

Australian statement of hazardous nature : Classified as hazardous according to criteria of Safe Work Australia

## Section 1 - Identification

**Product Name** Potassium metabisulfite

**CAS No** 16731-55-8

**Synonyms** Pyrosulfurous Acid, Dipotassium Salt; Dipotassium Disulfate; Potassium Pyrosulfate

**Product Code** **418270000; 418270025; 418270250; 418275000**

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**Recommended Use** Laboratory chemicals.

**Uses advised against** This product does not contain any substance(s) on the Illicit Drug Precursors/Reagents list. This product does not contain any substance(s) subject to Prohibition, Authorization or Restriction. This product does not contain any substance(s) listed on the voluntary National Code of Practice for Chemicals of Security Concern.

## Section 2 - Hazard(s) Identification

### Classification under Safe Work Australia

Classified as hazardous according to criteria of Safe Work Australia

#### Physical hazards

No hazards identified

#### Health hazards

Serious Eye Damage/Eye Irritation

Category 1

#### Environmental hazards

No hazards identified

### Label Elements



Corrosion

**Signal Word****Danger****Hazard Statements**

H318 - Causes serious eye damage

AUH031 - Contact with acids liberates toxic gas

**Precautionary Statements**

P280 - Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection

P305 + P351 + P338 - IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing

P310 - Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor

P403 - Store in a well-ventilated place

P501 - Dispose of contents/ container to an approved waste disposal plant

**Other information****Section 3 - Composition and Information on Ingredients**

Component	CAS No	Weight %
Potassium metabisulfite	16731-55-8	>95

**Section 4 - First Aid Measures**

<b>Inhalation</b>	Remove to fresh air. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. Get medical attention.
<b>Ingestion</b>	Do NOT induce vomiting. Get medical attention.
<b>Skin Contact</b>	Get medical attention. Wash off immediately with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes.
<b>Eye Contact</b>	Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids, for at least 15 minutes. Immediate medical attention is required.
<b>General Advice</b>	If symptoms persist, call a physician.
<b>Self-Protection of the First Aider</b>	Use personal protective equipment as required.
<b>First Aid Facilities</b>	Eyewash, safety shower and washroom.
<b>Most important symptoms and effects</b>	Causes eye burns.
<b>Notes to Physician</b>	Treat symptomatically.

**Section 5 - Fire Fighting Measures****Suitable Extinguishing Media**

Use extinguishing measures that are appropriate to local circumstances and the surrounding environment.

**Extinguishing media which must not be used for safety reasons**

No information available.

**Hazardous Decomposition Products**

Sulfur oxides, Potassium oxides.

**Decomposition Temperature**

150 °C

**Specific Hazards Arising from the Chemical**

Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating gases and vapors. Keep product and empty container away from heat and sources of ignition.

**Special protective equipment and precautions for fire fighters**

As in any fire, wear self-contained breathing apparatus pressure-demand, MSHA/NIOSH (approved or equivalent) and full protective gear.

## Section 6 - Accidental Release Measures

**Emergency procedures**

Use personal protective equipment as required. Ensure adequate ventilation. Avoid dust formation.

**Environmental Precautions**

Should not be released into the environment. See Section 12 for additional Ecological Information.

**Methods for Containment and Clean Up****Clean-up methods - small spillage**

Sweep up and shovel into suitable containers for disposal. Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal.

**Clean-up methods - large spillage**

Typically only supplied in small quantities as packaged goods.

If extremely toxic or used in larger quantities ensure a spillage action plan is in place. Evacuate area. Control the source and/or contain the spill if safe and able to do so. Use temporary diking, sand bags, dry sand, earth or proprietary booms/absorbent pads if available. Obtain advice on containment, neutralisation and clean-up from local emergency responders.

**Reference to Other Sections**

Refer to protective measures listed in Sections 8 and 13.

## Section 7 - Handling and Storage

**Precautions for Safe Handling**

Use only under a chemical fume hood. Wear personal protective equipment/face protection. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Avoid ingestion and inhalation. Avoid dust formation. Keep away from acids.

**Conditions for Safe Storage, Including any Incompatibilities**

Keep containers tightly closed in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place. Keep away from acids.

AS/NZS 2243.10:2004, Safety in laboratories - Storage of chemicals

## Section 8 - Exposure Controls and Personal Protection

**Exposure limits**

The product does not contain any hazardous materials with occupational exposure limits established.

**Biological limit values**

This product, as supplied, does not contain any hazardous materials with biological limits established by the region specific regulatory bodies

**Exposure Controls****Engineering Measures**

Use only under a chemical fume hood. Ensure that eyewash stations and safety showers are close to the workstation location.

Wherever possible, engineering control measures such as the isolation or enclosure of the process, the introduction of process or equipment changes to minimise release or contact, and the use of properly designed ventilation systems, should be adopted to control hazardous materials at source

#### Personal protective equipment

##### Eye Protection

Goggles (Australian/New Zealand Standard AS/NZS 1337 - Eye protectors for Industrial applications)

##### Hand Protection

Protective gloves

Glove material	Breakthrough time	Glove thickness	AUS/NZ Standard	Glove comments
Natural rubber	See manufacturers	-	AS/NZS 2161	(minimum requirement)
Nitrile rubber	recommendations			
Neoprene				
PVC				

Inspect gloves before use.

Please observe the instructions regarding permeability and breakthrough time which are provided by the supplier of the gloves.

(Refer to manufacturer/supplier for information)

Ensure gloves are suitable for the task: Chemical compatibility, Dexterity, Operational conditions, User susceptibility, e.g. sensitisation effects, also take into consideration the specific local conditions under which the product is used, such as the danger of cuts, abrasion.

Remove gloves with care avoiding skin contamination.

##### Skin and body protection

Long sleeved clothing

##### Respiratory Protection

Use an AS/NZS 1716 approved respirator if exposure limits are exceeded or if irritation or other symptoms are experienced. To protect the wearer, respiratory protective equipment must be the correct fit and be used and maintained in line with AS/NZS 1715 on the use and maintenance of respiratory protective devices

##### Recommended Filter type:

Particulates filter conforming to EN 143 (or AUS/NZ equivalent)

##### Recommended half mask:-

Particle filtering: EN149:2001 (or AUS/NZ equivalent)

When RPE is used a face piece Fit Test should be conducted

#### Hygiene Measures

Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.

#### Environmental exposure controls

No information available.

## Section 9 - Physical and Chemical Properties

#### Information on basic physical and chemical properties

Appearance	Off-white	
Physical State	Powder Solid	
Odor	Rotten-egg like	
Odor Threshold	No data available	
pH	3.5-4.5	5% aq. sol
Melting Point/Range	150 °C / 302 °F	
Softening Point	No data available	
Boiling Point/Range	No information available	
Flash Point	Not applicable	Method - No information available
Evaporation Rate	Not applicable	Solid
Flammability (solid,gas)	No information available	
Explosion Limits	No data available	
Vapor Pressure	No information available	
Vapor Density	Not applicable	Solid
Specific Gravity / Density	No data available	
Bulk Density	No data available	
Water Solubility	45 g/L (20°C)	

<b>Solubility in other solvents</b>	No information available	Solid
<b>Partition Coefficient (n-octanol/water)</b>		
<b>Component</b>	<b>log Pow</b>	
Potassium metabisulfite	-4	
<b>Autoignition Temperature</b>	No data available	
<b>Decomposition Temperature</b>	150 °C	
<b>Viscosity</b>	Not applicable	
<b>Explosive Properties</b>	No information available	
<b>Oxidizing Properties</b>	No information available	

**Other information**

<b>Molecular Formula</b>	K2 O5 S2
<b>Molecular Weight</b>	222.33

## Section 10 - Stability and Reactivity

<b>Reactivity</b>	Yes
<b>Stability</b>	Stable under normal conditions.
<b>Conditions to Avoid</b>	Incompatible products, Excess heat, Avoid dust formation.
<b>Incompatible Materials</b>	Acids.
<b>Hazardous Decomposition Products</b>	Sulfur oxides. Potassium oxides.
<b>Hazardous Polymerization</b>	Hazardous polymerization does not occur.

## Section 11 - Toxicological Information

**Information on Toxicological Effects****Product Information****(a) acute toxicity;****Oral**

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

**Dermal**

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

**Inhalation**

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

Component	LD50 Oral	LD50 Dermal	LC50 Inhalation
Potassium metabisulfite	1800 mg/kg ( Rat ) 2300 mg/kg ( Rat )	>2 g/kg ( Rat )	>5.5 mg/L 4h ( Rat )

**(b) skin corrosion/irritation;** Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met**(c) serious eye damage/irritation;** Category 1**(d) respiratory or skin sensitization;****Respiratory**

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

**Skin**

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

**(e) germ cell mutagenicity;**

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

**(f) carcinogenicity;**

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

There are no known carcinogenic chemicals in this product

(g) reproductive toxicity;	Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met
(h) STOT-single exposure;	Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met
(i) STOT-repeated exposure;	Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met
Target Organs	None known.
(j) aspiration hazard;	Not applicable Solid

Symptoms / effects, both acute and delayed No information available

## Section 12 - Ecological Information

### Ecotoxicity effects

Component	Freshwater Fish	Water Flea	Freshwater Algae	Microtox
Potassium metabisulfite	LC50: 460 - 1000 mg/L, 96h static (Brachydanio rerio)	-	-	EC50 = 65 mg/L 17 h

### Persistence and Degradability

#### Persistence

Soluble in water, Persistence is unlikely, based on information available.

#### Degradability

Not relevant for inorganic substances.

#### Bioaccumulative Potential

Bioaccumulation is unlikely

Component	log Pow	Bioconcentration factor (BCF)
Potassium metabisulfite	-4	No data available

### Mobility

The product is water soluble, and may spread in water systems. : Will likely be mobile in the environment due to its water solubility Highly mobile in soils

### Endocrine Disruptor Information

This product does not contain any known or suspected endocrine disruptors

### Persistent Organic Pollutant

This product does not contain any known or suspected substance

### Ozone Depletion Potential

This product does not contain any known or suspected substance

## Section 13 - Disposal Considerations

### Waste from Residues/Unused Products

Do not allow into drains or watercourses or dispose of where ground or surface waters may be affected. Wastes, including emptied containers, are controlled wastes and should be disposed of in accordance with all federal, E.P.A., state and local regulations. Assure conformity with all applicable regulations.

### Contaminated Packaging

Dispose of this container to hazardous or special waste collection point.

### Other Information

Chemical wastes should be disposed through a licensed commercial waste collection service. Waste codes should be assigned by the user based on the application for which the product was used. Do not empty into drains. Do not flush to sewer.

## Section 14 - Transport Information

### IMDG/IMO

Not regulated

### ADG

Not regulated

<b>IATA</b>	Not regulated
<b>Environmental hazards</b>	No hazards identified
<b>Special Precautions</b>	No special precautions required
<b>Additional information</b>	None known

## Section 15 - Regulatory Information

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

#### National Regulations      **Australia**

See section 8 for national exposure control parameters.

#### **Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Medicines and Poisons**

Classified as a scheduled poison according to the Standard for Uniform Scheduling of Medicines and Poisons.

Component	Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Medicines and Poisons
Potassium metabisulfite - 16731-55-8	Schedule 5 listed - when packed for domestic use except in preparations containing <=10% of Potassium metabisulphite

#### **Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme (AICIS)**

Component	Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme (AICIS)	Additional information
Potassium metabisulfite - 16731-55-8	Present	-

#### **Australian - Illicit Drug Precursors/Reagents Substance List**

This product does not contain any substance(s) on the Illicit Drug Precursors/Reagents list.

#### **Chemicals of Security Concern**

This product does not contain any substance(s) listed on the voluntary National Code of Practice for Chemicals of Security Concern

#### **National pollutant inventory**      Not applicable

#### **Prohibition or notification/licensing requirements**

Shown below are details of specific prohibition/notifications or licencing requirements when they apply.

This product does not contain any substance(s) subject to Prohibition, Authorization or Restriction.

#### **International Inventories**

Component	AICS	NZIoC	EINECS	ELINCS	TSCA	DSL	NDSL	PICCS	ENCS	ISHL	IECSC	KECL
Potassium metabisulfite	X	X	240-795-3	-	X	X	-	X	-		X	KE-12700

**Legend:** X - Listed. '-' - Not Listed. **KECL** - NIER number or KE number (<http://ncis.nier.go.kr/en/main.do>)

**International Regulations**

**Ozone Depletion Potential** This product does not contain any known or suspected substance

**Persistent Organic Pollutant** This product does not contain any known or suspected substance

**Rotterdam Convention (PIC)** Not applicable

**Basel convention on the control of transboundary movements of hazardous wastes and their disposal**  
Not applicable.

Component	CAS No	OECD HPV	Restriction of Hazardous Substances (RoHS)	Seveso III Directive (2012/18/EC) - Qualifying Quantities for Major Accident Notification	Seveso III Directive (2012/18/EC) - Qualifying Quantities for Safety Report Requirements
Potassium metabisulfite	16731-55-8	Listed	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable

**Authorisation/Restrictions according to EU REACH** Not applicable

## Section 16 - Other Information

### Legend

<b>AICS</b> - Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances	<b>NZIoC</b> - New Zealand Inventory of Chemicals
<b>TSCA</b> - United States Toxic Substances Control Act Section 8(b) Inventory	<b>EINECS/ELINCS</b> - European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances/EU List of Notified Chemical Substances
<b>DSL/NDL</b> - Canadian Domestic Substances List/Non-Domestic Substances List	<b>ENCS</b> - Japanese Existing and New Chemical Substances
<b>IECSC</b> - Chinese Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances	<b>KECL</b> - Korean Existing and Evaluated Chemical Substances
<b>PICCS</b> - Philippines Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances	<b>CAS</b> - Chemical Abstracts Service
<b>TWA</b> - Time Weighted Average	<b>ACGIH</b> - American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists
<b>IARC</b> - International Agency for Research on Cancer	Predicted No Effect Concentration (PNEC)
<b>ICAO/IATA</b> - International Civil Aviation Organization/International Air Transport Association	<b>IMO/IMDG</b> - International Maritime Organization/International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code
<b>MARPOL</b> - International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships	<b>ADG</b> Australian Code for the Transport of Dangerous Goods by Road and Rail
<b>NZS 5433:2012</b> - Transport of Dangerous Goods on Land	<b>OECD</b> - Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
<b>LD50</b> - Lethal Dose 50%	<b>LC50</b> - Lethal Concentration 50%
<b>EC50</b> - Effective Concentration 50%	<b>ATE</b> - Acute Toxicity Estimate
<b>WEL</b> - Workplace Exposure Limit	<b>RPE</b> - Respiratory Protective Equipment
<b>DNEL</b> - Derived No Effect Level	<b>NOEC</b> - No Observed Effect Concentration
<b>POW</b> - Partition coefficient Octanol:Water	<b>BCF</b> - Bioconcentration factor
<b>vPvB</b> - very Persistent, very Bioaccumulative	<b>PBT</b> - Persistent, Bioaccumulative, Toxic
<b>VOC</b> - (Volatile Organic Compound)	

### Key literature references and sources for data

<https://echa.europa.eu/information-on-chemicals>  
Suppliers safety data sheet, Chemadvisor - LOLI, Merck index, RTECS

### Training Advice

Chemical hazard awareness training, incorporating labelling, Safety Data Sheets (SDS), Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and hygiene.  
Use of personal protective equipment, covering appropriate selection, compatibility, breakthrough thresholds, care, maintenance, fit and standards.



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First aid for chemical exposure, including the use of eye wash and safety showers.

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