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Section 3. Composition

3.1 Substances

Component	CAS No.	EEC No.	REACH No.	Conc w/w	CLP Classification (1272/2008/CE)
Potassium carbonate	584-08-7	209-529-3	01-2119532646-36-XXXX	99.5%	Skin Irrit. 2, Eye Irrit. 2, STOT SE 3 (I)

Section 4. First Aid

4.1 Description of first aid measures

Eyes	Irrigate thoroughly with plenty of water for at least 10 minutes, holding the eye open. If discomfort persists OBTAIN MEDICAL ATTENTION.
Skin	Wash off skin thoroughly with water.
Inhalation	Remove from exposure.
Ingestion	Wash out the patients mouth thoroughly with water. In severe cases or if exposure has been great, OBTAIN MEDICAL ATTENTION.
Personal protection for first aiders	Wear protective gloves / eye protection.

4.2 Most important symptoms and effects, both acute & 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. Fire Fighting

5.1 Extinguishing media

Extinguishing Media	Consider what other flammable materials are present and act accordingly.
Unsuitable Media	Nothing specified.

5.2 Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture

Hazards	Presents no specific fire danger.
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5.3 Advice for firefighters

Advice for firefighters	Consider all other materials in the vicinity.
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Section 6. Accidental Release Measures

6.1 Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

Personal Protection	Avoid breathing dust-wear respiratory protective equipment.
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6.2 Environmental precautions

Environmental	Notify the Environmental Agency and local Environmental Health Officer if major spillage occurs.
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6.3 Methods and material for containment and cleaning up

Major Spillage	Shovel/sweep up into container for removal Wash area down with copious amounts of water.
Minor Spillage	Wash area down with copious amounts of water.

6.4 Reference to other sections

See section 8.2 for information on protective equipment and section 13 for information on disposal.

Section 7. Storage & Handling

7.1 Precautions for safe handling

Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Do not breath dust. Do not allow to contaminate clothing.

Ensure Local Exhaust Ventilation maintains dust concentrations to a minimum.

7.2 Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Well ventilated, cool, dry storage . Product is hygroscopic: store in sealed containers away from heat, light and humidity.

7.3 Specific end use(s)

See section 1.2.

Section 8. Workplace Exposure & Personal Protection

8.1 Control parameters

Component	CAS No	Concentration	Workplace Exposure Limits	
			Long Term (8hr TWA)	Short Term 15min period
Potassium carbonate	584-08-7	99.5%	-	-

Exposure data source(s) No occupational exposure data currently available.

8.2 Exposure controls

Respiratory Protection If process creates significant amounts of dust use L.E.V. or wear suitable dust mask.

Hand Protection Wear gloves.

Eye Protection Use tightly fitting chemical splash proof glasses or goggles.

Skin Protection Avoid contact with skin. If skin contact or contamination of clothing is likely, protective clothing must be worn.

Special Hazards No special precautions required.

Section 9. Physical & Chemical Properties

9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties

Appearance	White powder.
Odour	No specific odour.
pH	12 @ 20°C
Boiling Point	Not available
Melting Point	891°C
Flash Point	Not applicable
Upper Flammable Limit	Not applicable
Lower Flammable Limit	Not applicable
Auto Ignition	Not applicable
Explosive Properties	No.
Oxidising Properties	No.
Vapour Pressure	Not applicable
Relative Density	2.4280
Water Solubility	Very soluble in water.

9.2 Other information

No data available.

Section 10. Stability & Reactivity

10.1 Reactivity No data available.

10.2 Chemical Stability Stable under normal conditions

10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions No data available.

10.4 Conditions to Avoid Avoid ingress of water and contact with acids.

10.5 Incompatible Materials Acids. Finely powdered metals.

10.6 Hazardous Decomposition Products None unusual.

Section 11. Toxicological Information

11.1 Information on toxicological effects

Eyes	The solid and solutions will be irritating to the eyes. Causes serious eye irritation.
Skin	The solid and solutions will be irritating to the skin.
LD50 Skin	>2000mg/kg Rabbit
Ingestion	Ingestion causes irritation with discomfort and burning sensation.
LD50 Oral	>2000mg/kg Rat
Inhalation	Inhalation of dust will produce irritation of the eyes, nose, throat and respiratory tract.
LD50 Inhalation	>4.9mg/l Rat
TCLo	Not available
Carcinogenicity	Not considered to be a carcinogen.
Mutagenicity	Not considered to be a mutagen.
Reproductive Effects	None identified.

Section 12. Ecological

12.1 Toxicity	No specific environmental hazard.
LC50 Algal	Not available
LC50 Crustacea	>200mg/l Daphnia magna (48 hours)
LC50 Fish	68mg/l Rainbow Trout (96 hours)
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 & vPvB assessment	Assessment not required.
12.6 Other adverse effects	None known at present.

Section 13. Disposal Considerations

13.1 Waste treatment methods

Disposal Methods	Flush to drain.
Contaminated Packaging	Wash out containers with water. Use a licensed waste disposer.

Section 14. Transport Information

14.1 UN Number	Non-restricted
14.2 Proper Shipping Name	Non-restricted
14.3 Transport classes	
UN classification	None
Subsidiary hazard(s)	None
Transport category	None
ADR Hazard ID	Non-restricted
Tunnel Restriction Code	Non-restricted
14.4 Packing Group	None
14.5 Environment hazards	See section 12.
14.6 Special precautions for user	No special precautions required.
14.7 Transport in bulk	Not transported in bulk.

Section 15. Regulatory Information

15.1 Safety, health and environment regulations specific for substance/mixture.

Classification, Labeling & Packaging of Substances & Mixtures Regulations (1272/2008/CE)

Classification Skin corrosion/irritation, category 2; Serious eye damage/irritation, category 2; Spec target organ tox - single, category 3

Signal word Warning

Hazard Pictograms



Hazard Statements H315, H319, H335
Causes skin irritation. Causes serious eye irritation. May cause respiratory irritation.

Precautionary Statements P264, P280, P403+P235, P305+P351+P338, P302+P352, P260
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15.2 Chemical safety assessment

Assessment not required.

Section 16. Other Information

The information contained in this document only covers the hazards presented by this material, it DOES NOT constitute a workplace risk assessment. See sections 11 for toxicological information and section 12 for ecological information.

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