

Safety Data Sheet

according to UK REACH Regulation

Potassium Hydroxide

Revision date: 08.09.2022

Product code: 13180.xxxxx

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

1.1. Product identifier

Potassium Hydroxide

Abbreviation: KOH
UFI: 3KG5-11XF-U00V-8RMD

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

Use of the substance/mixture

Laborreagenz

Uses advised against

Any non-intended use.

1.3. Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

Company name: MORPHISTO GmbH
Street: Schumannstr. 142/144
Place: D-63069 Offenbach
Telephone: +49 (0) 69 / 400 3019-60 Telefax: +49 (0) 69 / 400 3019-64
e-mail: info@morphisto.de
Contact person: Morphisto GmbH
e-mail: info@morphisto.de
Internet: http://www.morphisto.de

1.4. Emergency telephone number:

Morphisto GmbH, Tel: +49(0)69 400 3019-60, Mo-Fr.: 09-16Uhr

SECTION 2: Hazards identification

2.1. Classification of the substance or mixture

GB CLP Regulation

Met. Corr. 1; H290
Acute Tox. 4; H302
Skin Corr. 1A; H314

Full text of hazard statements: see SECTION 16.

2.2. Label elements

GB CLP Regulation

Hazard components for labelling

potassium hydroxide; caustic potash

Signal word: Danger

Pictograms:



Hazard statements

H290 May be corrosive to metals.
H302 Harmful if swallowed.
H314 Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.

2.3. Other hazards

The substances in the mixture do not meet the PBT/vPvB criteria according to REACH, annex XIII.

SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients

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3.1. Substances

Chemical characterization

POTASSIUM HYDROXIDE

Sum formula: KOH

Molecular weight: 56,1056 g/mol

Hazardous components

CAS No	Chemical name			Quantity
	EC No	Index No	REACH No	
	Classification (GB CLP Regulation)			
1310-58-3	caustic potash, potassium hydroxide			100 %
	215-181-3	019-002-00-8	01-2119487136-33-	
	Met. Corr. 1, Acute Tox. 4, Skin Corr. 1A; H290 H302 H314			

Full text of H and EUH statements: see section 16.

Specific Conc. Limits, M-factors and ATE

CAS No	EC No	Chemical name	Quantity
	Specific Conc. Limits, M-factors and ATE		
1310-58-3	215-181-3	caustic potash, potassium hydroxide	100 %
	oral: LD50 = 333 mg/kg Skin Corr. 1A; H314: >= 5 - 100 Skin Corr. 1B; H314: >= 2 - < 5 Skin Irrit. 2; H315: >= 0,5 - < 2 Eye Irrit. 2; H319: >= 0,5 - < 2		

Further Information

Product does not contain listed SVHC substances > 0,1 % according to Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006 Article 59 (REACH)

SECTION 4: First aid measures

4.1. Description of first aid measures

General information

First aider: Pay attention to self-protection! Remove affected person from the danger area and lay down. In case of accident or unwellness, seek medical advice immediately (show directions for use or safety data sheet if possible).

After inhalation

Provide fresh air. Medical treatment necessary. @1501.B015819 In case of respiratory tract irritation, consult a physician. In the case of lung irritation: Primary treatment using corticoide spray, eg. Auxiloston spray, Pulmicort-dosage-spray. (Auxiloston and Pulmicort are registered trademarks.)

After contact with skin

After contact with skin, wash immediately with plenty of water and soap. Take off immediately all contaminated clothing and wash it before reuse. If skin irritation occurs: Get medical advice/attention. @0403.B004101 Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. In case of skin irritation, seek medical treatment.

After contact with eyes

In case of contact with eyes flush immediately with plenty of flowing water for 10 to 15 minutes holding eyelids apart and consult an ophthalmologist. Danger of blindness! In case of contact with eyes, rinse immediately with plenty of flowing water for 10 to 15 minutes holding eyelids apart. Subsequently consult an ophthalmologist.

After ingestion

Rinse mouth immediately and drink 1 glass of water. Adverse human health effects and symptoms: Gastric perforation. Call a physician immediately. Do not allow a neutralisation agent to be drunk. Do NOT induce vomiting. Rinse mouth thoroughly with water. Let water be drunken in little sips (dilution effect). Observe risk of aspiration if vomiting occurs. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person or a person with cramps. When in doubt or if symptoms are observed, get medical advice.

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

If swallowed danger of perforation of the esophagus and the stomach (strong corrosive effects).

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

Treat symptomatically. Treat symptomatically.

SECTION 5: Firefighting measures

5.1. Extinguishing media

Suitable extinguishing media

Co-ordinate fire-fighting measures to the fire surroundings. Sand. Foam. Carbon dioxide (CO₂). Extinguishing powder. In case of major fire and large quantities: Water spray jet. Water mist.

Unsuitable extinguishing media

Full water jet

5.2. Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture

Non-flammable. In case of fire may be liberated: Carbon monoxide Carbon dioxide (CO₂)

5.3. Advice for firefighters

Wear a self-contained breathing apparatus and chemical protective clothing. Full protection suit. In case of fire and/or explosion do not breathe fumes. In case of fire: Wear self-contained breathing apparatus.

Additional information

Suppress gases/vapours/mists with water spray jet. Collect contaminated fire extinguishing water separately.

Do not allow entering drains or surface water. Collect contaminated fire extinguishing water separately. Do not allow entering drains or surface water.

Co-ordinate fire-fighting measures to the fire surroundings.

Slowly corrodes aluminium and zink under hydrogen evolution. Explosion hazard.

SECTION 6: Accidental release measures

6.1. Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

General advice

Provide adequate ventilation. Avoid dust formation. Do not breathe dust. Avoid contact with skin, eyes and clothes. Use personal protection equipment. Wear personal protection equipment (refer to section 8).

@1501.B015718 Avoid contact with skin, eyes and clothes.

Special danger of slipping by leaking/spilling product.

6.2. Environmental precautions

Do not allow to enter into surface water or drains. Do not allow to enter into surface water or drains. Prevent spread over a wide area (e.g. by containment or oil barriers). Do not allow to enter into soil/subsoil.

6.3. Methods and material for containment and cleaning up

For cleaning up

Take up mechanically. Treat the recovered material as prescribed in the section on waste disposal.

Other information

Absorb with liquid-binding material (sand, diatomaceous earth, acid- or universal binding agents).

Treat the recovered material as prescribed in the section on waste disposal.

Clean contaminated objects and areas thoroughly observing environmental regulations.

6.4. Reference to other sections

Safe handling: see section 7

Personal protection equipment: see section 8

Disposal: see section 13 Safe handling: see section 7

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SECTION 7: Handling and storage

7.1. Precautions for safe handling

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Advice on safe handling

If handled uncovered, arrangements with local exhaust ventilation have to be used. Avoid dust formation. Do not breathe dust. Wear suitable protective clothing. (See section 8.)

Conditions to avoid: aerosol or mist formation

Avoid contact with skin, eyes and clothes.

Advice on protection against fire and explosion

Usual measures for fire prevention.

Advice on general occupational hygiene

Remove contaminated, saturated clothing immediately. Draw up and observe skin protection programme.

Wash hands and face before breaks and after work and take a shower if necessary. When using do not eat, drink, smoke, sniff. When using do not eat, drink or smoke.

Further information on handling

Advices on general occupational hygiene: See section 8.

7.2. Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Requirements for storage rooms and vessels

Keep container tightly closed. Keep locked up. Store in a place accessible by authorized persons only. Provide adequate ventilation as well as local exhaustion at critical locations. Unsuitable container/equipment material: Metal. Keep container tightly closed in a cool, well-ventilated place. Only use containers specifically approved for the substance/product.

Make sure spills can be contained (e.g. sump pallets or kerbed areas).

Hints on joint storage

Do not store together with: Explosives. Oxidizing solids. Oxidizing liquids. Organic peroxides. Self-reactive substances and mixtures. Radioactive substances. Infectious substances.

Further information on storage conditions

Recommended storage temperature: 20°C

Protect against: frost. UV-radiation/sunlight. heat. Humidity

7.3. Specific end use(s)

See section 1.

SECTION 8: Exposure controls/personal protection

8.1. Control parameters

Exposure limits (EH40)

CAS No	Substance	ppm	mg/m ³	fibres/ml	Category	Origin
1310-58-3	Potassium hydroxide	-	2		STEL (15 min)	WEL

DNEL/DMEL values

CAS No	Substance	Exposure route	Effect	Value
1310-58-3	caustic potash, potassium hydroxide			
Worker DNEL, long-term		inhalation	local	1 mg/m ³
Consumer DNEL, long-term		inhalation	local	1 mg/m ³

8.2. Exposure controls



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Appropriate engineering controls

If handled uncovered, arrangements with local exhaust ventilation have to be used. Do not breathe dust.
Provide adequate ventilation.

Individual protection measures, such as personal protective equipment**Eye/face protection**

Suitable eye protection: goggles. Wear eye/face protection. EN 166

Hand protection

When handling with chemical substances, protective gloves must be worn with the CE-label including the four control digits. The quality of the protective gloves resistant to chemicals must be chosen as a function of the specific working place concentration and quantity of hazardous substances. For special purposes, it is recommended to check the resistance to chemicals of the protective gloves mentioned above together with the supplier of these gloves. Wear suitable gloves.

Suitable material:

FKM (fluororubber). - Thickness of glove material: 0,4 mm

Breakthrough time \geq 8 h

Butyl rubber. - Thickness of glove material: 0,5 mm

Breakthrough time \geq 8 h

CR (polychloroprenes, Chloroprene rubber). - Thickness of glove material: 0,5 mm

Breakthrough time \geq 8 h

NBR (Nitrile rubber). - Thickness of glove material: 0,35 mm

Breakthrough time \geq 8 h

PVC (Polyvinyl chloride). - Thickness of glove material: 0,5 mm

Breakthrough time \geq 8 h

The selected protective gloves have to satisfy the specifications of EU Directive 89/686/EEC and the standard EN 374 derived from it.

Before using check leak tightness / impermeability. In the case of wanting to use the gloves again, clean them before taking off and air them well.

Skin protection

Use of protective clothing. Suitable protective clothing: Lab apron.

Minimum standard for preventive measures while handling with working materials are specified in the TRGS 500 (D).

Respiratory protection

In case of inadequate ventilation wear respiratory protection. With correct and proper use, and under normal conditions, breathing protection is not required.

Respiratory protection necessary at:

-exceeding exposure limit values

-insufficient ventilation and aerosol or mist formation

Suitable respiratory protective equipment: particulates filter device (DIN EN 143). Type: P1-3

The filter class must be suitable for the maximum contaminant concentration (gas/vapour/aerosol/particulates) that may arise when handling the product. If the concentration is exceeded, self-contained breathing apparatus must be used.

Environmental exposure controls

No information available.

SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties**9.1. Information on basic physical and chemical properties**

Physical state:	Solid matter
Colour:	colourless
Odour:	odourless
Melting point/freezing point:	406 °C
Boiling point or initial boiling point and boiling range:	1327 °C

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Flammability	
Solid/liquid:	No information available.
Gas:	No information available.
Lower explosion limits:	No information available.
Upper explosion limits:	No information available.
Flash point:	N/A
Auto-ignition temperature:	No information available.
Decomposition temperature:	No information available.
pH-Value (at 20 °C):	14
Viscosity / kinematic:	No information available.
Water solubility: (at 20 °C)	1120 g/L
Solubility in other solvents	
No information available.	
Partition coefficient n-octanol/water:	No information available.
Vapour pressure: (at 20 °C)	0 hPa
Vapour pressure: (at 50 °C)	0,13 hPa
Density (at 20 °C):	2,04 g/cm ³
Bulk density:	No information available.
Relative vapour density:	No information available.

9.2. Other information
Information with regard to physical hazard classes

Explosive properties	
The product is not: Explosive. none	
Sustaining combustion:	No data available
Self-ignition temperature	
Solid:	No information available.
Gas:	No information available.
Oxidizing properties	
none	

Other safety characteristics

Evaporation rate:	No information available.
Solvent separation test:	No information available.
Solvent content:	No information available.
Solid content:	No information available.
Sublimation point:	No information available.
Softening point:	No information available.
Pour point:	No information available.
Viscosity / dynamic:	No information available.
Flow time:	No information available.

SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity
10.1. Reactivity

Corrosive to metals. Possibility of hazardous reactions. No information available.

10.2. Chemical stability

The product is chemically stable under recommended conditions of storage, use and temperature.

10.3. Possibility of hazardous reactions

Exothermic reaction with: Acid, Peroxides, Oxidizing agent. Refer to chapter 10.5.

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10.4. Conditions to avoid

Protect against: UV-radiation/sunlight. heat.

10.5. Incompatible materials

Metal. Keep away from: Acid, Oxidizing agent, Peroxides. Materials to avoid: Oxidizing agents, strong.

Reducing agents, strong. @1501.B015806

Possibly extensive generation of hydrogen on contact with amphoteric metals (e.g. aluminium, lead, zinc) (explosive hazard!).

10.6. Hazardous decomposition products

 In case of fire may be liberated: Carbon monoxide Carbon dioxide (CO₂)

SECTION 11: Toxicological information

11.1. Information on hazard classes as defined in GB CLP Regulation

Toxicokinetics, metabolism and distribution

No information available.

Acute toxicity

Harmful if swallowed.

CAS No	Chemical name				
	Exposure route	Dose	Species	Source	Method
1310-58-3	caustic potash, potassium hydroxide				
	oral	LD50 mg/kg	333	Rat	ECHA

Irritation and corrosivity

Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.

Causes serious eye damage.

Sensitising effects

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.

Carcinogenic/mutagenic/toxic effects for reproduction

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.

STOT-single exposure

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.

STOT-repeated exposure

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.

Aspiration hazard

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.

Further information

The mixture is classified as hazardous according to regulation (EC) No 1272/2008 [CLP].

SECTION 12: Ecological information

12.1. Toxicity

The product has not been tested.

12.2. Persistence and degradability

The product has not been tested.

12.3. Bioaccumulative potential

No indication of bioaccumulation potential.

12.4. Mobility in soil

No information available.

12.5. Results of PBT and vPvB assessment

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This substance does not meet the PBT/vPvB criteria of UK REACH.

The substances in the mixture do not meet the PBT/vPvB criteria according to REACH, annex XIII.

12.6. Endocrine disrupting properties

This substance does not have endocrine disrupting properties with respect to non-target organisms.

12.7. Other adverse effects

No information available.

Further information

Avoid release to the environment.

SECTION 13: Disposal considerations**13.1. Waste treatment methods****Disposal recommendations**

Do not allow to enter into surface water or drains. Dispose of waste according to applicable legislation. Dispose of waste according to applicable legislation. Consult the local waste disposal expert about waste disposal.

Non-contaminated packages may be recycled. The allocation of waste identity numbers/waste descriptions must be carried out according to the EEC, specific to the industry and process.

Control report for waste code/ waste marking according to (EWC) European Waste Catalogue:

List of Wastes Code - residues/unused products

060204 WASTES FROM INORGANIC CHEMICAL PROCESSES; wastes from the MFSU of bases; sodium and potassium hydroxide; hazardous waste

List of Wastes Code - used product

060204 WASTES FROM INORGANIC CHEMICAL PROCESSES; wastes from the MFSU of bases; sodium and potassium hydroxide; hazardous waste

List of Wastes Code - contaminated packaging

150110 WASTE PACKAGING; ABSORBENTS, WIPING CLOTHS, FILTER MATERIALS AND PROTECTIVE CLOTHING NOT OTHERWISE SPECIFIED; packaging (including separately collected municipal packaging waste); packaging containing residues of or contaminated by hazardous substances; hazardous waste

Contaminated packaging

Wash with plenty of water. Completely emptied packages can be recycled. Handle contaminated packages in the same way as the substance itself.

SECTION 14: Transport information**Land transport (ADR/RID)**

14.1. UN number or ID number:	UN 1814
14.2. UN proper shipping name:	KALIUMHYDROXID
14.3. Transport hazard class(es):	8
14.4. Packing group:	II
Hazard label:	8



Classification code:	C5
Limited quantity:	1 L
Excepted quantity:	E2
Transport category:	2
Hazard No:	80
Tunnel restriction code:	E

Inland waterways transport (ADN)

14.1. UN number or ID number:	UN 1814
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14.2. UN proper shipping name: KALIUMHYDROXID

14.3. Transport hazard class(es): 8

14.4. Packing group: II

Hazard label: 8



Classification code: C5

Limited quantity: 1 L

Excepted quantity: E2

Marine transport (IMDG)

14.1. UN number or ID number: UN 1814

14.2. UN proper shipping name: POTASSIUM HYDROXIDE

14.3. Transport hazard class(es): 8

14.4. Packing group: II

Hazard label: 8



Special Provisions: -

Limited quantity: 1 L

Excepted quantity: E2

EmS: F-A, S-B

Air transport (ICAO-TI/IATA-DGR)

14.1. UN number or ID number: UN 1814

14.2. UN proper shipping name: POTASSIUM HYDROXIDE

14.3. Transport hazard class(es): 8

14.4. Packing group: II

Hazard label: 8



Special Provisions: A3 A803

Limited quantity Passenger: 0.5 L

Passenger LQ: Y840

Excepted quantity: E2

IATA-packing instructions - Passenger: 851

IATA-max. quantity - Passenger: 1 L

IATA-packing instructions - Cargo: 855

IATA-max. quantity - Cargo: 30 L

14.5. Environmental hazards

ENVIRONMENTALLY HAZARDOUS: No

14.6. Special precautions for user

Warning: strongly corrosive. Safe handling: see section 7

Personal protection equipment: see section 8

14.7. Maritime transport in bulk according to IMO instruments

not relevant

SECTION 15: Regulatory information
15.1. Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture

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EU regulatory information

Restrictions on use (REACH, annex XVII):

Entry 75

2010/75/EU (VOC):

No information available.

2004/42/EC (VOC):

No information available.

Information according to 2012/18/EU
(SEVESO III):

Not subject to 2012/18/EU (SEVESO III)

Additional informationThe mixture is classified as hazardous according to regulation (EC) No 1272/2008 [CLP].
REACH 1907/2006 Appendix XVII, No (mixture): 3**National regulatory information**

Employment restrictions:

Observe restrictions to employment for juveniles according to the 'juvenile work protection guideline' (94/33/EC).

Water hazard class (D):

1 - slightly hazardous to water

15.2. Chemical safety assessment

Chemical safety assessments for substances in this mixture were not carried out.

SECTION 16: Other information**Changes**

Rev.1.0, Neuerstellung 11.07.2011

Rev 1,01, 10.04.2014 Umstellung auf EU VO 453 Anhang I , Einschränkung P-Sätze

Rev 1,02; 27.11.2015, Changes in chapter: 1, 16;

Rev 1,03; 23.08.2017, Changes in chapter: 1, 16.

Rev 2,00; 16.10.2018, Changes in chapter: 1-16.

Abbreviations and acronyms

ADR: Accord européen sur le transport des marchandises dangereuses par Route

AwSV: Verordnung über Anlagen zum Umgang mit wassergefährdenden Stoffen

AGW: Arbeitsplatzgrenzwert

AVV: Abfallverzeichnisverordnung

CAS Chemical Abstracts Service

CLP: Classification, Labelling and Packaging of substances and mixtures

DNEL: Derived No Effect Level

d: day(s)

EAKV: Europäisches Abfallverzeichnis gemäß Entwurf Abfallverzeichnisverordnung

EINECS: European Inventory of Existing Commercial chemical Substances

ELINCS: European List of Notified Chemical Substances

ECHA: European Chemicals Agency

EWC: European Waste Catalogue

IARC: INTERNATIONAL AGENCY FOR RESEARCH ON CANCER

IMDG: International Maritime Code for Dangerous Goods

IATA: International Air Transport Association

IATA-DGR: Dangerous Goods Regulations by the "International Air Transport Association" (IATA)

ICAO: International Civil Aviation Organization

ICAO-TI: Technical Instructions by the "International Civil Aviation Organization" (ICAO)

GHS: Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals

GefStoffV: Gefahrstoffverordnung (Ordinance on Hazardous Substances, Germany)

h: hour

LOAEL: Lowest observed adverse effect level

LOAEC: Lowest observed adverse effect concentration

LC50: Lethal concentration, 50 percent

LD50: Lethal dose, 50 percent

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NOAEL: No observed adverse effect level
NOAEC: No observed adverse effect level
NLP: No-Longer Polymers
N/A: not applicable
OECD: Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
PNEC: predicted no effect concentration
PBT: Persistent bioaccumulative toxic
RID: Règlement international concernant le transport des marchandises dangereuses par chemin de fer (Regulations Concerning the International Transport of Dangerous Goods by Rail)
REACH: Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation of Chemicals
SVHC: substance of very high concern
TRGS Technische Regeln fuer Gefahrstoffe
UN: United Nations
VOC: Volatile Organic Compounds
VwVwS: Verwaltungsvorschrift wassergefaehrdender Stoffe
WGK: Wassergefaehrdungsklasse
CLP: Classification, labelling and Packaging
REACH: Registration, Evaluation and Authorization of Chemicals
GHS: Globally Harmonised System of Classification, Labelling and Packaging of Chemicals
UN: United Nations
CAS: Chemical Abstracts Service
DNEL: Derived No Effect Level
DMEL: Derived Minimal Effect Level
PNEC: Predicted No Effect Concentration
ATE: Acute toxicity estimate
LL50: Lethal loading, 50%
EL50: Effect loading, 50%
EC50: Effective Concentration 50%
ErC50: Effective Concentration 50%, growth rate
NOEC: No Observed Effect Concentration
BCF: Bio-concentration factor
PBT: persistent, bioaccumulative, toxic
vPvB: very persistent, very bioaccumulative
ADR: Accord européen sur le transport des marchandises dangereuses par Route (European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road)
RID: Regulations concerning the international carriage of dangerous goods by rail
ADN: European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterways (Accord européen relatif au transport international des marchandises dangereuses par voies de navigation intérieures)
EmS: Emergency Schedules
MFAG: Medical First Aid Guide
MARPOL: International Convention for the Prevention of Marine Pollution from Ships
IBC: Intermediate Bulk Container
For abbreviations and acronyms, see: ECHA Guidance on information requirements and chemical safety assessment, chapter R.20 (Table of terms and abbreviations).

Relevant H and EUH statements (number and full text)

H290	May be corrosive to metals.
H302	Harmful if swallowed.
H314	Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.
H318	Causes serious eye damage.

Further Information

The information is based on the present level of our knowledge. It does not, however, give assurance of product properties and establishes no contract legal rights. The receiver of our product is singularly responsible for adhering to existing laws and regulations. Classification according to Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008 [CLP] - Classification procedure:

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Health hazards: Calculation method.

Environmental hazards: Calculation method.

Physical hazards: On basis of test data and / or calculated and / or estimated.

The above information describes exclusively the safety requirements of the product and is based on our present-day knowledge. The information is intended to give you advice about the safe handling of the product named in this safety data sheet, for storage, processing, transport and disposal. The information cannot be transferred to other products. In the case of mixing the product with other products or in the case of processing, the information on this safety data sheet is not necessarily valid for the new made-up material.