

Safety data sheet
according to UK REACH

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SECTION 1: Identification of the substance/mixture and of the company/undertaking

- **1.1 Product identifier**
- **Trade name:** Potassium Hydroxide
- **Article number:** 1515
- **CAS Number:**
1310-58-3
- **EC number:**
215-181-3
- **Index number:**
019-002-00-8
- **Application of the substance / the mixture** Laboratory chemicals
- **1.3 Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet**
- **Manufacturer/Supplier:**
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Single telephone number for emergency calls: 112 (EU)
Tel.: (+34) 937 489 499

SECTION 2: Hazards identification

- **2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture**
- **Classification according to Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008**
Acute Tox. 4 H302 Harmful if swallowed.
Skin Corr. 1A H314 Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.
- **2.2 Label elements**
- **Labelling according to Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008**
The substance is classified and labelled according to the GB CLP regulation.

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· **Hazard pictograms**



GHS05 GHS07

· **Signal word** Danger

· **Hazard statements**

H302 Harmful if swallowed.

H314 Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.

· **Precautionary statements**

P280 Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection/hearing protection.

P303+P361+P353 IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water [or shower].

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/doctor.

P321 Specific treatment (see on this label).

P405 Store locked up.

P501 Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local/regional/national/international regulations.

· **2.3 Other hazards**

· **Results of PBT and vPvB assessment**

· **PBT:** Not applicable.

· **vPvB:** Not applicable.

SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients

· **3.1 Substances**

· **CAS No. Description**

1310-58-3 Potassium Hydroxide

· **Identification number(s)**

· **EC number:** 215-181-3

· **Index number:** 019-002-00-8

SECTION 4: First aid measures

· **4.1 Description of first aid measures**

· **General information:**

Take affected persons out into the fresh air.

Symptoms of poisoning may even occur after several hours; therefore medical observation for at least 48 hours after the accident.

Involve doctor immediately.

· **After inhalation:** In case of unconsciousness place patient stably in side position for transportation.

· **After skin contact:**

Call a doctor immediately.

Dab with polyethylene glycol 400.

Immediately wash with water and soap and rinse thoroughly.

· **After eye contact:** Rinse opened eye for several minutes under running water. Then consult a doctor.

· **After swallowing:**

Do not attempt to neutralize.

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Call a doctor immediately.

· **4.2 Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed**

No further relevant information available.

· **4.3 Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed**

No further relevant information available.

SECTION 5: Firefighting measures

· **5.1 Extinguishing media**

· **Suitable extinguishing agents:**

ABC powder

Use fire extinguishing methods suitable to surrounding conditions.

· **5.2 Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture** Non-combustible.

· **5.3 Advice for firefighters**

· **Protective equipment:** Wear self-contained respiratory protective device.

· **Additional information**

Collect contaminated fire fighting water separately. It must not enter the sewage system.

Dispose of fire debris and contaminated fire fighting water in accordance with official regulations.

SECTION 6: Accidental release measures

· **6.1 Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures**

Avoid formation of dust.

Use respiratory protective device against the effects of fumes/dust/aerosol.

Wear protective equipment. Keep unprotected persons away.

Avoid substance contact.

Ensure adequate ventilation

· **6.2 Environmental precautions:** Do not allow to enter sewers/ surface or ground water.

· **6.3 Methods and material for containment and cleaning up:**

Pick up mechanically.

Avoid formation of dust.

Use neutralising agent.

Dispose contaminated material as waste according to section 13.

Ensure adequate ventilation.

Clean up affected area.

· **6.4 Reference to other sections**

See Section 7 for information on safe handling.

See Section 8 for information on personal protection equipment.

See Section 13 for disposal information.

SECTION 7: Handling and storage

· **7.1 Precautions for safe handling**

Thorough dedusting.

Any unavoidable deposit of dust must be regularly removed.

· **Information about fire - and explosion protection:** The product is not flammable.

· **7.2 Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities**

· **Storage:**

· **Requirements to be met by storerooms and receptacles:**

No aluminium, tin or zinc containers.

Store only in unopened original receptacles.

Provide alkali-resistant floor.

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- **Information about storage in one common storage facility:** Store away from foodstuffs and feedstuffs
- **Further information about storage conditions:**
Keep container tightly sealed.
Open receptacle only under localised extractor facilities.
Store under lock and key and with access restricted to technical experts or their assistants only.
- **Recommended storage temperature:** Room Temperature
- **Storage class:** 8 B
- **7.3 Specific end use(s)** No further relevant information available.

SECTION 8: Exposure controls/personal protection

· 8.1 Control parameters

- **Ingredients with limit values that require monitoring at the workplace:**

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WEL Short-term value: 2 mg/m³

· DNELs

Inhalative	Long-term - local effects, worker	1 mg/m ³
	Long-term - local effects, general population	1 mg/m ³

- **Additional information:** The lists valid during the making were used as basis.

· 8.2 Exposure controls

- **Appropriate engineering controls** No further data; see section 7.
- **Individual protection measures, such as personal protective equipment**
- **General protective and hygienic measures:**
Keep away from foodstuffs, beverages and feed.
Immediately remove all soiled and contaminated clothing
Wash hands before breaks and at the end of work.
Vacuum clean contaminated clothing. Do not blow or brush off contamination.
Avoid contact with the eyes and skin.
- **Respiratory protection:**
Filter P2
Required when dusts are generated.
- **Hand protection**



Protective gloves

The glove material has to be impermeable and resistant to the product/ the substance/ the preparation.
Selection of the glove material on consideration of the penetration times, rates of diffusion and the degradation

· **Material of gloves**

The selection of the suitable gloves does not only depend on the material, but also on further marks of quality and varies from manufacturer to manufacturer.

· **Penetration time of glove material**

The exact break through time has to be found out by the manufacturer of the protective gloves and has to be observed.

· **For the permanent contact gloves made of the following materials are suitable:**

Nitrile rubber, NBR

Recommended thickness of the material: ≥ 0.11 mm

Value for the permeation: Level ≥ 480 min

· **As protection from splashes gloves made of the following materials are suitable:**

Nitrile rubber, NBR

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Recommended thickness of the material: ≥ 0.11 mm

Value for the permeation: Level ≥ 480 min

· **Eye/face protection**



Tightly sealed goggles

· **Body protection:** Use protective suit.

SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties

· 9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties

· General Information

· Physical state	Solid
· Colour:	White
· Odour:	Odourless
· Odour threshold:	Not determined.
· Melting point/freezing point:	406 °C
· Boiling point or initial boiling point and boiling range	1,327 °C
· Flammability	Not determined. Not applicable.
· Lower and upper explosion limit	
· Lower:	Not determined.
· Upper:	Not determined.
· Flash point:	Not applicable.
· Decomposition temperature:	Not determined.
· pH	14
· Viscosity:	
· Kinematic viscosity	Not applicable.
· Dynamic:	Not applicable.
· Solubility	
· water at 20 °C:	1120 g/l
· Partition coefficient n-octanol/water (log value)	-3.88606
· Vapour pressure at 20 °C:	0 hPa
· Density and/or relative density	
· Density at 20 °C:	2.04 g/cm ³
· Relative density	Not determined.
· Vapour density	Not applicable.

· 9.2 Other information

· Appearance:	
· Form:	Solid
· Important information on protection of health and environment, and on safety.	
· Ignition temperature:	Not determined.
· Explosive properties:	Product does not present an explosion hazard.
· Molecular weight	56.1 g/mol
· Change in condition	
· Evaporation rate	Not applicable.

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· Information with regard to physical hazard classes	
· Explosives	Void
· Flammable gases	Void
· Aerosols	Void
· Oxidising gases	Void
· Gases under pressure	Void
· Flammable liquids	Void
· Flammable solids	Void
· Self-reactive substances and mixtures	Void
· Pyrophoric liquids	Void
· Pyrophoric solids	Void
· Self-heating substances and mixtures	Void
· Substances and mixtures, which emit flammable gases in contact with water	Void
· Oxidising liquids	Void
· Oxidising solids	Void
· Organic peroxides	Void
· Corrosive to metals	Void
· Desensitised explosives	Void

SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity

- **10.1 Reactivity** No further relevant information available.
- **10.2 Chemical stability**
- **Thermal decomposition / conditions to be avoided:**
No decomposition if used according to specifications.
- **10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions**
Violent reactions possible with:
Metals, Light metals, ammonium compounds, Alkaline earth metals, halogens, halogen-halogen compounds, Halogenated hydrocarbon, nonmetallic oxyhalides, halogen oxides, organic nitro compounds, phosphorus, nonmetallic oxides, Hydrocarbons, anhydrides, Strong acids, azides
Reacts with water and acids.
Reacts with strong acids and oxidising agents.
Exothermic reactions with:
water
- **10.4 Conditions to avoid** No further relevant information available.
- **10.5 Incompatible materials:**
organic substances
strong acids
- **10.6 Hazardous decomposition products:** In the event of fire: See chapter 5
- **Additional information:**
strongly hygroscopic
exothermic dissolution process with water
Incompatible with:
metals
varous plastics
glass
animal tissues
vegetable tissues

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SECTION 11: Toxicological information

- **11.1 Information on hazard classes as defined in Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008**
- **Acute toxicity** Harmful if swallowed.
- **LD/LC50 values relevant for classification:**
Quantitative data on the toxicological effect of this product are not available.

· Components	Type	Value	Species
Oral LD50		333 mg/kg (rat)	

- **Primary irritant effect:**
- **Skin corrosion/irritation** Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.
- **After inhalation:** Strong caustic effect on skin and mucous membranes.
- **11.2 Information on other hazards**
- **Endocrine disrupting properties** Substance is not listed.

SECTION 12: Ecological information

- **12.1 Toxicity**
- **Aquatic toxicity:** No further relevant information available.

· Type of test	Effective concentration	Method	Assessment
LC50/96 h		80 mg/l (fish)	

- **12.2 Persistence and degradability** No further relevant information available.
- **12.3 Bioaccumulative potential** No further relevant information available.
- **12.4 Mobility in soil** No further relevant information available.
- **12.5 Results of PBT and vPvB assessment**
- **PBT:** Not applicable.
- **vPvB:** Not applicable.
- **12.6 Endocrine disrupting properties**
The product does not contain substances with endocrine disrupting properties.
- **12.7 Other adverse effects**
- **Remark:**
Harmful effect due to pH shift.
Harmful effect on aquatic organism.
Caustic even in diluted form.
Does not cause biological oxygen deficit.
Neutralization possible in waste water treatment plants.
- **Additional ecological information:**
- **General notes:**
Do not allow product to reach ground water, water course or sewage system.
Water hazard class 1 (German Regulation) (Assessment by list): slightly hazardous for water
Must not reach sewage water or drainage ditch undiluted or unneutralised.
Rinse off of bigger amounts into drains or the aquatic environment may lead to increased pH-values. A high pH-value harms aquatic organisms. In the dilution of the use-level the pH-value is considerably reduced, so that after the use of the product the aqueous waste, emptied into drains, is only low water-dangerous.

SECTION 13: Disposal considerations

- **13.1 Waste treatment methods**
- **Recommendation**
Chemicals must be disposed of in compliance with the respective national regulations.
Must not be disposed together with household garbage. Do not allow product to reach sewage system.

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- **Uncleaned packaging:**
- **Recommendation:**
Disposal must be made according to official regulations.
Packagings that may not be cleansed are to be disposed of in the same manner as the product.

SECTION 14: Transport information

· 14.1 UN number or ID number	
· ADR, IMDG, IATA	UN1813
· 14.2 UN proper shipping name	
· ADR, IMDG, IATA	POTASSIUM HYDROXIDE, SOLID
· 14.3 Transport hazard class(es)	
· ADR	
	
· Class	8 (C6) Corrosive substances.
· Label	8
· IMDG, IATA	
	
· Class	8 Corrosive substances.
· Label	8
· 14.4 Packing group	
· ADR, IMDG, IATA	II
· 14.5 Environmental hazards:	Not applicable.
· 14.6 Special precautions for user	Warning: Corrosive substances.
· Hazard identification number (Kemler code):	80
· EMS Number:	F-A,S-B
· Segregation groups	(SGG18) Alkalis
· Stowage Category	A
· Segregation Code	SG35 Stow "separated from" SGG1-acids
· 14.7 Maritime transport in bulk according to IMO instruments	Not applicable.
· Transport/Additional information:	
· ADR	
· Limited quantities (LQ)	1 kg
· Excepted quantities (EQ)	Code: E2 Maximum net quantity per inner packaging: 30 g Maximum net quantity per outer packaging: 500 g
· Transport category	2
· Tunnel restriction code	E

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| · IMDG | 1 kg |
| · Limited quantities (LQ) | Code: E2 |
| · Excepted quantities (EQ) | Maximum net quantity per inner packaging: 30 g |
| | Maximum net quantity per outer packaging: 500 g |
| · UN "Model Regulation": | UN 1813 POTASSIUM HYDROXIDE, SOLID, 8, II |

SECTION 15: Regulatory information

- **15.1 Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture**
- **Poisons Act**
- **Regulated explosives precursors** Substance is not listed.
- **Regulated poisons** Substance is not listed.
- **Reportable explosives precursors** Substance is not listed.
- **Reportable poisons** 17% of total caustic alkalinity
- **Directive 2012/18/EU**
- **Named dangerous substances - ANNEX I** Substance is not listed.
- **15.2 Chemical safety assessment:** A Chemical Safety Assessment has been carried out.

SECTION 16: Other information

This information is based on our present knowledge. However, this shall not constitute a guarantee for any specific product features and shall not establish a legally valid contractual relationship.

- **Abbreviations and acronyms:**
 - RID: Règlement international concernant le transport des marchandises dangereuses par chemin de fer (Regulations Concerning the International Transport of Dangerous Goods by Rail)
 - IATA-DGR: Dangerous Goods Regulations by the "International Air Transport Association" (IATA)
 - ICAO: International Civil Aviation Organisation
 - ICAO-TI: Technical Instructions by the "International Civil Aviation Organisation" (ICAO)
 - ADR: Accord relatif au transport international des marchandises dangereuses par route (European Agreement Concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road)
 - IMDG: International Maritime Code for Dangerous Goods
 - IATA: International Air Transport Association
 - GHS: Globally Harmonised System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals
 - EINECS: European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances
 - CAS: Chemical Abstracts Service (division of the American Chemical Society)
 - DNEL: Derived No-Effect Level (UK REACH)
 - LC50: Lethal concentration, 50 percent
 - LD50: Lethal dose, 50 percent
 - PBT: Persistent, Bioaccumulative and Toxic
 - vPvB: very Persistent and very Bioaccumulative
 - Acute Tox. 4: Acute toxicity – Category 4
 - Skin Corr. 1A: Skin corrosion/irritation – Category 1A
- *** Data compared to the previous version altered.**

Annex: Exposure scenario

- **Short title of the exposure scenario** Formulation and packing/repacking of substances and mixtures
- **Description of the activities / processes covered in the Exposure Scenario**
See section 1 of the annex to the Safety Data Sheet.
- **Conditions of use**
- **Duration and frequency** 5 workdays/week.

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- **Physical parameters**
- **Physical state** Solid
- **Concentration of the substance in the mixture** Raw material.
- **Other operational conditions**
- **Other operational conditions affecting environmental exposure** No special measures required.
- **Other operational conditions affecting worker exposure**
Avoid contact with eyes.
Avoid contact with the skin.
- **Other operational conditions affecting consumer exposure** No special measures required.
- **Other operational conditions affecting consumer exposure during the use of the product**
Not applicable.
- **Risk management measures**
- **Worker protection**
- **Organisational protective measures** No special measures required.
- **Technical protective measures** Ensure that suitable extractors are available on processing machines
- **Personal protective measures**
Do not inhale dust / smoke / mist.
Avoid contact with the skin.
Avoid contact with the eyes.
Tightly sealed goggles
Protective gloves
The glove material has to be impermeable and resistant to the product/ the substance/ the preparation.
Selection of the glove material on consideration of the penetration times, rates of diffusion and the degradation
- **Measures for consumer protection** Ensure adequate labelling.
- **Environmental protection measures**
- **Water**
Generally, prior to the introduction of wastewater into wastewater treatment plants a neutralisation is required.
- **Disposal measures** Ensure that waste is collected and contained.
- **Disposal procedures**
Must not be disposed together with household garbage. Do not allow product to reach sewage system.
- **Waste type** Partially emptied and uncleaned packaging
- **Exposure estimation**
- **Consumer** Not relevant for this Exposure Scenario.
- **Guidance for downstream users** No further relevant information available.