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06 November 2013

**SAFETY DATA SHEET**

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| **1. Substance and Source Identification** |

**Product Identifier**

**SRM Number:** 2202

**SRM Name:** Potassium Chloride (Standard for Ion-Selective Electrodes)

**Other Means of Identification:** Not applicable.

**Recommended Use of This Material and Restrictions of Use**

This Standard Reference Material (SRM) is intended primarily for use in the calibration of ion‑selective electrodes for potassium and chloride ions. A unit of SRM 2202 consists of approximately 160 g of ACS grade potassium chloride.

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| **2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION** |

**Classification**

**Physical Hazard:** Not classified.

**Health Hazard:** Not classified.

**Label Elements**

**Symbol**

No symbol

**Signal Word**

No signal word

**Hazard Statement(s):** Not applicable.

**Precautionary Statement(s):** Not applicable.

**Hazards Not Otherwise Classified:** Not applicable.

**Ingredients(s) with Unknown Acute Toxicity:** Not applicable.

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| **3. COMPOSITION AND INFORMATION ON HAZARDOUS INGREDIENTS** |

**Substance:** Potassium chloride

**Other Designations:** Potassium monochloride; chloropotassuril; potassium muriate; KCl

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| **Hazardous Component(s)** | **CAS Number** | **EC Number**  **(EINECS)** | **Nominal Mass Concentration  (%)** |
| Potassium chloride | 7447-40-7 | 231-211-8 | 100 |

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| **4. FIRST AID MEASURES** |

**Description of First Aid Measures:**

**Inhalation:** If adverse effects occur, remove to uncontaminated area. If not breathing, give artificial respiration or oxygen by qualified personnel. Seek immediate medical attention.

**Skin Contact:** Wash skin with soap and water for at least 15 minutes. Thoroughly clean and dry contaminated clothing before reuse.

**Eye Contact:** Flush eyes with water for at least 15 minutes. If necessary, seek medical attention.

**Ingestion:** If a large amount is swallowed, get medical attention.

**Most Important Symptoms/Effects, Acute and Delayed:** May cause irritation.

**Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed, if necessary:** If any of the above symptoms are present, seek medical attention if needed.

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| **5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES** |

**Fire and Explosion Hazards:** Negligible fire hazard. See Section 9, “Physical and Chemical Properties” for flammability properties.

**Extinguishing Media:**

Suitable: Use extinguishing agents appropriate for surrounding fire.

Unsuitable: None listed.

**Specific Hazards Arising from the Chemical:** None listed.

**Special Protective Equipment and Precautions for Fire-Fighters:** Avoid inhalation of material or combustion byproducts. Wear full protective clothing and NIOSH approved self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA).

**NFPA Ratings** (0 = Minimal; 1 = Slight; 2 = Moderate; 3 = Serious; 4 = Severe)

Health = 1 Fire = 0 Reactivity = 0

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| **6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES** |

**Personal Precautions, Protective Equipment and Emergency Procedures:** Use suitable protective equipment; see Section 8, “Exposure Controls and Personal Protection”.

**Methods and Materials for Containment and Clean up:** Collect spilled material in appropriate container for disposal.

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| **7. HANDLING AND STORAGE** |

**Safe Handling Precautions:** Minimize dust generation. See Section 8, “Exposure Controls and Personal Protection”.

**Storage:** Store and handling in accordance with all current regulations and standards. Keep separated from incompatible substances (acids, halogens, metals).

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| **8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS AND PERSONAL PROTECTION** |

**Exposure Limits:** No occupational exposure limits have been established. The exposure limits for Particulates Not Otherwise Regulated are applicable.

OSHA (PEL): 15 mg/m3 (TWA, total particulates)

5 mg/m3 (TWA, respirable particulates)

**Engineering Controls:** Provide local exhaust or process enclosure ventilation system. Ensure compliance with applicable exposure limits.

**Personal Protection:** In accordance with OSHA 29 CFR 1910.132, subpart I, wear appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to minimize exposure to this material.

**Respiratory Protection:** If workplace conditions warrant a respirator, a respiratory protection program that meets OSHA 29CFR 1910.134 must be followed. Refer to NIOSH 42 CFR 84 for applicable certified respirators.

**Eye/Face Protection:** Wear splash resistant safety goggles with a face shield. An eye wash station should be readily available near areas of use.

**Skin and Body Protection:** Personal protective equipment for the body should be selected based on the task being performed and the risks involved and should be approved by a specialist before handling this product. Chemical-resistant gloves should be worn at all times when handling chemicals.

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| **9**. **Physical and Chemical Properties** |

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| **Descriptive Properties:** |  |
| **Appearance  (physical state, color, etc.):** | colorless to white crystalline powder |
| **Molecular Formula:** | KCl |
| **Molar Mass (g/mol):** | 74.55 |
| **Odor:** | odorless |
| **Odor threshold:** | not available |
| **pH (solution):** | 5.4–8.6 (5 % solution) |
| **Evaporation rate:** | not applicable |
| **Melting point/freezing point (ºC):** | 770 (1292 ºF) |
| **Relative Density (g/mL):** | 1.984 |
| **Vapor Pressure (mmHg):** | not applicable |
| **Vapor Density (air = 1):** | not applicable |
| **Viscosity (cP):** | not applicable |
| **Solubility(ies):** | water soluble ( 23.8 % at 20 ºC); soluble: ethanol;  insoluble: ether and acetone |
| **Partition coefficient (n-octanol/water):** | not available |
| **Particle Size (if relevant)** | not available |
| **Thermal Stability Properties:** |  |
| **Autoignition Temperature (ºC):** | not applicable |
| **Thermal Decomposition (ºC):** | not available |
| **Initial boiling point and boiling range (ºC):** | not applicable |
| **Explosive Limits, LEL (Volume %):** | not applicable |
| **Explosive Limits, UEL (Volume %):** | not applicable |
| **Flash Point (ºC)** | not applicable |
| **Flammability (solid, gas):** | not available |

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| **10. Stability and Reactivity** |

**Reactivity:** Stable at normal temperatures and pressure.

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| **Stability:** | X | Stable |  | Unstable |

**Possible Hazardous Reactions:** None listed.

**Conditions to Avoid:** None reported.

**Incompatible Materials:** Acids, halogens, metals.

**Fire/Explosion Information:** See Section 5, “Fire Fighting Measures”.

**Hazardous Decomposition:** Thermal decomposition will produce chlorine.

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| **Hazardous Polymerization:** |  | Will Occur | X | Will Not Occur |

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| **11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION** |

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| **Route of Exposure:** | X | Inhalation |  | Skin |  | Ingestion |

**Symptoms Related to the Physical, Chemical and Toxicological Characteristics:** May cause irritation.

**Potential Health Effects (Acute, Chronic and Delayed):**

**Inhalation:** May cause irritation.

**Skin Contact:** May cause slight irritation.

**Eye Contact:** May cause irritation. Concentrated solutions may cause a stinging sensation.

**Ingestion:** Ingestion of this material may cause gastrointestinal irritation with nausea, vomiting, epigastric distress, abdominal discomfort and diarrhea.

**Numerical Measures of Toxicity:**

**Acute Toxicity:** Not classified.

Rat, Oral LD50: 2600 mg/kg

**Skin Corrosion/Irritation:** Not classified.

Rare instances of skin rash have been reported with potassium preparations.

**Serious Eye damage/Eye irritation:** Not classified; insufficient data available.

Rabbit, Eyes (mild): 500 mg (24 h)

**Respiratory Sensitization:** Not classified; no data available.

**Skin Sensitization:** Not classified; no data available.

**Germ Cell Mutagenicity:** Not classified; no data available.

**Carcinogenicity:** Not classified.

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| **Listed as a Carcinogen/Potential Carcinogen** |  | Yes | X | No |

Potassium chloride is not listed by IARC, NTP or OSHA as a carcinogen.

**Reproductive Toxicity:** Not classified; no data available.

**Specific Target Organ Toxicity, Single Exposure:** Not classified; no data available.

**Specific Target Organ Toxicity, Repeated Exposure:** Not classified; no data available.

**Aspiration Hazard:** Not classified; no data available.

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| **12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION** |

**Ecotoxicity Data:**

Fish: bluegill (*Lepomis macrochirus*) LC50 (static): 1060 mg/L (96 h)

Algae: freshwater green (*Desmodesmus subspicatus*) EC50: 2500 mg/L (72 h)

Invertebrate: water flea (*Daphnia magna*) EC50 (static): 83 mg/L (48 h)

**Persistence and Degradability:** No data available.

**Bioaccumulative Potential:** No data available.

**Mobility in Soil:** No data available.

**Other Adverse effects:** No data available.

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| **13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS** |

**Waste Disposal:** Dispose of waste in accordance with all applicable federal, state, and local regulations.

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| **14. TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION** |

**U.S. DOT and IATA:** Not regulated by DOT or IATA.

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| **15. REGULATORY INFORMATION** |

**U.S. Regulations:**

CERCLA Sections 102a/103 (40 CFR 302.4): Not regulated.

SARA Title III Section 302 (40 CFR 355.30): Not regulated.

SARA Title III Section 304 (40 CFR 355.40): Not regulated.

SARA Title III Section 313 (40 CFR 372.65): Not regulated.

OSHA Process Safety (29 CFR 1910.119): Not regulated.

SARA Title III Sections 311/312 Hazardous Categories (40 CFR 370.21):

ACUTE HEALTH: No.

CHRONIC HEALTH: No.

FIRE: No.

REACTIVE: No.

PRESSURE: No.

**State Regulations:**

California Proposition 65: Not listed.

**U.S. TSCA Inventory:** Listed.

**TSCA 12(b), Export Notification:** Not listed.

**Canadian Regulations:**

WHMIS Information: Not provided for this material.

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| **16. OTHER INFORMATION** |

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**Sources:** ChemAdvisor, Inc., MSDS *Potassium Chloride*, 17 June 2013.

Hazardous Substances Data Bank, National Library of Medicine, *Potassium Chloride* CAS# 7447‑40‑7, Full Record, available at <http://toxnet.nlm.nih.gov/cgi-bin/sis/htmlgen?HSDB> (accessed Nov 2013).

Center for Disease Control (CDC), NIOSH Pocket Guide to Chemical Hazards, *Particulates Not Otherwise Regulated*, available at <http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/npg/npgd0480.html> (accessed Nov 2013).

**Key of Acronyms:**

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| ACGIH | American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists | NIOSH | National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health |
| ALI | Annual Limit on Intake | NIST | National Institute of Standards and Technology |
| CAS | Chemical Abstracts Service | NRC | Nuclear Regulatory Commission |
| CEN | European Committee for Standardization | NTP | National Toxicology Program |
| CERCLA | Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act | OSHA | Occupational Safety and Health Administration |
| CFR | Code of Federal Regulations | PEL | Permissible Exposure Limit |
| CPSU | Coal Mine Dust Personal Sample Unit | RCRA | Resource Conservation and Recovery Act |
| DOT | Department of Transportation | REL | Recommended Exposure Limit |
| EC50 | Effective Concentration, 50 % | RM | Reference Material |
| EINECS | European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances | RQ | Reportable Quantity |
| EPCRA | Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act | RTECS | Registry of Toxic Effects of Chemical Substances |
| IARC | International Agency for Research on Cancer | SARA | Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act |
| IATA | International Air Transportation Agency | SCBA | Self‑Contained Breathing Apparatus |
| IDLH | Immediately Dangerous to Life and Health | SRM | Standard Reference Material |
| ISO | International Organization for Standardization | STEL | Short Term Exposure Limit |
| LC50 | Lethal Concentration, 50 % | TDLo | Toxic Dose Low |
| LD50 | Lethal Dose, 50 % | TLV | Threshold Limit Value |
| LEL | Lower Explosive Limit | TPQ | Threshold Planning Quantity |
| MSDS | Material Safety Data Sheet | TSCA | Toxic Substances Control Act |
| NFPA | National Fire Protection Association | TWA | Time Weighted Average |
| MSHA | Mine Safety and Health Administration | UEL | Upper Explosive Limit |
|  |  | WHMIS | Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System |

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