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POTASSIUM METABISULFITE

1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

PRODUCT NAME: Potassium Metabisulfite

OTHER/GENERIC NAMES: Anhydrous Potassium Bisulfite
Potassium Pyrosulfite
Potassium Acid Sulphite

PRODUCT USE AND RESTRICTIONS ON USE: Drug manufacture, food additive, water treatment, textile manufacture, photographic chemicals, and other chemical processes.

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2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

GHS Classification

Eye Damage Category 1
Skin Irritation Category 2

Label Elements:



DANGER!

Causes serious eye damage.
Causes skin irritation.

Wash hands thoroughly after handling.
Wear protective gloves and eye protection.



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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 or doctor.
IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of water.
If skin irritation occurs: Get medical advice.
Take off contaminated clothing and wash it before reuse.

3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

INGREDIENT NAME	CAS NUMBER	WEIGHT %
Potassium metabisulfite	16731-55-8	≥97

Trace impurities and additional material names not listed above may appear in Section 15 of this SDS. These materials may be listed for local "Right-To-Know" compliance and for other reasons. The exact concentrations are a trade secret.

4. FIRST AID MEASURES

SKIN:	Wash skin with plenty of soap and water. Remove contaminated clothing and launder before reuse. Get medical attention if irritation persists.
EYES:	Flush eyes immediately with water for at least 15 minutes. Remove contact lenses if present after the first 5 minutes if you can do so easily and continue flushing. Get immediate medical attention.
INHALATION:	Remove to fresh air. Get immediate medical attention if signs of suffocation, irritation, difficulty breathing, or other symptoms develop.
INGESTION:	Rinse mouth with water and give 1 glass of water to drink. Do not induce vomiting unless directed to do so by medical personnel. Get medical attention if symptoms develop.
MOST IMPORTANT SYMPTOMS/EFFECTS, ACUTE AND DELAYED:	May irritate the skin. May cause irritation and/or burns to the eyes. Harmful if swallowed or inhaled. May cause severe and possibly fatal allergic reactions if inhaled or swallowed by some asthmatics and other 'sulfite-sensitive' individuals. Reacts with acids to form toxic and irritating sulfur dioxide gas. Releases sulfur dioxide if heated above 300 °C (572 °F).
INDICATION OF IMMEDIATE MEDICAL ATTENTION AND SPECIAL TREATMENT, IF NEEDED:	Immediate medical attention is required for eye contact or allergic respiratory reaction. Treat symptomatically. Note potential for anaphylactic shock with allergic individuals.

5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

SUITABLE (AND UNSUITABLE) EXTINGUISHING MEDIA:

Material is not flammable. Use extinguishing media appropriate for material in surrounding fire.

SPECIFIC HAZARDS ARISING FROM THE CHEMICAL:

Releases toxic and irritating sulfur dioxide at fire temperatures.

SPECIAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT AND PRECAUTIONS FOR FIRE-FIGHTING:

Wear NIOSH-approved self-contained breathing apparatus.



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6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

PERSONAL PRECAUTIONS, PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT, AND EMERGENCY PROCEDURES: Provide ventilation to clear sulfur dioxide fumes which may be generated by contact with water. Wear appropriate personal protective equipment.

ENVIRONMENTAL PRECAUTIONS: Spills and releases may have to be reported to Federal and/or local authorities. See Section 15 regarding reporting requirements.

METHODS AND MATERIALS FOR CONTAINMENT AND CLEANING UP: Promptly sweep up material with minimum dusting and shovel into an empty container with a cover. Rinse spill area with plenty of water.

7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

PRECAUTIONS FOR SAFE HANDLING: (See section 8 for recommended personal protective equipment.)
Avoid contact with skin, eyes and clothing. Do not breathe dust. Do not eat or drink in the work area. Use normal personal hygiene and housekeeping. Keep away from water, ice, acids, heat and oxidizing agents.

CONDITIONS FOR SAFE STORAGE, INCLUDING ANY INCOMPATIBILITIES:
Store in a cool, dry, well-ventilated area away from water, ice, acids, and oxidizing agents.

8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

EXPOSURE GUIDELINES

<u>INGREDIENT NAME</u>	<u>ACGIH TLV</u>	<u>OSHA PEL</u>	<u>OTHER LIMIT</u>
Potassium metabisulfite	None	None	None

OTHER EXPOSURE LIMITS FOR POTENTIAL DECOMPOSITION PRODUCTS:

Sulfur dioxide: OSHA TWA = 5 ppm
ACGIH STEL = 0.25 ppm

APPROPRIATE ENGINEERING CONTROLS:

Local exhaust if dusty conditions exist or if there is a release of sulfur dioxide gas. Do not use in unventilated spaces, e.g., the holds of fishing boats, walk-in coolers or confined spaces.

INDIVIDUAL PROTECTION MEASURES, SUCH AS PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

SKIN PROTECTION:	For handling dry material, wear rubber gloves and full work clothing, including long-sleeved shirt and trousers. When handling solutions and there is prolonged or repeated contact, wear impervious gloves, clothing and boots.
EYE PROTECTION:	Wear chemical safety goggles.



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RESPIRATORY PROTECTION: Where required, use a NIOSH-approved respirator for dust, mist and/or sulfur dioxide gas, as conditions indicate. Some exposures may require a NIOSH-approved self-contained breathing apparatus or supplied-air respirator. Equipment selection depends on contaminant type and concentration. Select in accordance with 29 CFR 1910.134 and good industrial hygiene practice.

ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS: Eyewash and safety shower are recommended.

9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

APPEARANCE:	White crystalline solid.	
PHYSICAL STATE:	Solid.	
ODOR:	Slight sulfur dioxide odor.	
ODOR THRESHOLD:	Not determined.	
MOLECULAR WEIGHT:	222.32	
CHEMICAL FORMULA:	$K_2S_2O_5$	
RELATIVE DENSITY (water = 1.0):	1.20	
SOLUBILITY IN WATER:	450 g/l H_2O at 20°C (68°F)	
pH:	5% solution - 3.5-4.5	
INITIAL BOILING POINT/RANGE:	Not applicable.	
MELTING/FREEZING POINT:	Begins to rapidly decompose above 150°C (302°F)	
VAPOR PRESSURE:	Not applicable.	
RELATIVE VAPOR DENSITY (air = 1.0):	Not applicable.	
EVAPORATION RATE:	Not applicable.	COMPARED TO: Not applicable.
% VOLATILES:	Not applicable.	
PARTITION COEFFICIENT (N-OCTANOL/WATER):	Not determined.	
KINEMATIC VISCOSITY:	Not applicable.	
FLASH POINT:	Not flammable.	
FLASH POINT METHOD:	Not applicable.	
AUTOIGNITION TEMPERATURE:	Not applicable.	
UPPER FLAME LIMIT (volume % in air):	Not applicable.	
LOWER FLAME LIMIT (volume % in air):	Not applicable.	
DECOMPOSITION TEMPERATURE:	Not determined.	
FLAMMABILITY:	Not flammable.	
OSHA FLAMMABILITY CLASS:	Not applicable.	
PARTICLE CHARACTERISTICS:	Not available.	

10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

REACTIVITY:
Not normally reactive

CHEMICAL STABILITY:
Normally stable.

POSSIBILITY OF HAZARDOUS REACTIONS:
Reacts with acids to form toxic and irritating sulfur dioxide gas.

CONDITIONS TO AVOID:
Avoid elevated temperatures. Temperatures above 150°C (302°F) cause the rapid evolution of toxic and corrosive sulfur dioxide gas.



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INCOMPATIBILITIES:

Oxidizers: may cause strong exothermic reactions.
Acids, water and ice: releases sulfur dioxide gas which is toxic, corrosive, and potentially deadly.

HAZARDOUS DECOMPOSITION PRODUCTS:

Reaction with acids and thermal decomposition will generate sulfur dioxide and potassium sulfate.

11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

POTENTIAL HEALTH HAZARDS

ACUTE EFFECTS OF EXPOSURE:

SKIN: Repeated or prolonged contact with dust may cause irritation. Contact with solutions will cause skin irritation and possibly burns.

EYES: Dust or mist may irritate or burn the eyes. Solutions will irritate or burn. Permanent eye injury is possible.

INHALATION: Inhalation of dust or mist can irritate the respiratory tract. May cause severe or deadly allergic reactions in some asthmatics and sulfite sensitive individuals. Possible signs and symptoms of allergic reactions include bronchoconstriction, sweating, flushing, hives, rapid heart rate, decreased blood pressure, and anaphylaxis. Contact with acids, water and/or ice, releases sulfur dioxide gas which may be harmful or deadly if inhaled.

INGESTION: May irritate the gastrointestinal tract. May cause severe or deadly allergic reactions in some asthmatics and sulfite sensitive individuals. Very large doses may cause violent colic, diarrhea, depression, and even death.

CHRONIC EFFECTS: None known.

Ingredients found on one of the three OSHA designated carcinogen lists are listed below.

<u>INGREDIENT NAME</u>	<u>NTP STATUS</u>	<u>IARC STATUS</u>	<u>OSHA LIST</u>
No ingredients listed in this section.	----	----	----

NUMERICAL MEASURES OF TOXICITY:

Immediate (Acute) Effects:

Potassium metabisulfite - LD₅₀ (oral, rat) = 2300 mg/kg

Delayed (Subchronic and Chronic) Effects:

No data currently available.

Other Data:

None

12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

ECOTOXICITY:



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If discharged into surface water, the product can cause considerable oxygen reduction, with negative consequences on living organisms.

Brachydemio rerio 96 hrs LC50	460-1000 mg/L
Pseudomonas putida 17 hr EC50	65 mg/L

PERSISTENCE AND DEGRADABILITY:

Chemical Oxygen Demand (COD) 140 mg/g (calculated)

BIOACCUMULATIVE POTENTIAL:

Distribution coefficient n-octanol/water	-4.0
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MOBILITY IN SOIL:

No data available

OTHER ADVERSE EFFECTS:

No data available.

13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

RCRA

Is the unused product a RCRA hazardous waste if discarded? No

If yes, the RCRA ID number is: Not applicable.

OTHER DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS:

Dispose of in accordance with applicable Federal, State and Local regulations.

The information offered in section 13 is for the product as shipped. Use and/or alterations to the product such as mixing with other materials may significantly change the characteristics of the material and alter the RCRA classification and the proper disposal method.

14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

US DOT HAZARD CLASS:	Not regulated.
US DOT ID NUMBER:	Not applicable.
PROPER SHIPPING NAME:	Not applicable.

For additional information on shipping regulations affecting this material, contact the information number found in Section 1.

15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

TOXIC SUBSTANCES CONTROL ACT (TSCA)

TSCA INVENTORY STATUS:	All components are listed on TSCA Inventory of Chemical Substances.
OTHER TSCA ISSUES:	None.

SARA TITLE III/CERCLA

"Reportable Quantities" (RQs) and/or "Threshold Planning Quantities" (TPQs) exist for the following ingredients.

INGREDIENT NAME

SARA/CERCLA RQ (lb)

SARA EHS TPQ (lb)



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No ingredients listed in this section.

Spills or releases resulting in the loss of any ingredient at or above its RQ requires immediate notification to the National Response Center [(800) 424-8802] and to your Local Emergency Planning Committee. Many states have more stringent regulations. Report all spills in accordance with local, state and federal regulations.

SECTION 311 HAZARD CLASS: See OSHA Hazard Classification in Section 2.

SARA 313 TOXIC CHEMICALS:

The following ingredients are SARA 313 "Toxic Chemicals" and may be subject to annual reporting requirements. CAS numbers and weight percents are found in Section 2.

INGREDIENT NAME

No ingredients listed in this section.

COMMENT

STATE RIGHT-TO-KNOW

In addition to the ingredients found in Section 2, the following are listed for state right-to-know purposes.

INGREDIENT NAME

No ingredients listed in this section.

WEIGHT %

COMMENT

CALIFORNIA PROPOSITION 65

This product does not contain any ingredients known to the State of California to cause cancer and/or reproductive harm.

ADDITIONAL REGULATORY INFORMATION:

None

FOREIGN CHEMICAL CONTROL INVENTORY STATUS:

Listed on Canadian DSL, Australian AICS, Philippines PICCS, Chinese IECSC, Japanese MITI, Korean KECL, and EU EINECS.

16. OTHER INFORMATION

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PREVIOUS ISSUE DATE: December, 2021

CHANGES TO SDS FROM PREVIOUS ISSUE DATE ARE DUE TO THE FOLLOWING:

Updated for HCS 2024. Updated classification based on newly available information.

OTHER INFORMATION: Only NF grade is for use in drug formulation. Only Food Grade material is for use as a food additive.

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