

## SECTION 1. IDENTIFICATION

### 1.1 Product identifiers

Product name : Potassium Benzoate, United States  
Pharmacopeia (USP) Reference Standard

Product Number : 1548101  
Brand : US Pharmacopeia  
CAS-No. : 582-25-2

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

Identified uses : Laboratory chemicals, Synthesis of substances

Uses advised against : The product is being supplied under the TSCA R&D Exemption (40 CFR Section 720.36). It is the recipient's responsibility to comply with the requirements of the R&D exemption. The product may not be used for a non-exempt commercial purpose under TSCA unless appropriate consent is granted in writing by MilliporeSigma.

### 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  
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### 1.4 Emergency telephone number

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



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## SECTION 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

### GHS classification in accordance with the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard (29 CFR 1910.1200)

#### Hazards for the product as supplied

Skin irritation : Category 2

Serious eye damage : Category 1

#### Other hazards

None known.

#### GHS label elements

Hazard pictograms :



Signal word : Danger

Hazard statements : H315 Causes skin irritation.  
H318 Causes serious eye damage.

Precautionary statements : **Prevention:**  
P264 Wash skin thoroughly after handling.  
P280 Wear protective gloves/ eye protection/ face protection.

**Response:**  
P302 + P352 IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of water.  
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.  
P332 + P313 If skin irritation occurs: Get medical advice/ attention.  
P362 + P364 Take off contaminated clothing and wash it before reuse.

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## SECTION 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Substance / Mixture : Substance

CAS-No. : 582-25-2

#### Components

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Chemical name	CAS No./Unique ID	Concentration (% w/w)	Trade secret
Potassium benzoate	582-25-2*	>= 80 - <= 100	TSC

\* Indicates that the identifier is a CAS No.

TSC- the actual concentration or concentration range is withheld as a trade secret

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#### SECTION 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

- General advice : Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance.
- If inhaled : After inhalation: fresh air.
- In case of skin contact : In case of skin contact: Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/ shower.
- 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: immediately make victim drink water (two glasses at most). Consult a physician.
- 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
- Protection of first-aiders : For personal protection see section 8.
- Notes to physician : No data available

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#### SECTION 5. FIREFIGHTING MEASURES

- Suitable extinguishing media : Water  
Foam  
Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>)  
Dry powder
- Unsuitable extinguishing media : For this substance/mixture no limitations of extinguishing agents are given.
- Specific hazards during fire fighting : Combustible.



Development of hazardous combustion gases or vapours possible in the event of fire.

Hazardous combustion products	: Carbon oxides  Potassium oxides
Specific extinguishing methods	: No data available
Further information	: Prevent fire extinguishing water from contaminating surface water or the ground water system.
Special protective equipment for fire-fighters	: Stay in danger area only with self-contained breathing apparatus. Prevent skin contact by keeping a safe distance or by wearing suitable protective clothing.

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## SECTION 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

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. Advice for emergency responders: For personal protection see section 8.
Environmental precautions	: Do not let product enter drains.
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.

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## SECTION 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

For precautions see section 2.2.

Further information on storage conditions	: Tightly closed. Dry.
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Storage class : 13, Non Combustible Solids

Recommended storage temperature : Recommended storage temperature see product label.

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## SECTION 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

### Ingredients with workplace control parameters

Components	CAS-No.	Value type (Form of exposure)	Control parameters / Permissible concentration	Basis
Potassium benzoate	582-25-2	TWA (Inhalable particulate matter)	2.5 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	ACGIH

**Engineering measures** : No data available

### Personal protective equipment

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.

### Hand protection

Material : Nitrile rubber  
Break through time : 480 min  
Glove thickness : 0.11 mm  
Protective index : Full contact  
Manufacturer : KCL 741 Dermatril® L



Material : Nitrile rubber  
Break through time : 480 min  
Glove thickness : 0.11 mm  
Protective index : Splash contact  
Manufacturer : KCL 741 Dermatril® L

Remarks : 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 EN 16523-1 please contact the supplier of CE-approved gloves (e.g. KCL GmbH, D-36124 Eichenzell, Internet: [www.kcl.de](http://www.kcl.de)).

Eye 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 and body protection : protective clothing

Hygiene measures : Immediately change contaminated clothing. Apply preventive skin protection. Wash hands and face after working with substance.

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## SECTION 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Appearance : powder

Color : white

Odor : No data available

Odor Threshold : No data available  
pH : No data available

Melting point/ range : > 572 °F / > 300 °C

Boiling point/boiling range : > 869 °F / > 465 °C (ca. 1,013 hPa)  
Method: OECD Test Guideline 103  
GLP: yes  
(decomposition)

Flash point : Not applicable

Evaporation rate : No data available

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Flammability (solid, gas)	: Not classified as a flammability hazard Method: Flammability (solids) Remarks: The product is not flammable.
Burning rate	: No data available
Self-ignition	: > 572 °F / > 300 °C 1,013 hPa not auto-flammable
Upper explosion limit / Upper flammability limit	: No data available
Lower explosion limit / Lower flammability limit	: No data available
Vapor pressure	: No data available
Relative vapour density	: No data available
Relative density	: ca. 1.35 (68 °F / 20 °C) Method: OECD Test Guideline 109
Density	: 1.558 g/cm <sup>3</sup> (68 °F / 20 °C)
Solubility(ies) Water solubility	: ca. 492 g/l completely soluble (68 °F / 20 °C) pH: 9.2 Method: OECD Test Guideline 105
Partition coefficient: n- octanol/water	: No data available
Autoignition temperature	: No data available
Decomposition temperature	: No data available
Viscosity, dynamic	: No data available
Viscosity, kinematic	: No data available
Flow time	: No data available
Explosive properties	: Not classified as explosive.
Oxidizing properties	: none
Surface tension	: ca. 72.69 mN/m, 68 °F / 20 °C, OECD Test Guideline 115



Molecular weight : 160.22 g/mol  
Particle characteristics  
Particle size : No data available

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## SECTION 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

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.

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

Possibility of hazardous reactions : No data available

Conditions to avoid : Avoid moisture.  
no information available

Incompatible materials : Strong oxidizing agents

Hazardous decomposition products : In the event of fire: see section 5

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## SECTION 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### 11.1 Information on toxicological effects

#### Acute toxicity

Oral: No data available  
Inhalation: No data available  
Dermal: No data available

#### Skin corrosion/irritation

Skin - human skin  
Result: irritating  
(Regulation (EC) No. 440/2008, Annex, B.46)

#### Serious eye damage/eye irritation

Eyes - In vitro study  
Result: Irreversible effects on the eye  
(OECD Test Guideline 492)

#### Respiratory or skin sensitization

No data available

#### Germ cell mutagenicity

Test Type: Ames test

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Test system: *S. typhimurium*  
Metabolic activation: with and without metabolic activation  
Method: OECD Test Guideline 471  
Result: negative

### **Carcinogenicity**

IARC: No component 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 component 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**

Repeated dose toxicity - Rat - male and female - Oral - No observed adverse effect level - 750 mg/kg

Remarks: (ECHA)

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

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## **SECTION 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

### **Ecotoxicity**

#### **Components:**

#### **Potassium benzoate:**

Toxicity to fish : LC50 (*Pimephales promelas* (fathead minnow)): ca. 484 mg/l  
End point: mortality  
Exposure time: 96 h  
Test Type: flow-through test  
Analytical monitoring: yes  
Method: US-EPA  
Remarks: Read-across (Analogy)

Toxicity to daphnia and : EC50 (*Daphnia magna* (Water flea)): > 100 mg/l

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other aquatic invertebrates  
End point: Immobilization  
Exposure time: 96 h  
Test Type: static test  
Method: OECD Test Guideline 202  
Remarks: Read-across (Analogy)

Toxicity to microorganisms : EC50 (activated sludge): > 1,000 mg/l  
Exposure time: 3 h  
Test Type: static test  
Analytical monitoring: yes  
Method: OECD Test Guideline 209

### **Persistence and degradability**

#### **Components:**

##### **Potassium benzoate:**

Biodegradability : aerobic  
Inoculum: activated sludge, non-adapted  
Result: Readily biodegradable.  
Biodegradation: 64 - 97 %  
Exposure time: 28 d  
Remarks: Read-across (Analogy)  
(ECHA)

### **Bioaccumulative potential**

No data available

### **Mobility in soil**

No data available

### **Other adverse effects**

#### **Product:**

Ozone-Depletion Potential : Regulation: 40 CFR Protection of Environment; Part 82 Protection of Stratospheric Ozone - CAA Section 602 Class I Substances  
Remarks: This product neither contains, nor was manufactured with a Class I or Class II ODS as defined by the U.S. Clean Air Act Section 602 (40 CFR 82, Subpt. A, App.A + B).

### **Endocrine disrupting properties**

No data available

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## **SECTION 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS**

### **Disposal methods**

Waste from residues : 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.

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## SECTION 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

### International Regulations

#### IATA-DGR

Not regulated as a dangerous good

#### IMDG-Code

Not regulated as a dangerous good

#### Transport in bulk according to IMO instruments

Not applicable for product as supplied.

### National Regulations

#### 49 CFR

Not regulated as a dangerous good

Poison Inhalation Hazard : No

### Special precautions for user

Remarks : Not classified as dangerous in the meaning of transport regulations.

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## SECTION 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

### CERCLA Reportable Quantity

This material does not contain any components with a CERCLA RQ.

### SARA 304 Extremely Hazardous Substances Reportable Quantity

This material does not contain any components with a section 304 EHS RQ.

### SARA 302 Extremely Hazardous Substances Threshold Planning Quantity

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

**SARA 311/312 Hazards** : No SARA Hazards

**SARA 313** : 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.

### Clean Air Act

This product neither contains, nor was manufactured with a Class I or Class II ODS as defined by the U.S. Clean Air Act Section 602 (40 CFR 82, Subpt. A, App.A + B).

This product does not contain any hazardous air pollutants (HAP), as defined by the U.S. Clean Air Act Section 112 (40 CFR 61).



This product does not contain any chemicals listed under the U.S. Clean Air Act Section 112(r) for Accidental Release Prevention (40 CFR 68.130, Subpart F).

This product does not contain any chemicals listed under the U.S. Clean Air Act Section 111 SOCOMI Intermediate or Final VOC's (40 CFR 60.489).

### **Clean Water Act**

This product does not contain any Hazardous Substances listed under the U.S. CleanWater Act, Section 311, Table 116.4A.

This product does not contain any Hazardous Chemicals listed under the U.S. CleanWater Act, Section 311, Table 117.3.

This product does not contain any toxic pollutants listed under the U.S. Clean Water Act Section 307

This product does not contain any priority pollutants related to the U.S. Clean Water Act

### **US State Regulations**

#### **Massachusetts Right To Know**

No components are subject to the Massachusetts Right to Know Act.

#### **Maine Chemicals of High Concern**

Product does not contain any listed chemicals

#### **Vermont Chemicals of High Concern**

Product does not contain any listed chemicals

#### **Washington Chemicals of High Concern**

Product does not contain any listed chemicals

### **The components of this product are reported in the following inventories:**

US TSCA : All substances listed as active on the TSCA inventory

#### **TSCA list**

No substances are subject to a Significant New Use Rule.

No substances are subject to TSCA 12(b) export notification requirements.

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## **SECTION 16. OTHER INFORMATION**

### **Full text of other abbreviations**

ACGIH : USA. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)

ACGIH / TWA : 8-hour, time-weighted average

AIIC - Australian Inventory of Industrial Chemicals; ASTM - American Society for the Testing of Materials; bw - Body weight; CERCLA - Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act; CMR - Carcinogen, Mutagen or Reproductive Toxicant; DIN - Standard of the German Institute for Standardisation; DOT - Department of Transportation; DSL - Domestic Substances List (Canada); ECx - Concentration associated with x% response; EHS - Extremely Hazardous Substance; ELx - Loading rate associated with x% response; EmS - Emergency Schedule; ENCS - Existing and New Chemical Substances (Japan); ErCx - Concentration associated with x% growth rate response; ERG - Emergency Response Guide;



GHS - Globally Harmonised System; GLP - Good Laboratory Practice; HMIS - Hazardous Materials Identification System; IARC - International Agency for Research on Cancer; IATA - International Air Transport Association; IBC - International Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships carrying Dangerous Chemicals in Bulk; IC50 - Half maximal inhibitory concentration; ICAO - International Civil Aviation Organization; IECSC - Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances in China; IMDG - International Maritime Dangerous Goods; IMO - International Maritime Organisation; ISHL - Industrial Safety and Health Law (Japan); ISO - International Organisation for Standardisation; KECI - Korea Existing Chemicals Inventory; LC50 - Lethal Concentration to 50 % of a test population; LD50 - Lethal Dose to 50% of a test population (Median Lethal Dose); MARPOL - International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships; MSHA - Mine Safety and Health Administration; n.o.s. - Not Otherwise Specified; NFPA - National Fire Protection Association; NO(A)EC - No Observed (Adverse) Effect Concentration; NO(A)EL - No Observed (Adverse) Effect Level; NOELR - No Observable Effect Loading Rate; NTP - National Toxicology Program; NZIoC - New Zealand Inventory of Chemicals; OECD - Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development; OPPTS - Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention; PBT - Persistent, Bioaccumulative and Toxic substance; PICCS - Philippines Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances; (Q)SAR - (Quantitative) Structure Activity Relationship; RCRA - Resource Conservation and Recovery Act; REACH - Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals; RQ - Reportable Quantity; SADT - Self-Accelerating Decomposition Temperature; SARA - Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act; SDS - Safety Data Sheet; TCSI - Taiwan Chemical Substance Inventory; TECI - Thailand Existing Chemicals Inventory; TSCA - Toxic Substances Control Act (United States); UN - United Nations; UNRTDG - United Nations Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods; vPvB - Very Persistent and Very Bioaccumulative

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