



SAFETY DATA SHEET
POTASSIUM METABISULPHITE

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

1.1. Product identifier

Product name: POTASSIUM METABISULPHITE

REACH registered name: DIPOTASSIUM DISULPHITE

REACH registered number(s): 01-2119537422-45-XXXX

CAS number: 16731-55-8

EINECS number: 240-795-3

Product code: POTMETA

Synonyms: DIPOTASSIUM DISULPHITE

POTASSIUM PYROSULFITE

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

Alpine Street

Nottingham

Nottinghamshire

NG6 0HQ

United Kingdom

Tel: 0115 978 5494

Email: technical@murphyandson.co.uk

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 Dam. 1: H318; Acute Tox. 4: H302; -: EUH031

Classification under CHIP: -: R31; Xi: R41; Xn: R22

Most important adverse effects: Contact with acids liberates toxic gas. Causes serious eye damage. Harmful if swallowed.

2.2. Label elements

Label elements under CLP:

Hazard statements: EUH031: Contact with acids liberates toxic gas.

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H318: Causes serious eye damage.

H302: Harmful if swallowed.

Signal words: Danger

Hazard pictograms: GHS05: Corrosion

GHS07: Exclamation mark



Precautionary statements: P264: Wash skin thoroughly after handling.

P280: Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection.

P301+310: IF SWALLOWED: Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor.

P305+351+338: IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.

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 METABISULPHITE

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Section 4: First aid measures

4.1. Description of first aid measures

Skin contact: Wash immediately with plenty of soap and water.

Eye contact: Bathe the eye with running water for 15 minutes. Transfer to hospital for specialist examination.

Ingestion: Wash out mouth with water. Do not induce vomiting. If conscious, give half a litre of water to drink immediately.

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

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

Skin contact: There may be mild irritation at the site of contact.

Eye contact: There may be irritation and redness. There may be severe pain. The eyes may water profusely. The vision may become blurred. Corneal burns may occur.

Ingestion: There may be soreness and redness of the mouth and throat. There may be difficulty swallowing. There may be vomiting.

Inhalation: Absorption through the lungs can occur causing symptoms similar to those of ingestion.

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

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

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. Do not create dust. Mark out the contaminated area with signs and prevent access to unauthorised personnel. If outside do not approach from downwind.

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

Section 7: Handling and storage

7.1. Precautions for safe handling

Handling requirements: Ensure there is sufficient ventilation of the area. Avoid the formation or spread of dust in the air. Avoid direct contact with the substance.

7.2. Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Storage conditions: Store in cool, well ventilated area.

Suitable packaging: Must only be kept in original packaging.

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: Respiratory protective device with particle filter.

Hand protection: Protective gloves. The selected protective gloves have to satisfy the specifications of EU Directive 89/686/EEC and the standard EN374 derived from it.

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

Skin protection: Protective clothing.

Environmental: Refer to specific Member State legislation for requirements under Community environmental legislation.

Section 9: Physical and chemical properties

9.1. Information on basic physical and chemical properties

State: Powder

Colour: Off-white

Odour: Pungent

Evaporation rate: Negligible

Oxidising: Non-oxidising (by EC criteria)

Solubility in water: Miscible in all proportions

Viscosity: Not applicable.

Boiling point/range°C: Not applicable.

Melting point/range°C: 190 Decomp.

Flammability limits %: lower: Not applicable.

upper: Not applicable.

Flash point°C: Not applicable.

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

Autoflammability°C: Not applicable.

Vapour pressure: No data available.

Relative density: 2.34

pH: 3.5-4.5 (5%)

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
DERMAL	RAT	LD50	>2	mg/kg
ORAL	RAT	LD50	1131	mg/kg
INV	RAT	LD50	115	mg/kg

Relevant hazards for substance:

Hazard	Route	Basis
Acute toxicity (ac. tox. 4)	ING	Based on test data
Serious eye damage/irritation	OPT	Based on test data

Symptoms / routes of exposure

Skin contact: There may be mild irritation at the site of contact.

Eye contact: There may be irritation and redness. There may be severe pain. The eyes may water profusely. The vision may become blurred. Corneal burns may occur.

Ingestion: There may be soreness and redness of the mouth and throat. There may be difficulty swallowing. There may be vomiting.

Inhalation: Absorption through the lungs can occur causing symptoms similar to those of ingestion.

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

Section 12: Ecological information

12.1. Toxicity

Ecotoxicity values: No data available.

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

Mobility: Non-volatile.

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

Section 13: Disposal considerations

13.1. Waste treatment methods

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

Recovery operations: Not applicable.

Disposal of packaging: Dispose of in a regulated landfill site or other method for hazardous or toxic wastes. Spillage and packaging should be disposed of in a manner approved of by the Local Authority.

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

Specific regulations: This product needs to be included in any Safety Report provided under III.C of Annex II of Council Directive 96/82/EC.

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: EUH031: Contact with acids liberates toxic gas.

H302: Harmful if swallowed.

H318: Causes serious eye damage.

R22: Harmful if swallowed.

R31: Contact with acids liberates toxic gas.

R41: Risk of serious damage to eyes.

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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
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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