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

1.1 Product identifiers

Product name: Potassium

Product Number: 244856
Brand: Aldrich
Index-No.: 019-001-00-2
REACH No.: A registration number is not available for this substance as the substance or its uses are exempted from registration, the annual tonnage does not require a registration or the registration is envisaged for a later registration deadline.
CAS-No.: 7440-09-7

1.2 Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against

Identified uses: Laboratory chemicals, Manufacture 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

Classification according to Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008

Substances and mixtures which in contact with water emit flammable gases (Category 1), H260
Skin corrosion (Sub-category 1B), H314
Serious eye damage (Category 1), H318

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

**Labelling according Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008**

**Pictogram**

- **Signal word**: Danger
- **Hazard statement(s)**
  - **H260**: In contact with water releases flammable gases which may ignite spontaneously.
  - **H314**: Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.
- **Precautionary statement(s)**
  - **P223**: Do not allow contact with water.
  - **P231 + P232**: Handle and store contents under inert gas. Protect from moisture.
  - **P260**: Do not breathe dusts or mists.
  - **P280**: Wear protective gloves/ protective clothing/ eye protection/ face protection/ hearing protection.
  - **P303 + P361 + P353**: IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water.
  - **P305 + P351 + P338**: IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.

**Supplemental Hazard information (EU)**

- **EUH014**: Reacts violently with water.

**Reduced Labeling (<= 125 ml)**

**Pictogram**

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**Supplemental Hazard information (EU)**

- **EUH014**: Reacts violently with water.

### 2.3 Other hazards

This substance/mixture contains no components considered to be either persistent, bioaccumulative and toxic (PBT), or very persistent and very bioaccumulative (vPvB) at levels of 0.1% or higher.
SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients

3.1 Substances

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<th>Concentration</th>
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<td>Water-react 1; Skin Corr. 1B; Eye Dam. 1; H260, H314, H318</td>
<td>&lt;= 100 %</td>
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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 aider needs to protect himself. 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
Carbon dioxide (CO2) Dry powder

Unsuitable extinguishing media
Water Foam
5.2 **Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture**
Potassium oxides
Combustible.
May not get in touch with: Water
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.

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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. Risk of explosion.

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**
Advice on safe handling
Keep workplace dry. Do not allow product to come into contact with water.

**Hygiene measures**
Immediately change contaminated clothing. Apply preventive skin protection. Wash hands and face after working with substance.
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.
Never allow product to get in contact with water during storage.
Handle and store under inert gas.

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

8.2 Exposure controls

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.

The selected protective gloves have to satisfy the specifications of Regulation (EU) 2016/425 and the standard EN 374 derived from it.

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 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.
Recommended Filter type: Filter type P2
The entrepreneur has to ensure that maintenance, cleaning and testing of respiratory protective devices are carried out according to the instructions of the producer. These measures have to be properly documented.

**Control of environmental exposure**
Do not let product enter drains. Risk of explosion.

### SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties

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

- **a)** Appearance
  - Form: Ingots
  - Color: gray
- **b)** Odor
  - No data available
- **c)** Odor Threshold
  - No data available
- **d)** pH
  - No data available
- **e)** Melting point/freezing point
  - Melting point/range: 64 °C - lit.
- **f)** Initial boiling point and boiling range
  - 760 °C - lit.
- **g)** Flash point
  - Not applicable
- **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
  - 0,1 hPa at 260 °C
- **l)** Vapor density
  - No data available
- **m)** Relative density
  - 0,86 g/cm³ at 25 °C
- **n)** Water solubility
  - No data available
- **o)** Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water
  - Not applicable for inorganic substances
- **p)** Autoignition temperature
  - No data available
- **q)** Decomposition temperature
  - No data available
- **r)** Viscosity
  - Viscosity, kinematic: No data available
  - Viscosity, dynamic: No data available
- **s)** Explosive properties
  - No data available
- **t)** Oxidizing properties
  - No data available

#### 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.
Reacts violently with water.

10.2 Chemical stability
sensitive to moisture
Test for peroxide formation before using or discard after 3 months.

10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions
No data available

10.4 Conditions to avoid
Do not allow water to enter container because of violent reaction.
Moisture.

10.5 Incompatible materials
Oxidizing agents, Carbon oxides, Reacts violently with water., Reacts with water to generate Hydrogen gas.

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
No data available
Symptoms: If ingested, severe burns of the mouth and throat, as well as a danger of perforation of the esophagus and the stomach.

Skin corrosion/irritation
Causes skin burns. Classified according to Regulation (EU) 1272/2008, Annex VI (Table 3.1/3.2)

Serious eye damage/eye irritation
Causes serious eye damage. Classified according to Regulation (EU) 1272/2008, Annex VI (Table 3.1/3.2)

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.

Reproductive toxicity
No data available

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

**Aspiration hazard**
No data available

11.2 **Additional Information**
RTECS: TS6460000

Material is extremely destructive to tissue of the mucous membranes and upper respiratory tract, eyes, and skin.
To the best of our knowledge, the chemical, physical, and toxicological properties have not been thoroughly investigated.

Decomposition of the substance with tissue moisture.

Other dangerous properties can not be excluded.

Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.

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**SECTION 12: Ecological information**

12.1 **Toxicity**
No data available

12.2 **Persistence and degradability**
The methods for determining biodegradability 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**
This substance/mixture contains no components considered to be either persistent, bioaccumulative and toxic (PBT), or very persistent and very bioaccumulative (vPvB) at levels of 0.1% or higher.

12.6 **Other adverse effects**
No data available

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**SECTION 13: Disposal considerations**

13.1 **Waste treatment methods**

**Product**
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

14.1 UN number
ADR/RID: 2257  
IMDG: 2257  
IATA: 2257

14.2 UN proper shipping name
ADR/RID: POTASSIUM  
IMDG: POTASSIUM  
IATA: Potassium  
Passenger Aircraft: Not permitted for transport

14.3 Transport hazard class(es)
ADR/RID: 4.3  
IMDG: 4.3  
IATA: 4.3

14.4 Packaging group
ADR/RID: I  
IMDG: I  
IATA: I

14.5 Environmental hazards
ADR/RID: no  
IMDG Marine pollutant: no  
IATA: no

14.6 Special precautions for user
No data available

SECTION 15: Regulatory information

15.1 Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture
This material safety data sheet complies with the requirements of Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006.  
REACH - Restrictions on the manufacture, placing on the market and use of certain dangerous substances, preparations and articles (Annex XVII)

National legislation
O1 OTHER HAZARDS  
O2 OTHER HAZARDS

Other regulations
Take note of Dir 94/33/EC on the protection of young people at work.

15.2 Chemical Safety Assessment
For this product a chemical safety assessment was not carried out

SECTION 16: Other information

Full text of H-Statements referred to under sections 2 and 3.
EUH014 Reacts violently with water.
H260 In contact with water releases flammable gases which may ignite spontaneously.
H314 Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.
H318 Causes serious eye damage.
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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