1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

Product name : Potassium chlorate
Product Number : 255572
Brand : Sigma-Aldrich
Supplier : Sigma-Aldrich
3050 Spruce Street
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USA
Telephone : +1 800-325-5832
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Emergency Phone # (For both supplier and manufacturer) : (314) 776-6555
Preparation Information : Sigma-Aldrich Corporation
Product Safety - Americas Region
1-800-521-8956

2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

Emergency Overview

OSHA Hazards
Oxidizer, Target Organ Effect, Toxic by inhalation., Harmful by ingestion.

Target Organs
Blood, Liver, Kidney

GHS Classification
Oxidizing solids (Category 1)
Acute toxicity, Oral (Category 4)
Acute toxicity, Inhalation (Category 4)
Acute toxicity, Dermal (Category 5)
Skin irritation (Category 3)
Eye irritation (Category 2B)
Acute aquatic toxicity (Category 2)

GHS Label elements, including precautionary statements

Pictogram

Signal word : Danger
Hazard statement(s)
H271 : May cause fire or explosion; strong oxidiser.
H302 + H332 : Harmful if swallowed or if inhaled
H313 : May be harmful in contact with skin.
H316 : Causes mild skin irritation.
H320 : Causes eye irritation.
H401 : Toxic to aquatic life.

Precautionary statement(s)
P220 : Keep/Store away from clothing/ combustible materials.
P305 + P351 + P338 : IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.
HMIS Classification

Health hazard: 2
Chronic Health Hazard: *
Flammability: 0
Physical hazards: 2

NFPA Rating

Health hazard: 2
Fire: 0
Reactivity Hazard: 2
Special hazard: OX

Potential Health Effects

Inhalation: Toxic if inhaled. May cause respiratory tract irritation.
Skin: Harmful if absorbed through skin. May cause skin irritation.
Eyes: May cause eye irritation.
Ingestion: Harmful if swallowed.

3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Formula: $\text{ClKO}_3$
Molecular Weight: 122.55 g/mol

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4. FIRST AID MEASURES

General advice
Consult a physician. Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance. Move out of dangerous area.

If inhaled
If breathed in, move person into fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. Consult a physician.

In case of skin contact
Wash off with soap and plenty of water. Consult a physician.

In case of eye contact
Rinse thoroughly with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes and consult a physician.

If swallowed
Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Rinse mouth with water. Consult a physician.

5. FIREFIGHTING MEASURES

Conditions of flammability
Not flammable or combustible.

Suitable extinguishing media
Use water spray, alcohol-resistant foam, dry chemical or carbon dioxide.

Special protective equipment for firefighters
Wear self-contained breathing apparatus for fire fighting if necessary.

Hazardous combustion products
Hazardous decomposition products formed under fire conditions. - Hydrogen chloride gas, Potassium oxides

Further information
Use water spray to cool unopened containers.

6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES
**Personal precautions**  
Use personal protective equipment. Avoid dust formation. Avoid breathing vapors, mist or gas. Ensure adequate ventilation. Evacuate personnel to safe areas. Avoid breathing dust.

**Environmental precautions**  
Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so. Do not let product enter drains. Discharge into the environment must be avoided.

**Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up**  
Sweep up and shovel. Contain spillage, and then collect with an electrically protected vacuum cleaner or by wet-brushing and place in container for disposal according to local regulations (see section 13). Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal.

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**7. HANDLING AND STORAGE**

**Precautions for safe handling**  
Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Avoid formation of dust and aerosols. Provide appropriate exhaust ventilation at places where dust is formed. Keep away from sources of ignition - No smoking.

**Conditions for safe storage**  
Keep container tightly closed in a dry and well-ventilated place.

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**8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION**

Contains no substances with occupational exposure limit values.

**Personal protective equipment**

- **Respiratory protection**  
  Where risk assessment shows air-purifying respirators are appropriate use a full-face particle respirator type N100 (US) or type P3 (EN 143) respirator cartridges as a backup to engineering controls. If the respirator is the sole means of protection, use a full-face supplied air respirator. Use respirators and components tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or CEN (EU).

- **Hand 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.

- **Eye protection**  
  Safety glasses with side-shields conforming to EN166 Use equipment for eye protection tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or EN 166(EU).

- **Skin and body protection**  
  Complete suit protecting against chemicals. The type of protective equipment must be selected according to the concentration and amount of the dangerous substance at the specific workplace.

- **Hygiene measures**  
  Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice. Wash hands before breaks and at the end of workday.

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**9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES**

**Appearance**

- **Form**  
  crystalline

- **Colour**  
  white

**Safety data**

- **pH**  
  5.0 - 6.5 at 61.3 g/l at 25 °C (77 °F)

- **Melting point/freezing point**  
  Melting point/range: 356 °C (673 °F) - lit.

- **Boiling point**  
  no data available
Flash point not applicable
Ignition temperature no data available
Autoignition temperature no data available
Lower explosion limit no data available
Upper explosion limit no data available
Vapour pressure no data available
Density 2.320 g/cm³
Water solubility ca. 61.3 g/l at 20 °C (68 °F)
Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water no data available
Relative vapour density no data available
Odour no data available
Odour Threshold no data available
Evaporation rate no data available

10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Chemical stability
Stable under recommended storage conditions.

Possibility of hazardous reactions
no data available

Conditions to avoid
no data available

Materials to avoid
Strong reducing agents, Powdered metals, Strong acids, Alcohols, Organic materials

Hazardous decomposition products
Hazardous decomposition products formed under fire conditions. - Hydrogen chloride gas, Potassium oxides
Other decomposition products - no data available

11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Acute toxicity

Oral LD₅₀
LD₅₀ Oral - rat - 1,870 mg/kg

Inhalation LC₅₀

Dermal LD₅₀
LD₅₀ Dermal - rabbit - > 2,000 mg/kg

Other information on acute toxicity
no data available

Skin corrosion/irritation
Skin - rabbit - Mild skin irritation

Serious eye damage/eye irritation
Eyes - rabbit - Mild eye irritation

Respiratory or skin sensitization
no data available

Germ cell mutagenicity
no data available
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.

ACGIH: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a carcinogen or potential carcinogen by ACGIH.

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 identified as a carcinogen or potential carcinogen by OSHA.

Reproductive toxicity

no data available

Teratogenicity

no data available

Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure (Globally Harmonized System)

no data available

Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure (Globally Harmonized System)

no data available

Aspiration hazard

no data available

Potential health effects

Inhalation Toxic if inhaled. May cause respiratory tract irritation.

Ingestion Harmful if swallowed.

Skin Harmful if absorbed through skin. May cause skin irritation.

Eyes May cause eye irritation.

Signs and Symptoms of Exposure
anemia, Absorption into the body leads to the formation of methemoglobin which in sufficient concentration causes cyanosis. Onset may be delayed 2 to 4 hours or longer., Nausea, Vomiting, Diarrhoea, Hemorrhage., Liver, Convulsions

Synergistic effects

no data available

Additional Information

RTECS: FO0350000

12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Toxicity

Toxicity to fish LC50 - Oncorhynchus mykiss (rainbow trout) - 1.750 mg/l - 96.0 h

Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates EC50 - Daphnia magna (Water flea) - 1,093 mg/l - 24 h

Persistence and degradability

no data available

Bioaccumulative potential

no data available

Mobility in soil

no data available

PBT and vPvB assessment

no data available
Other adverse effects
An environmental hazard cannot be excluded in the event of unprofessional handling or disposal.
Toxic to aquatic life.

13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Product
Burn in a chemical incinerator equipped with an afterburner and scrubber but exert extra care in igniting as this material is highly flammable. Offer surplus and non-recyclable solutions to a licensed disposal company. Contact a licensed professional waste disposal service to dispose of this material.

Contaminated packaging
Dispose of as unused product.

14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

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15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

OSHA Hazards
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SARA 302 Components
SARA 302: No chemicals in this material are subject to the reporting requirements of SARA Title III, Section 302.

SARA 313 Components
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.

SARA 311/312 Hazards
Reactivity Hazard, Acute Health Hazard, Chronic Health Hazard

Massachusetts Right To Know Components

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California Prop. 65 Components
This product does not contain any chemicals known to State of California to cause cancer, birth defects, or any other reproductive harm.

16. OTHER INFORMATION

Further information