



**SAFETY DATA SHEET**  
POTASSIUM SORBATE

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**Section 1: Identification of the substance/mixture and of the company/undertaking**

**1.1. Product identifier**

**Product name:** POTASSIUM SORBATE

**REACH registered name:** POTASSIUM (E,E)-HEXA-2,4-DIENOATE

**REACH registered number(s):** 01-2119950315-41-XXXX

**CAS number:** 24634-61-5

**EINECS number:** 246-376-1

**Product code:** POTSOR

**Synonyms:** ALTERNATIVE CAS NO. 590-00-1

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

**Use of substance / mixture:** Beverage Processing Aids and Other Usages

**1.3. Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet**

**Company name:** Murphy and Son Ltd

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**1.4. Emergency telephone number**

**Emergency tel:** +44 115 978 5494

(office hours only)

**Section 2: Hazards identification**

**2.1. Classification of the substance or mixture**

**Classification under CLP:** Eye Irrit. 2: H319; Skin Irrit. 2: H315

**Classification under CHIP:** Xi: R36/38

**Most important adverse effects:** Causes skin irritation. Causes serious eye irritation.

**2.2. Label elements**

**Label elements under CLP:**

**Hazard statements:** H315: Causes skin irritation.

H319: Causes serious eye irritation.

**Signal words:** Warning

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**Hazard pictograms:** GHS07: Exclamation mark



**Precautionary statements:** P264: Wash thoroughly after handling.  
P280: Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection.  
P337+313: If eye irritation persists: Get medical advice/attention.  
P305+351+338: IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.  
P332+313: If skin irritation occurs: Get medical advice/attention.  
P362: Take off contaminated clothing and wash before reuse.

### 2.3. Other hazards

**PBT:** This product is not identified as a PBT/vPvB substance.

## Section 3: Composition/information on ingredients

### 3.1. Substances

**Chemical identity:** POTASSIUM SORBATE

**CAS number:** 24634-61-5

**EINECS number:** 246-376-1

**REACH registered number(s):** 01-2119950315-41-XXXX

## Section 4: First aid measures

### 4.1. Description of first aid measures

**Skin contact:** Remove all contaminated clothes and footwear immediately unless stuck to skin. Wash immediately with plenty of soap and water.

**Eye contact:** Bathe the eye with running water for 15 minutes. Consult a doctor.

**Ingestion:** Wash out mouth with water. Consult a doctor.

**Inhalation:** Remove casualty from exposure ensuring one's own safety whilst doing so. Consult a doctor.

### 4.2. Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed

**Skin contact:** There may be irritation and redness at the site of contact.

**Eye contact:** There may be irritation and redness. The eyes may water profusely.

**Ingestion:** There may be soreness and redness of the mouth and throat.

**Inhalation:** There may be irritation of the throat with a feeling of tightness in the chest. Exposure may cause coughing or wheezing.

**Delayed / immediate effects:** Immediate effects can be expected after short-term exposure.

### 4.3. Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

**Immediate / special treatment:** Eye bathing equipment should be available on the premises.

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## Section 5: Fire-fighting measures

### 5.1. Extinguishing media

**Extinguishing media:** Suitable extinguishing media for the surrounding fire should be used.

### 5.2. Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture

**Exposure hazards:** In combustion emits toxic fumes.

### 5.3. Advice for fire-fighters

**Advice for fire-fighters:** Wear self-contained breathing apparatus. Wear protective clothing to prevent contact with skin and eyes.

## Section 6: Accidental release measures

### 6.1. Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

**Personal precautions:** Refer to section 8 of SDS for personal protection details. If outside do not approach from downwind. If outside keep bystanders upwind and away from danger point. Mark out the contaminated area with signs and prevent access to unauthorised personnel. Do not create dust.

### 6.2. Environmental precautions

**Environmental precautions:** Do not discharge into drains or rivers.

### 6.3. Methods and material for containment and cleaning up

**Clean-up procedures:** Transfer to a closable, labelled salvage container for disposal by an appropriate method.

### 6.4. Reference to other sections

**Reference to other sections:** Refer to section 8 of SDS.

## Section 7: Handling and storage

### 7.1. Precautions for safe handling

**Handling requirements:** Avoid direct contact with the substance. Ensure there is sufficient ventilation of the area. Do not handle in a confined space. Avoid the formation or spread of dust in the air.

### 7.2. Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

**Storage conditions:** Store in cool, well ventilated area. Keep container tightly closed.

### 7.3. Specific end use(s)

**Specific end use(s):** Beverage Processing Aids and Other Usages

## Section 8: Exposure controls/personal protection

### 8.1. Control parameters

**Workplace exposure limits:** No data available.

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### DNEL/PNEC Values

**DNEL / PNEC** No data available.

### 8.2. Exposure controls

**Engineering measures:** Ensure there is sufficient ventilation of the area.

**Respiratory protection:** Self-contained breathing apparatus must be available in case of emergency. Respiratory protective device with particle filter.

**Hand protection:** Protective gloves.

**Eye protection:** Safety glasses. Ensure eye bath is to hand.

**Skin protection:** Protective clothing.

## Section 9: Physical and chemical properties

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

**State:** Powder

**Colour:** White

**Odour:** Odourless

**Evaporation rate:** Negligible

**Oxidising:** Non-oxidising (by EC criteria)

**Solubility in water:** Highly soluble

**Viscosity:** Not applicable.

**Boiling point/range°C:** No data available.

**Melting point/range°C:** 270

**Flammability limits %: lower:** Not applicable.

**upper:** Not applicable.

**Flash point°C:** >93

**Part.coeff. n-octanol/water:** No data available.

**Autoflammability°C:** Not applicable.

**Vapour pressure:** Not applicable.

**Relative density:** 1.36

**pH:** 8-11

**VOC g/l:** Not applicable.

### 9.2. Other information

**Other information:** No data available.

## Section 10: Stability and reactivity

### 10.1. Reactivity

**Reactivity:** Stable under recommended transport or storage conditions.

### 10.2. Chemical stability

**Chemical stability:** Stable under normal conditions.

### 10.3. Possibility of hazardous reactions

**Hazardous reactions:** Hazardous reactions will not occur under normal transport or storage conditions.  
Decomposition may occur on exposure to conditions or materials listed below.

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## 10.4. Conditions to avoid

**Conditions to avoid:** Heat.

## 10.5. Incompatible materials

**Materials to avoid:** Strong oxidising agents. Strong acids.

## 10.6. Hazardous decomposition products

**Haz. decomp. products:** In combustion emits toxic fumes.

## Section 11: Toxicological information

### 11.1. Information on toxicological effects

#### Toxicity values:

Route	Species	Test	Value	Units
ORAL	RAT	LD50	4920	mg/kg

#### Relevant hazards for substance:

Hazard	Route	Basis
Skin corrosion/irritation	DRM	Based on test data
Serious eye damage/irritation	OPT	Based on test data

### Symptoms / routes of exposure

**Skin contact:** There may be irritation and redness at the site of contact.

**Eye contact:** There may be irritation and redness. The eyes may water profusely.

**Ingestion:** There may be soreness and redness of the mouth and throat.

**Inhalation:** There may be irritation of the throat with a feeling of tightness in the chest. Exposure may cause coughing or wheezing.

**Delayed / immediate effects:** Immediate effects can be expected after short-term exposure.

## Section 12: Ecological information

### 12.1. Toxicity

#### Ecotoxicity values:

Species	Test	Value	Units
Daphnia magna	48H EC50	750	mg/l
FISH	96H LC50	1250	mg/l

### 12.2. Persistence and degradability

**Persistence and degradability:** Biodegradable.

### 12.3. Bioaccumulative potential

**Bioaccumulative potential:** No bioaccumulation potential.

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### 12.4. Mobility in soil

### 12.5. Results of PBT and vPvB assessment

**PBT identification:** This product is not identified as a PBT/vPvB substance.

### 12.6. Other adverse effects

**Other adverse effects:** Negligible ecotoxicity.

## Section 13: Disposal considerations

### 13.1. Waste treatment methods

**Disposal operations:** Transfer to a suitable container and arrange for collection by specialised disposal company.

**NB:** The user's attention is drawn to the possible existence of regional or national regulations regarding disposal.

## Section 14: Transport information

**Transport class:** This product does not require a classification for transport.

## Section 15: Regulatory information

### 15.1. Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture

### 15.2. Chemical Safety Assessment

**Chemical safety assessment:** A chemical safety assessment has not been carried out for the substance or the mixture by the supplier.

## Section 16: Other information

### Other information

**Other information:** This safety data sheet is prepared in accordance with Commission Regulation (EU) No 453/2010.

\* indicates text in the SDS which has changed since the last revision.

**Phrases used in s.2 and s.3:** H315: Causes skin irritation.

H319: Causes serious eye irritation.

R36/38: Irritating to eyes and skin.

**Legend to abbreviations:** PNEC = predicted no effect level

DNEL = derived no effect level

LD50 = median lethal dose

LC50 = median lethal concentration

EC50 = median effective concentration

IC50 = median inhibitory concentration

dw = dry weight

bw = body weight

cc = closed cup

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oc = open cup  
MUS = mouse  
GPG = guinea pig  
RBT = rabbit  
HAM = hamster  
HMN = human  
MAM = mammal  
PGN = pigeon  
IVN = intravenous  
SCU = subcutaneous  
SKN = skin  
DRM = dermal  
OCC = ocular/corneal  
PCP = physico-chemical properties

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