1-5% aq.sol
Melting Point/Range	850 °C / 1562 °F	
Softening Point	No data available	
Boiling Point/Range	No information available	
Flammability (liquid)	Not applicable	Solid
Flammability (solid,gas)	No information available	
Explosion Limits	No data available	
Flash Point	No information available	Method - No information available
Autoignition Temperature	No data available	
Decomposition Temperature	No data available	
Viscosity	Not applicable	Solid
Water Solubility	Soluble	
Solubility in other solvents	No information available	
Partition Coefficient (n-octanol/water)		
Vapor Pressure	No information available	
Density / Specific Gravity	No data available	
Bulk Density	No data available	
Vapor Density	Not applicable	Solid
Particle characteristics	No data available	

### Other information

Molecular Formula	B4 K2 O7 . 4 H2 O
Molecular Weight	305.5
Evaporation Rate	Not applicable - Solid

## Section 10 - Stability and Reactivity

Reactivity	None known, based on information available
Stability	Stable under recommended storage conditions.
Sensitivity to Mechanical Impact	No information available
Sensitivity to Static Discharge	No information available
Hazardous Polymerization	No information available.
Hazardous Reactions	None under normal processing.
Conditions to Avoid	Incompatible products.
Incompatible Materials	Strong oxidizing agents, Strong acids, Acid anhydrides, Strong reducing agents.
Hazardous Decomposition Products	Oxides of boron.

## Section 11 - Toxicological Information

### Acute Effects

**Information on likely routes of exposure****Product Information**

No acute toxicity information is available for this product

**Inhalation**

Avoid breathing dust or spray mist. May be harmful if inhaled.

**Eyes**

Avoid contact with eyes.

**Skin**

Avoid contact with skin.

**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 borate tetrahydrate	>2000 mg/kg (Rat)		
Boron potassium oxide (B4K2O7)		LD50 > 2000 mg/kg ( Rabbit )	LC50 > 2.04 mg/L ( Rat ) 4 h

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

No data available

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

No data available

**(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;****Reproductive Effects**

Category 2

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

No data available

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

No data available

**Target Organs**

No information available.

**(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.

**Terrestrial ecotoxicity** There is no data for this product

**Persistence and Degradability**

**Persistence** Soluble in water, Persistence is unlikely, based on information available.

**Degradability** Not relevant for inorganic substances.

**Bioaccumulative Potential** Bioaccumulation is unlikely

**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 IBC Code** Not applicable, packaged goods

**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

#### 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 licencing 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)
Boron potassium oxide (B4K2O7)	-	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/NDL), 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 borate tetrahydrate	12045-78-2	X	X	-	-	-	-	X	X
Boron potassium oxide (B4K2O7)	1332-77-0	X	X	215-575-5	-	-	KE-12187	X	X

Component	CAS No	TSCA	TSCA Inventory notification - Active-Inactive	DSL	NDL	PICCS	ISHL	ENCS
Potassium borate tetrahydrate	12045-78-2	-	-	-	-	-	X	X
Boron potassium oxide (B4K2O7)	1332-77-0	X	ACTIVE	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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