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

1.1 Product identifiers

Product name: Potassium hydroxide
Product Number: 221473
Brand: SIGALD
Index-No.: 019-002-00-8
CAS-No.: 1310-58-3

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.
3050 SPRUCE ST
ST. LOUIS MO 63103
UNITED STATES

Telephone: +1 314 771-5765
Fax: +1 800 325-5052

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)

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

SIGALD - 221473
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 container.
P260 Do not breathe dusts or mists.
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/ 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.
P390 Absorb spillage to prevent material damage.
P405 Store locked up.
P406 Store in corrosive resistant container with a resistant inner liner.
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

3.1 Substances
Synonyms: Caustic potash

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<td>Skin Corr. 1A; Eye Dam. 1; Aquatic Acute 3; H290, H302, H314, H318, H402</td>
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SIGALD - 221473
For the full text of the H-Statements mentioned in this Section, see Section 16.

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
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**
Gives off hydrogen by reaction with metals. 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: 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.

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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. Dry.
  Absorbs carbon dioxide (CO2) from air.
  Air sensitive. strongly hygroscopic

- **Storage class**
  Storage class (TRGS 510): 8A: 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**
### Component Information

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<td>1310-58-3</td>
<td>C</td>
<td>2 mg/m³</td>
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### Derived No Effect Level (DNEL)

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### 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**
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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<td><strong>pH</strong></td>
<td>ca.13.5 at 5.6 g/l at 25 °C (77 °F)</td>
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<td>Melting point/range: 361 °C (682 °F) - lit.</td>
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<td><strong>Initial boiling point and boiling range</strong></td>
<td>1,327 °C 2,421 °F at 1,013 hPa</td>
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#### 9.2 Other safety information

No data available
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). Heat of solution is very high, and with limited amounts of water, violent boiling may occur.

10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions
No data available

10.4 Conditions to avoid
Do not heat above melting point.
No information available

10.5 Incompatible materials
animal/vegetable tissues, glass, various plastics, Metals

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
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
Metabolic activation: with and without metabolic activation
Result: negative
Remarks: (ECHA)
Test Type: In vitro mammalian cell gene mutation test
Test system: mouse lymphoma cells
Metabolic activation: with and without metabolic activation
Method: OECD Test Guideline 476
Result: negative

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

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
RTECS: TT2100000
To the best of our knowledge, the chemical, physical, and toxicological properties have not been thoroughly investigated.

After uptake:
Vomiting
shock

Other dangerous properties can not be excluded.

Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.

SECTION 12: Ecological information

12.1 Toxicity
Toxicity to fish static test LC50 - Gambusia affinis (Mosquito fish) - 80 mg/l - 96 h
Remarks: (ECOTOX Database)

12.2 Persistence and degradability
The methods for determining the biological degradability are not applicable to inorganic substances.
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: 1813  Class: 8  Packing group: II
Proper shipping name: Potassium hydroxide, solid
Reportable Quantity (RQ): 1000 lbs
Poison Inhalation Hazard: No

IMDG
UN number: 1813  Class: 8  Packing group: II
Proper shipping name: POTASSIUM HYDROXIDE, SOLID
EMS-No: F-A, S-B

IATA
UN number: 1813  Class: 8  Packing group: II
Proper shipping name: Potassium hydroxide, solid

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
Acute Health Hazard
Massachusetts Right To Know Components

Potassium hydroxide  CAS-No.  Revision Date
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Pennsylvania Right To Know Components

Potassium hydroxide  CAS-No.  Revision Date
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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 and/or the reverse side of invoice or packing slip for additional terms and conditions of sale.

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