

## Section 1. Identification

### 1.1 Product Identifier 0543

Product Name	POTASSIUM METABISULPHITE pure
CAS Number	16731-55-8
REACH Registration No	A registration number is not available as the substance or its uses are exempt, the annual tonnage does not require a registration or the registration is envisaged for a later date.
Molecular Formula	$K_2S_2O_5 = 222.31$

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

Uses of Material	Chemical for industrial and laboratory use. Not suitable for domestic use.
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### 1.3 Supplier Vickers Laboratories Ltd



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## Section 2. Hazards Identification

### 2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture

#### Classification according to regulation 1272/2008/EC

Serious eye damage/irritation, category 1

H318: Causes serious eye damage.

### 2.2 Label elements

#### Labelling according to regulation 1272/2008/EC

Signal word Danger

Hazard Pictograms



Hazard Statements Causes serious eye damage.

Precautionary Statements Wash thoroughly after handling. Wear protective gloves / protective clothing / eye protection. Do not breathe fumes. Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area. If skin irritation occurs: Get medical advice/attention. If eye irritation persists: Get medical advice/attention.

Supplemental Hazard Information (EU) Contact with acids liberates toxic gas.

## Section 3. Composition

### 3.1 Substances

Component	CAS No.	EEC No.	REACH No.	Conc w/w	CLP Classification (1272/2008/CE)
Potassium metabisulphite	16731-55-8	240-795-3		>98%	Eye Dam. 1

## Section 4. First Aid

### 4.1 Description of first aid measures

Eyes	Irrigate thoroughly with plenty of water for at least 10 minutes, holding the eye open. OBTAIN MEDICAL ATTENTION URGENTLY.
Skin	Thoroughly wash off skin with soap and water. Remove contaminated clothing immediately and wash before re-use. OBTAIN MEDICAL ATTENTION.
Inhalation	Remove from exposure. Keep warm and at rest. If there is difficulty in breathing give oxygen if available. If breathing stops or shows signs of failing, apply artificial resuscitation. If unconscious place in the recovery position. OBTAIN MEDICAL ATTENTION URGENTLY.
Ingestion	If conscious give plenty of water to drink. Keep warm and at rest. If there is difficulty in breathing give oxygen if available. If breathing stops or shows signs of failing, apply artificial resuscitation. If unconscious place in the recovery position. OBTAIN MEDICAL ATTENTION URGENTLY.
Personal protection for first aiders	Wear protective gloves / eye protection.

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

No further relevant information available.

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

No further relevant information available.

## Section 5. Fire Fighting

### 5.1 Extinguishing media

Extinguishing Media	Water spray, foam, dry powder or carbon dioxide.
Unsuitable Media	Nothing specified.

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

Hazards	Emits toxic fumes under fire conditions.
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### 5.3 Advice for firefighters

Advice for firefighters	Consider all other materials in the vicinity.
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## Section 6. Accidental Release Measures

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

Personal Protection	Avoid breathing dust-wear respiratory protective equipment. Refer to personal protection details.
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### 6.2 Environmental precautions

Environmental	In case of major spillage contact a chemically trained supervisor or manager who will decide whether to inform the Environmental Agency and local Environmental Health Officer.
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### 6.3 Methods and material for containment and cleaning up

Major Spillage	Sweep up, place in a bag and hold for waste disposal. Ventilate area and wash spill site after material pickup is complete.
Minor Spillage	Sweep up, place in a bag and hold for waste disposal. Ventilate area and wash spill site after material pickup is complete.

#### 6.4 Reference to other sections

See section 8.2 for information on protective equipment and section 13 for information on disposal.

## Section 7. Storage & Handling

### 7.1 Precautions for safe handling

Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Do not breath vapours. Do not allow to contaminate clothing.

Ensure Local Exhaust Ventilation maintains vapour concentrations below the recommended limits.

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

Well ventilated, cool, dry storage .

### 7.3 Specific end use(s)

See section 1.2.

## Section 8. Workplace Exposure & Personal Protection

### 8.1 Control parameters

Component	CAS No	Concentration	Workplace Exposure Limits	
			Long Term (8hr TWA)	Short Term 15min period
Potassium metabisulphite	16731-55-8	>98%	-	-

Exposure data source(s) No occupational exposure data currently available.

### 8.2 Exposure controls

Respiratory Protection Wear NIOSH/MSHA-approved respirator.

Hand Protection Wear gloves.

Eye Protection Use tightly fitting chemical splash proof glasses or goggles.

Skin Protection Avoid contact with skin. If skin contact or contamination of clothing is likely, protective clothing must be worn.

Special Hazards No special precautions required.

## Section 9. Physical & Chemical Properties

### 9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties

Appearance	White crystalline solid.
Odour	No specific odour.
pH	3.0-40.5 @ 22.2 g/l
Boiling Point	Not available
Melting Point	Not applicable
Flash Point	Not applicable
Upper Flammable Limit	Not applicable
Lower Flammable Limit	Not applicable
Auto Ignition	Not applicable
Explosive Properties	No.
Oxidising Properties	Not specified.
Vapour Pressure	Not applicable
Relative Density	Not available
Water Solubility	22.2g/l @20°C

### 9.2 Other information

No data available.

## Section 10. Stability & Reactivity

10.1	Reactivity	No data available.
10.2	Chemical Stability	Not specified.
10.3	Possibility of hazardous reactions	No data available.
10.4	Conditions to Avoid	No specific conditions.
10.5	Incompatible Materials	Strong oxidising agents. Acids.
10.6	Hazardous Decomposition Products	Sulphur oxides.

## Section 11. Toxicological Information

### 11.1 Information on toxicological effects

Eyes	Causes serious eye damage.
Skin	Contact with the solid or solution may be irritating to the skin.
LD50 Skin	Not available
Ingestion	May be harmful by ingestion.
LD50 Oral	Not available
Inhalation	The powder may seriously damage the membranes lining the nose, throat and upper respiratory tract.
LD50 Inhalation	Not available
TCLo	Not available
Carcinogenicity	Not considered to be a carcinogen.
Mutagenicity	Not considered to be a mutagen.
Reproductive Effects	Experimental teratogen and reproductive effects.

## Section 12. Ecological

12.1	Toxicity	Not specified.
	LC50 Algal	Not available
	LC50 Crustacea	Not available
	LC50 Fish	Not available
12.2	Persistence and degradability	No data available.
12.3	Bioaccumulative potential	No data available.
12.4	Mobility in soil	No data available.
12.5	Results of PBT & vPvB assessment	Assessment not required.
12.6	Other adverse effects	None known at present.

## Section 13. Disposal Considerations

### 13.1 Waste treatment methods

Disposal Methods	Dissolve or mix the material with a combustible solvent. Burn in a chemical incinerator equipped with afterburners and scrubbers.
Contaminated Packaging	Dissolve or mix the material with a combustible solvent. Burn in a chemical incinerator equipped with afterburners and scrubbers.

## Section 14. Transport Information

14.1 UN Number	Non-restricted
14.2 Proper Shipping Name	Non-restricted
14.3 Transport classes	
UN classification	None
Subsidiary hazard(s)	None
Transport category	None
ADR Hazard ID	Non-restricted
Tunnel Restriction Code	Non-restricted
14.4 Packing Group	None
14.5 Environment hazards	See section 12.
14.6 Special precautions for user	No special precautions required.
14.7 Transport in bulk	Not transported in bulk.

## Section 15. Regulatory Information

### 15.1 Safety, health and environment regulations specific for substance/mixture.

#### Classification, Labeling & Packaging of Substances & Mixtures Regulations (1272/2008/CE)

Classification Serious eye damage/irritation, category 1

Signal word Danger

Hazard Pictograms



Hazard Statements H318  
Causes serious eye damage.

Precautionary Statements P264, P280, P260, P271, P332+P313, P337+P313  
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Supplemental Hazard Information (EU) EUH031  
Contact with acids liberates toxic gas.

### 15.2 Chemical safety assessment

Assessment not required.

## Section 16. Other Information

The information contained in this document only covers the hazards presented by this material, it DOES NOT constitute a workplace risk assessment. See sections 11 for toxicological information and section 12 for ecological information.

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