1.1 Product identifiers

Product name: Potassium (poly)sulfide

Product Number: 12665
Brand: Sigma-Aldrich
Index-No.: 016-007-00-7
CAS-No.: 37199-66-9

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: Sigma-Aldrich Inc.
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1.4 Emergency telephone

Emergency Phone #: 800-424-9300 CHEMTREC (USA) +1-703-527-3887 CHEMTREC (International) 24 Hours/day; 7 Days/week

SECTION 2: Hazards identification

2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture

GHS Classification in accordance with 29 CFR 1910 (OSHA HCS)

Self-heating chemicals (Category 2), H252
Skin corrosion (Category 1B), H314
Serious eye damage (Category 1), H318
Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure (Category 3), Respiratory system, H335
Short-term (acute) aquatic hazard (Category 1), H400

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)
H252  Self-heating in large quantities; may catch fire.
H314  Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.
H335  May cause respiratory irritation.
H400  Very toxic to aquatic life.

Precautionary statement(s)
P235 + P410  Keep cool. Protect from sunlight.
P260  Do not breathe dust.
P264  Wash skin thoroughly after handling.
P271  Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area.
P273  Avoid release to the environment.
P280  Wear protective gloves/ protective clothing/ eye protection/ face protection.
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/ shower.
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.
P391  Collect spillage.
P403 + P233  Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed.
P403 + P235  Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep cool.
P405  Store locked up.
P407  Maintain air gap between stacks/ pallets.
P420  Store away from other materials.
P501  Dispose of contents/ container to an approved waste disposal plant.

2.3 Hazards not otherwise classified (HNOC) or not covered by GHS
Contact with acids liberates toxic gas.

SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients

3.1 Substances

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<td>potassium polysulfides</td>
<td>2; Skin Corr. 1B; Eye Dam. 1; STOT SE 3; Aquatic Acute 1; H252; H314, H318, H335, H400 M-Factor - Aquatic Acute: 10</td>
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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

SECTION 5: Firefighting measures

5.1 Extinguishing media

**Suitable extinguishing media**
Water Foam Carbon dioxide (CO2) Dry powder

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

5.2 Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture
Nature of decomposition products not known.
Combustible.
Development of hazardous combustion gases or vapours possible in the event of fire.

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.
SECTION 6: Accidental release measures

6.1 Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures
Advice for non-emergency personnel: Avoid inhalation of dusts. 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 dry. Dispose of properly. Clean up affected area. Avoid generation of dusts.

6.4 Reference to other sections
For disposal see section 13.

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
Tightly closed. Keep away from heat and sources of ignition.
Do not store near acids.
Air and light sensitive.

Storage class
Storage class (TRGS 510): 4.2: Pyrophoric and self-heating hazardous materials

7.3 Specific end use(s)
Apart from the uses mentioned in section 1.2 no other specific uses are stipulated

SECTION 8: Exposure controls/personal protection

8.1 Control parameters
Ingredients with workplace control parameters
Contains no substances with occupational exposure limit values.

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 impervious gloves.

This recommendation applies only to the product stated in the safety data sheet, supplied by us and for the designated use. When dissolving in or mixing with other substances and under conditions deviating from those stated in EN374 please contact the supplier of CE-approved gloves (e.g. KCL GmbH, D-36124 Eichenzell, Internet: www.kcl.de).

Full contact
Material: Nitrile rubber
Minimum layer thickness: 0.11 mm
Break through time: 480 min
Material tested: KCL 741 Dermatril® L

Splash contact
Material: Nitrile rubber
Minimum layer thickness: 0.11 mm
Break through time: 480 min
Material tested: KCL 741 Dermatril® L

**Body Protection**
protective clothing

**Respiratory protection**
required when dusts 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.

### SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties

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

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explosive limits
k) Vapor pressure No data available
l) Vapor density No data available
m) Density No data available
  Relative density No data available
n) Water solubility soluble
o) Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water No data available
p) Autoignition temperature The substance or mixture is classified as self heating with the category 2.
q) Decomposition temperature > 460 °C (> 860 °F) -
r) Viscosity No data available
s) Explosive properties During processing, dust may form explosive mixture in air.
t) Oxidizing properties none

9.2 Other safety information
No data available

SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity

10.1 Reactivity
The following applies in general to flammable organic substances and mixtures: in correspondingly fine distribution, when whirled up a dust explosion potential may generally be assumed.
Contact with acids liberates toxic gas.

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

10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions
Generates dangerous gases or fumes in contact with:
Acids

10.4 Conditions to avoid
no information available

10.5 Incompatible materials
Strong oxidizing agents, Strong acids, Flammable materials, Fluorine, Oxygen, Air

10.6 Hazardous decomposition products
In the event of fire: see section 5
SECTION 11: Toxicological information

11.1 Information on toxicological effects

**Acute toxicity**
Oral: No data available
Inhalation: No data available
LC50 Inhalation - Rat - 4 h - 444 mg/l - dust/mist

Remarks: No data available
Inhalation: Corrosive to respiratory system.
Symptoms: mucosal irritations, Cough, Shortness of breath, Possible damages:, damage of respiratory tract
Dermal: No data available

**Skin corrosion/irritation**
Causes skin burns.

**Serious eye damage/eye irritation**
Causes serious eye damage.

**Respiratory or skin sensitization**
No data available

**Germ cell mutagenicity**
No data available

**Carcinogenicity**
IARC: No ingredient of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as probable, possible or confirmed human carcinogen by IARC.
NTP: No ingredient of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a known or anticipated carcinogen by NTP.
OSHA: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is on OSHA’s list of regulated carcinogens.

**Reproductive toxicity**
No data available
No data available

**Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure**
May cause respiratory irritation.

**Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure**
No data available

**Aspiration hazard**
No data available

11.2 Additional Information

RTECS: TT5950000
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, Vomiting, To the best of our knowledge, the chemical, physical, and toxicological properties have not been thoroughly investigated.
SECTION 12: Ecological information

12.1 Toxicity
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

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 for processes regarding the return of chemicals and containers, or contact us there if you have further questions.

SECTION 14: Transport information

DOT (US)
UN number: 1382  Class: 4.2  Packing group: II
Proper shipping name: Potassium sulfide
Reportable Quantity (RQ):
Poison Inhalation Hazard: No

IMDG
UN number: 1382  Class: 4.2  Packing group: II EMS-No: F-A, S-J
Proper shipping name: POTASSIUM SULPHIDE
Marine pollutant : yes

IATA
UN number: 1382  Class: 4.2  Packing group: II
Proper shipping name: Potassium sulphide
SECTION 15: Regulatory information

**SARA 302 Components**
This material does not contain any components with a section 302 EHS TPQ.

**SARA 313 Components**
This material does not contain any chemical components with known CAS numbers that exceed the threshold (De Minimis) reporting levels established by SARA Title III, Section 313.

**SARA 311/312 Hazards**
Reactivity Hazard

**Massachusetts Right To Know Components**
No components are subject to the Massachusetts Right to Know Act.

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 and/or the reverse side of invoice or packing slip for additional terms and conditions of sale.

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