

## SAFETY DATA SHEET

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Print Date 24.02.2024**SECTION 1: Identification of the substance/mixture and of the company/undertaking****1.1 Product identifiers**

Product name : Potassium hydroxide solution

Product Number : 417661  
Brand : SIGALD**1.2 Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against**

Identified uses : Laboratory chemicals, Synthesis of substances

**1.3 Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet**Company : MilliporeSigma Canada Ltd.  
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(International)  
24 Hours/day; 7 Days/week**SECTION 2: Hazards identification****2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture****GHS Classification in accordance with Hazardous Products Regulations (HPR)  
(SOR/2015-17)**Corrosive to Metals (Category 1), H290  
Acute toxicity, Oral (Category 4), H302  
Skin corrosion (Category 1A), H314  
Serious eye damage (Category 1), H318  
Short-term (acute) aquatic hazard (Category 3), H402

For the full text of the H-Statements mentioned in this Section, see Section 16.

**2.2 GHS Label elements, including precautionary statements**

Pictogram



Signal Word

Danger

Hazard statement(s)	
H290	May be corrosive to metals.
H302	Harmful if swallowed.
H314	Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.
H402	Harmful to aquatic life.
Precautionary statement(s)	
P234	Keep only in original packaging.
P264	Wash skin thoroughly after handling.
P270	Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.
P273	Avoid release to the environment.
P280	Wear protective gloves/ protective clothing/ eye protection/ face protection.
P301 + P312 + P330	IF SWALLOWED: Call a POISON CENTER/ doctor if you feel unwell. Rinse mouth.
P301 + P330 + P331	IF SWALLOWED: Rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting.
P303 + P361 + P353	IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water.
P304 + P340 + P310	IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing. Immediately call a POISON CENTER/ doctor.
P305 + P351 + P338 + P310	IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. Immediately call a POISON CENTER/ doctor.
P363	Wash contaminated clothing before reuse.
P390	Absorb spillage to prevent material damage.
P405	Store locked up.
P501	Dispose of contents/ container to an approved waste disposal plant.

### 2.3 Hazards not otherwise classified (HNOC) or not covered by GHS

- none

## SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients

### 3.2 Mixtures

Formula : HKO  
Molecular weight : 56.11 g/mol

Component	Classification	Concentration *
<b>caustic potash</b>		
CAS-No.	1310-58-3	Met. Corr. 1; Acute Tox. 4; Skin Corr. 1A; Eye Dam. 1; Aquatic Acute 3; H290, H302, H314, H318, H402 Concentration limits: >= 0.5 %: Met. Corr. 1, H290; >= 5 %: Skin Corr. 1A, H314; 2 - < 5 %: Skin Corr. 1B, H314; 0.5 - < 2 %: Skin Irrit. 2, H315; 0.5 - < 2 %: Eye Irrit. 2, H319;
EC-No.	215-181-3	
Index-No.	019-002-00-8	
Registration number	01-2119487136-33-XXXX	
		>= 30 - < 60 %

For the full text of the H-Statements mentioned in this Section, see Section 16.

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## SECTION 4: First aid measures

### 4.1 Description of first-aid measures

#### General advice

First aiders need to protect themselves. Show this material safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance.

#### If inhaled

After inhalation: fresh air. Call in physician.

#### In case of skin contact

In case of skin contact: Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/ shower. Call a physician immediately.

#### In case of eye contact

After eye contact: rinse out with plenty of water. Immediately call in ophthalmologist. Remove contact lenses.

#### If swallowed

After swallowing: make victim drink water (two glasses at most), avoid vomiting (risk of perforation). Call a physician immediately. Do not attempt to neutralise.

### 4.2 Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed

The most important known symptoms and effects are described in the labelling (see section 2.2) and/or in section 11

### 4.3 Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

No data available

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## SECTION 5: Firefighting measures

### 5.1 Extinguishing media

#### Suitable extinguishing media

Use extinguishing measures that are appropriate to local circumstances and the surrounding environment.

#### Unsuitable extinguishing media

For this substance/mixture no limitations of extinguishing agents are given.

### 5.2 Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture

Potassium oxides

Not combustible.

Ambient fire may liberate hazardous vapours.

### 5.3 Advice for firefighters

Stay in danger area only with self-contained breathing apparatus. Prevent skin contact by keeping a safe distance or by wearing suitable protective clothing.

### 5.4 Further information

Prevent fire extinguishing water from contaminating surface water or the ground water system.

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**SECTION 6: Accidental release measures****6.1 Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures**

Advice for non-emergency personnel: Do not breathe vapors, aerosols. Avoid substance contact. Ensure adequate ventilation. Evacuate the danger area, observe emergency procedures, consult an expert.

For personal protection see section 8.

**6.2 Environmental precautions**

Do not let product enter drains.

**6.3 Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up**

Cover drains. Collect, bind, and pump off spills. Observe possible material restrictions (see sections 7 and 10). Take up with liquid-absorbent material (e.g. Chemisorb®). Dispose of properly. Clean up affected area.

**6.4 Reference to other sections**

For disposal see section 13.

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**SECTION 7: Handling and storage****7.1 Precautions for safe handling**

For precautions see section 2.2.

**7.2 Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities****Storage conditions**

No metal containers.

Tightly closed.

**Storage class**

Storage class (TRGS 510): 8B: Non-combustible, corrosive hazardous materials

**7.3 Specific end use(s)**

Apart from the uses mentioned in section 1.2 no other specific uses are stipulated

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**SECTION 8: Exposure controls/personal protection****8.1 Control parameters****Ingredients with workplace control parameters**

Components	CAS-No.	Value	Control parameters	Basis
caustic potash	1310-58-3	C	2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Québec. Regulation respecting occupational health and safety, Schedule 1, Part 1: Permissible exposure values for airborne contaminants
		(c)	2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Canada. Alberta, Occupational Health and Safety Code (table 2: OEL)
Remarks	Occupational exposure limit is based on irritation effects and its adjustment to			

	compensate for unusual work schedules is not required		
	C	2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Canada. British Columbia OEL
	C	2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	USA. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)

### Derived No Effect Level (DNEL)

Application Area	Routes of exposure	Health effect	Value
Workers	Inhalation	Long-term local effects	1 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Consumers	Inhalation	Long-term local effects	1 mg/m <sup>3</sup>

## 8.2 Exposure controls

### Appropriate engineering controls

Immediately change contaminated clothing. Apply preventive skin protection. Wash hands and face after working with substance.

### Personal protective equipment

#### Eye/face protection

Use equipment for eye protection tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or EN 166(EU). Tightly fitting safety goggles

#### Skin protection

Handle with gloves. Gloves must be inspected prior to use. Use proper glove removal technique (without touching glove's outer surface) to avoid skin contact with this product. Dispose of contaminated gloves after use in accordance with applicable laws and good laboratory practices. Wash and dry hands.

Full contact

Material: Nitrile rubber

Minimum layer thickness: 0.11 mm

Break through time: 480 min

Material tested: Dermatril® (KCL 740 / Aldrich Z677272, Size M)

Splash contact

Material: Nitrile rubber

Minimum layer thickness: 0.11 mm

Break through time: 480 min

Material tested: Dermatril® (KCL 740 / Aldrich Z677272, Size M)

data source: KCL GmbH, D-36124 Eichenzell, phone +49 (0)6659 87300, e-mail sales@kcl.de, test method: EN374

If used in solution, or mixed with other substances, and under conditions which differ from EN 374, contact the supplier of the EC approved gloves. This recommendation is advisory only and must be evaluated by an industrial hygienist and safety officer familiar with the specific situation of anticipated use by our customers. It should not be construed as offering an approval for any specific use scenario.

#### Body Protection

protective clothing

#### Respiratory protection

required when vapours/aerosols are generated.

Our recommendations on filtering respiratory protection are based on the following standards: DIN EN 143, DIN 14387 and other accompanying standards relating to the used respiratory protection system.

### **Control of environmental exposure**

Do not let product enter drains.

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## **SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties**

### **9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties**

a) Appearance	Form: liquid Color: colorless
b) Odor	No data available
c) Odor Threshold	No data available
d) pH	No data available
e) Melting point/freezing point	No data available
f) Initial boiling point and boiling range	No data available
g) Flash point	( )No data available
h) Evaporation rate	No data available
i) Flammability (solid, gas)	No data available
j) Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits	No data available
k) Vapor pressure	No data available
l) Vapor density	No data available
m) Density	1.456 g/mL at 25 °C (77 °F)
Relative density	No data available
n) Water solubility	soluble
o) Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water	No data available
p) Autoignition temperature	Not applicable
q) Decomposition temperature	No data available
r) Viscosity	No data available
s) Explosive properties	Not classified as explosive.
t) Oxidizing properties	none

### **9.2 Other safety information**

No data available

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## **SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity**

### **10.1 Reactivity**

No data available

### **10.2 Chemical stability**

The product is chemically stable under standard ambient conditions (room temperature) .

### **10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions**

No data available

### **10.4 Conditions to avoid**

no information available

### **10.5 Incompatible materials**

Water, Light metals, Alkali metals, Metals, Organic materials, Copper, reacts violently with:, vigorous reaction with:, Halogens, Nitro compounds, Magnesium, Azides, Contact with aluminum, tin and zinc liberates hydrogen gas. Contact with n formation of shock-sensitive salts.Metals

### **10.6 Hazardous decomposition products**

In the event of fire: see section 5

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## **SECTION 11: Toxicological information**

### **11.1 Information on toxicological effects**

#### **Mixture**

#### **Acute toxicity**

Oral: No data available

Symptoms: mucosal irritations, Cough, Shortness of breath, Possible damages:;, damage of respiratory tract

Dermal: No data available

#### **Skin corrosion/irritation**

Remarks: Mixture causes severe burns.

#### **Serious eye damage/eye irritation**

Remarks: Mixture causes serious eye damage.

Risk of blindness!

#### **Respiratory or skin sensitization**

No data available

#### **Germ cell mutagenicity**

No data available

#### **Carcinogenicity**

No data available

#### **Reproductive toxicity**

No data available

#### **Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure**

No data available

**Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure**

No data available

**Aspiration hazard**

No data available

**11.2 Additional Information**

Material is extremely destructive to tissue of the mucous membranes and upper respiratory tract, eyes, and skin., spasm, inflammation and edema of the larynx, spasm, inflammation and edema of the bronchi, pneumonitis, pulmonary edema, burning sensation, Cough, wheezing, laryngitis, Shortness of breath, Headache, Nausea  
Other dangerous properties can not be excluded.

Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.

**Components****caustic potash****Acute toxicity**

LD50 Oral - Rat - male - 333 mg/kg  
(OECD Test Guideline 425)

Symptoms: If ingested, severe burns of the mouth and throat, as well as a danger of perforation of the esophagus and the stomach.

Inhalation: Corrosive to respiratory system.

Symptoms: burns of mucous membranes, Cough, Shortness of breath, Possible damages:, damage of respiratory tract

Dermal: No data available

**Skin corrosion/irritation**

Skin - Rabbit

Result: Causes burns.

Remarks: (IUCLID)

**Serious eye damage/eye irritation**

Eyes - Rabbit

Result: Causes serious eye damage.

(OECD Test Guideline 405)

Remarks: Causes serious eye damage.

**Respiratory or skin sensitization**

Sensitisation test: - Guinea pig

Result: negative

Remarks: (IUCLID)

**Germ cell mutagenicity**

Test Type: Ames test

Test system: S. typhimurium

Result: negative

Remarks: (ECHA)

Test Type: In vitro mammalian cell gene mutation test

Test system: mouse lymphoma cells

Result: negative

**Carcinogenicity**

No data available



**Reproductive toxicity**

No data available

**Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure**

Acute oral toxicity - If ingested, severe burns of the mouth and throat, as well as a danger of perforation of the esophagus and the stomach.

Acute inhalation toxicity - burns of mucous membranes, Cough, Shortness of breath, Possible damages:, damage of respiratory tract

**Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure**

No data available

**Aspiration hazard**

No data available

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**SECTION 12: Ecological information****12.1 Toxicity****Mixture**

No data available

**12.2 Persistence and degradability**

No data available

**12.3 Bioaccumulative potential**

No data available

**12.4 Mobility in soil**

No data available

**12.5 Results of PBT and vPvB assessment**

PBT/vPvB assessment not available as chemical safety assessment not required/not conducted

**12.6 Endocrine disrupting properties**

No data available

**12.7 Other adverse effects**

No data available

**Components****caustic potash**

Toxicity to fish

LC50 - Gambusia affinis (Mosquito fish) - 80 mg/l - 96 h  
Remarks: (IUCLID)

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**SECTION 13: Disposal considerations****13.1 Waste treatment methods****Product**

Waste material must be disposed of in accordance with the national and local regulations. Leave chemicals in original containers. No mixing with other waste. Handle uncleaned containers like the product itself. See [www.retrologistik.com](http://www.retrologistik.com) for processes regarding the return of chemicals and containers, or contact us there if you have further questions.

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**SECTION 14: Transport information****TDG**

UN number: 1814 Class: 8 Packing group: II  
Proper shipping name: POTASSIUM HYDROXIDE SOLUTION  
Labels: 8  
ERG Code: 154  
Marine pollutant: no

**IMDG**

UN number: 1814 Class: 8 Packing group: II EMS-No: F-A, S-B  
Proper shipping name: POTASSIUM HYDROXIDE SOLUTION

**IATA**

UN number: 1814 Class: 8 Packing group: II  
Proper shipping name: Potassium hydroxide solution

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**SECTION 15: Regulatory information**

This product has been classified in accordance with the hazard criteria of the Hazardous Products Regulations (HPR) and the SDS contains all the information required by the HPR.

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**SECTION 16: Other information****Further information**

The above information is believed to be correct but does not purport to be all inclusive and shall be used only as a guide. The information in this document is based on the present state of our knowledge and is applicable to the product with regard to appropriate safety precautions. It does not represent any guarantee of the properties of the product. Sigma-Aldrich Corporation and its Affiliates shall not be held liable for any damage resulting from handling or from contact with the above product. See [www.sigma-aldrich.com](http://www.sigma-aldrich.com) and/or the reverse side of invoice or packing slip for additional terms and conditions of sale.

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