



# SAFETY DATA SHEET

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## SECTION 1: IDENTIFICATION OF THE SUBSTANCE/MIXTURE AND OF THE COMPANY/UNDERTAKING

### 1.1. Product identifier

**Product Description:** Potassium tetraiodomercurate(II)  
**Cat No. :** 391090000; 391090010; 391090050  
**Synonyms** Nessler's reagent  
**CAS-No** 7783-33-7  
**EC-No.** 231-990-4  
**Molecular Formula** K<sub>2</sub> Hg I<sub>4</sub>

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

**Recommended Use** Laboratory chemicals.  
**Uses advised against** No Information available

### 1.3. Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

**Company** Acros Organics BVBA  
Janssen Pharmaceuticaaan 3a  
2440 Geel, Belgium  
**E-mail address** begel.sdsdesk@thermofisher.com

### 1.4. Emergency telephone number

For information **US** call: 001-800-ACROS-01 / **Europe** call: +32 14 57 52 11  
Emergency Number **US**:001-201-796-7100 / **Europe**: +32 14 57 52 99  
**CHEMTREC** Tel. No.**US**:001-800-424-9300 / **Europe**:001-703-527-3887

## SECTION 2: HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

### 2.1. Classification of the substance or mixture

#### CLP Classification - Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008

##### Physical hazards

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

##### Health hazards

Acute oral toxicity	Category 2
Acute dermal toxicity	Category 1
Acute Inhalation Toxicity - Dusts and Mists	Category 2
Specific target organ toxicity - (repeated exposure)	Category 2

##### Environmental hazards

Acute aquatic toxicity	Category 1
Chronic aquatic toxicity	Category 1

#### Classification according to EU Directives 67/548/EEC or 1999/45/EC

**Symbol(s)** T+ - Very toxic  
N - Dangerous for the environment

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## R-phrases(s)

R33 - Danger of cumulative effects  
R26/27/28 - Very toxic by inhalation, in contact with skin and if swallowed  
R50/53 - Very toxic to aquatic organisms, may cause long-term adverse effects in the aquatic environment

For the full text of the R-phrases and H-Statements mentioned in this Section, see Section 16.

## 2.2. Label elements



Signal Word

Danger

## Hazard Statements

H310 - Fatal in contact with skin  
H300 - Fatal if swallowed  
H373 - May cause damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure  
H330 - Fatal if inhaled  
H410 - Very toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects

## Precautionary Statements

P301 + P310 - IF SWALLOWED: Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/ physician  
P280 - Wear protective gloves/ protective clothing/ eye protection/ face protection  
P361 - Remove/ Take off immediately all contaminated clothing  
P302 + P350 - IF ON SKIN: Gently wash with plenty of soap and water  
P310 - Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/ physician  
P304 + P340 - IF INHALED: Remove to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing  
P260 - Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray  
P273 - Avoid release to the environment

## 2.3. Other hazards

No information available

## SECTION 3: COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

### 3.1. Substances

Component	CAS-No	EC-No.	Weight %	CLP Classification - Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008	DSD Classification - 67/548/EEC
Mercury (II) potassium iodide	7783-33-7	EEC No. 231-990-4	>95	Acute Tox. 2 (H300) Acute Tox. 1 (H310) Acute Tox. 2 (H330) STOT RE 2 (H373) Aquatic Acute 1 (H400) Aquatic Chronic 1 (H410)	T+; R26/27/28 R33 N; R50-53

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## SECTION 4: FIRST AID MEASURES

### 4.1. Description of first aid measures

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<b>Eye Contact</b>	Immediate medical attention is required. Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids, for at least 15 minutes.
<b>Skin Contact</b>	Wash off immediately with soap and plenty of water while removing all contaminated clothes and shoes. Immediate medical attention is required.
<b>Ingestion</b>	Call a physician immediately. Clean mouth with water.
<b>Inhalation</b>	Remove from exposure, lie down. Move to fresh air. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. Immediate medical attention is required.
<b>Protection of First-aiders</b>	Ensure that medical personnel are aware of the material(s) involved, take precautions to protect themselves and prevent spread of contamination.

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

No information available.

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

**Notes to Physician** Treat symptomatically.

## **SECTION 5: FIREFIGHTING MEASURES**

### **5.1. Extinguishing media**

#### **Suitable Extinguishing Media**

Water spray. Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>). Dry chemical. chemical foam.

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

No information available.

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

Do not allow run-off from fire fighting to enter drains or water courses.

#### **Hazardous Combustion Products**

Hydrogen iodide, Mercury oxide.

### **5.3. Advice for firefighters**

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**

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

Ensure adequate ventilation.

### **6.2. Environmental precautions**

Do not flush into surface water or sanitary sewer system. Do not allow material to contaminate ground water system. Prevent product from entering drains. Local authorities should be advised if significant spillages cannot be contained. Should not be released into the environment. See Section 12 for additional ecological information. Avoid release to the environment. Collect spillage.

### **6.3. Methods and material for containment and cleaning up**

Wear self-contained breathing apparatus and protective suit. Sweep up or vacuum up spillage and collect in suitable container for disposal. Do not let this chemical enter the environment.

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## 6.4. Reference to other sections

Refer to protective measures listed in Sections 8 and 13.

## SECTION 7: HANDLING AND STORAGE

### 7.1. Precautions for safe handling

Do not breathe dust. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Do not ingest. Use only in area provided with appropriate exhaust ventilation.

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

Keep in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed. To maintain product quality: Store contents under argon.

### 7.3. Specific end use(s)

Use in laboratories

## SECTION 8: EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

### 8.1. Control parameters

#### Exposure limits

List source(s): **UK** - EH40/2005 Containing the workplace exposure limits (WELs) for use with the Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations (COSHH) 2002 (as amended). Updated by September 2006 official press release and October 2007 Supplement.

Component	European Union	The United Kingdom	France	Belgium	Spain
Mercury (II) potassium iodide		TWA: 0.02 mg/m <sup>3</sup> 8 hr	TWA / VME: 0.02 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (8 heures). Peau		TWA / VLA-ED: 0.02 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (8 horas)

Component	Italy	Germany	Portugal	The Netherlands	Finland
Mercury (II) potassium iodide		TWA: 0.02 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (8 Stunden). AGW - exposure factor 8 TWA: 0.02 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (8 Stunden). MAK Höhepunkt: 0.16 mg/m <sup>3</sup> Haut	TWA: 0.025 mg/m <sup>3</sup> 8 horas Pele		

Component	Austria	Denmark	Switzerland	Poland	Norway
Mercury (II) potassium iodide	Haut MAK-KZW: 0.08 mg/m <sup>3</sup> 15 Minuten MAK-TMW: 0.02 mg/m <sup>3</sup> 8 Stunden		Haut/Peau STEL: 0.16 mg/m <sup>3</sup> 15 Minuten TWA: 0.02 mg/m <sup>3</sup> 8 Stunden		TWA: 0.02 mg/m <sup>3</sup> 8 timer

#### Biological limit values

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

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## Monitoring methods

BS EN 14042:2003 Title Identifier: Workplace atmospheres. Guide for the application and use of procedures for the assessment of exposure to chemical and biological agents.

MDHS14/3 General methods for sampling and gravimetric analysis of respirable and inhalable dust

MDHS16/2 Mercury and its inorganic divalent compounds in air Laboratory method using Hydrar diffusive badges or pumped sorbent tubes, acid dissolution and analysis by cold vapour atomic absorption spectrometry or cold vapour atomic fluorescence spectrometry

**Derived No Effect Level (DNEL)** No information available

<u>Route of exposure</u>	<b>Acute effects (local)</b>	<b>Acute effects (systemic)</b>	<b>Chronic effects (local)</b>	<b>Chronic effects (systemic)</b>
Oral Dermal Inhalation				

**Predicted No Effect Concentration (PNEC)** No information available.

## 8.2. Exposure controls

### Engineering Measures

Ensure adequate ventilation, especially in confined areas.

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 (European standard - EN 166)

**Hand Protection** Protective gloves

<b>Glove material</b>	<b>Breakthrough time</b>	<b>Glove thickness</b>	<b>EU standard</b>	<b>Glove comments</b>
Natural rubber Nitrile rubber Neoprene PVC	See manufacturers recommendations	-	EN 374	(minimum requirement)

**Skin and body protection** Wear appropriate protective gloves and clothing to prevent skin exposure

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.

**Respiratory Protection** When workers are facing concentrations above the exposure limit they must use appropriate certified respirators.  
To protect the wearer, respiratory protective equipment must be the correct fit and be used and maintained properly

**Large scale/emergency use** Use a NIOSH/MSHA or European Standard EN 136 approved respirator if exposure limits are exceeded or if irritation or other symptoms are experienced  
**Recommended Filter type:** Particulates filter conforming to EN 143

**Small scale/Laboratory use** Use a NIOSH/MSHA or European Standard EN 149:2001 approved respirator if exposure limits are exceeded or if irritation or other symptoms are experienced.  
**Recommended half mask:-** Particle filtering: EN149:2001  
When RPE is used a face piece Fit Test should be conducted

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<b>Hygiene Measures</b>	Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.
<b>Environmental exposure controls</b>	Prevent product from entering drains. Do not allow material to contaminate ground water system. Local authorities should be advised if significant spillages cannot be contained.

## SECTION 9: PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

### 9.1. Information on basic physical and chemical properties

<b>Appearance</b>	Yellow	
<b>Physical State</b>	Powder Solid	
<b>Odor</b>	No information available	
<b>Odor Threshold</b>	No data available	
<b>pH</b>	No information available	
<b>Melting Point/Range</b>	No data available	
<b>Softening Point</b>	No data available	
<b>Boiling Point/Range</b>	No information available	
<b>Flash Point</b>	No information available	<b>Method -</b> No information available
<b>Evaporation Rate</b>	Not applicable	Solid
<b>Flammability (solid,gas)</b>	No information available	
<b>Explosion Limits</b>	No data available	
<b>Vapor Pressure</b>	No information available	
<b>Vapor Density</b>	Not applicable	Solid
<b>Specific Gravity / Density</b>	No data available	
<b>Bulk Density</b>	No data available	
<b>Water Solubility</b>	soluble	
<b>Solubility in other solvents</b>	No information available	
<b>Partition Coefficient (n-octanol/water)</b>		
<b>Autoignition Temperature</b>	Not applicable	
<b>Decomposition temperature</b>	No data available	
<b>Viscosity</b>	Not applicable	Solid
<b>Explosive Properties</b>	No information available	
<b>Oxidizing Properties</b>	No information available	

### 9.2. Other information

<b>Molecular Formula</b>	K <sub>2</sub> Hg I <sub>4</sub>
<b>Molecular Weight</b>	786.39

## SECTION 10: STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

<b>10.1. Reactivity</b>	None known, based on information available
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<b>10.2. Chemical stability</b>	Light sensitive, Hygroscopic
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### 10.3. Possibility of hazardous reactions

<b>Hazardous Polymerization</b>	Hazardous polymerization does not occur.
<b>Hazardous Reactions</b>	No information available.

<b>10.4. Conditions to avoid</b>	Exposure to light. Incompatible products. Exposure to moist air or water.
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<b>10.5. Incompatible materials</b>	Strong oxidizing agents.
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## 10.6. Hazardous decomposition products

Hydrogen iodide. Mercury oxide.

## SECTION 11: TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### 11.1. Information on toxicological effects

#### Product Information

##### (a) acute toxicity;

Oral	Category 2
Dermal	Category 1
Inhalation	Category 2

(b) skin corrosion/irritation; No data available

(c) serious eye damage/irritation; No data available

##### (d) respiratory or skin sensitization;

Respiratory	No data available
Skin	No data available

(e) germ cell mutagenicity; No data available

(f) carcinogenicity; No data available

There are no known carcinogenic chemicals in this product

(g) reproductive toxicity; No data available

(h) STOT-single exposure; No data available

(i) STOT-repeated exposure; Category 2

Target Organs No information available.

(j) aspiration hazard; Not applicable  
Solid

#### Other Adverse Effects

The toxicological properties have not been fully investigated. See actual entry in RTECS for complete information

#### Symptoms / effects, both acute and delayed

No information available

## SECTION 12: ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### 12.1. Toxicity

#### Ecotoxicity effects

Very toxic to aquatic organisms, may cause long-term adverse effects in the aquatic environment. The product contains following substances which are hazardous for the environment. May cause long-term adverse effects in the environment. Do not allow material to contaminate ground water system.

### 12.2. Persistence and degradability

The product includes heavy metals. Prevent release into the environment. Special pretreatment required

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**Persistence**  
**Degradation in sewage treatment plant**

based on information available, May persist.  
Contains substances known to be hazardous to the environment or not degradable in waste water treatment plants.

## **12.3. Bioaccumulative potential**

May have some potential to bioaccumulate

## **12.4. Mobility in soil**

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

## **12.5. Results of PBT and vPvB assessment**

No data available for assessment.

## **12.6. Other adverse effects**

**Endocrine Disruptor Information**  
**Persistent Organic Pollutant**  
**Ozone Depletion Potential**

This product does not contain any known or suspected endocrine disruptors  
This product does not contain any known or suspected substance  
This product does not contain any known or suspected substance

## **SECTION 13: DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS**

### **13.1. Waste treatment methods**

**Waste from Residues / Unused Products**

Should not be released into the environment. Waste is classified as hazardous. Dispose of in accordance with the European Directives on waste and hazardous waste. Dispose of in accordance with local regulations.

**Contaminated Packaging**

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

**European Waste Catalogue (EWC)**

According to the European Waste Catalogue, Waste Codes are not product specific, but application specific.

**Other Information**

Do not dispose of waste into sewer. 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 let this chemical enter the environment.

## **SECTION 14: TRANSPORT INFORMATION**

### **IMDG/IMO**

**14.1. UN number**

UN1643

**14.2. UN proper shipping name**

MERCURY POTASSIUM IODIDE

**14.3. Transport hazard class(es)**

6.1

**14.4. Packing group**

II

### **ADR**

**14.1. UN number**

UN1643

**14.2. UN proper shipping name**

MERCURY POTASSIUM IODIDE

**14.3. Transport hazard class(es)**

6.1

**14.4. Packing group**

II

### **IATA**

**14.1. UN number**

UN1643

**14.2. UN proper shipping name**

MERCURY POTASSIUM IODIDE

**14.3. Transport hazard class(es)**

6.1

**14.4. Packing group**

II

**14.5. Environmental hazards**

Dangerous for the environment  
Product is a marine pollutant according to the criteria set by IMDG/IMO

**14.6. Special precautions for user**

No special precautions required

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**14.7. Transport in bulk according to** Not applicable, packaged goods  
**Annex II of MARPOL73/78 and the**  
**IBC Code**

## SECTION 15: REGULATORY INFORMATION

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

#### International Inventories

X = listed

Component	EINECS	ELINCS	NLP	TSCA	DSL	NDSL	PICCS	ENCS	IECSC	AICS	KECL
Mercury (II) potassium iodide	231-990-4	-		X	X	-	X	-	X	X	X

#### National Regulations

Component	Germany - Water Classification (VwVwS)	Germany - TA-Luft Class
Mercury (II) potassium iodide	WGK 3	

Take note of Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations (COSHH) 2002 and 2005 Amendment.

Take note of Dir 94/33/EC on the protection of young people at work

Take note of Directive 98/24/EC on the protection of the health and safety of workers from the risks related to chemical agents at work

### 15.2. Chemical safety assessment

A Chemical Safety Assessment/Report (CSA/CSR) has not been conducted

## SECTION 16: OTHER INFORMATION

#### Full text of R-phrases referred to under sections 2 and 3

R33 - Danger of cumulative effects

R26/27/28 - Very toxic by inhalation, in contact with skin and if swallowed

R50/53 - Very toxic to aquatic organisms, may cause long-term adverse effects in the aquatic environment

#### Full text of H-Statements referred to under sections 2 and 3

H300 - Fatal if swallowed

H310 - Fatal in contact with skin

H330 - Fatal if inhaled

H400 - Very toxic to aquatic life

H410 - Very toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects

#### Legend

**CAS** - Chemical Abstracts Service

**EINECS/ELINCS** - European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances/EU List of Notified Chemical Substances

**PICCS** - Philippines Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances

**IECSC** - Chinese Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances

**KECL** - Korean Existing and Evaluated Chemical Substances

**WEL** - Workplace Exposure Limit

**ACGIH** - American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists

**DNEL** - Derived No Effect Level

**RPE** - Respiratory Protective Equipment

**LC50** - Lethal Concentration 50%

**NOEC** - No Observed Effect Concentration

**PBT** - Persistent, Bioaccumulative, Toxic

**TSCA** - United States Toxic Substances Control Act Section 8(b) Inventory

**DSL/NDSL** - Canadian Domestic Substances List/Non-Domestic Substances List

**ENCS** - Japanese Existing and New Chemical Substances

**AICS** - Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances

**NZIoC** - New Zealand Inventory of Chemicals

**TWA** - Time Weighted Average

**IARC** - International Agency for Research on Cancer

**PNEC** - Predicted No Effect Concentration

**LD50** - Lethal Dose 50%

**EC50** - Effective Concentration 50%

**POW** - Partition coefficient Octanol:Water

**vPvB** - very Persistent, very Bioaccumulative

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**ADR** - European Agreement Concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road

**IMO/IMDG** - International Maritime Organization/International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code

**OECD** - Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development

**BCF** - Bioconcentration factor

**ICAO/IATA** - International Civil Aviation Organization/International Air Transport Association

**MARPOL** - International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships

**ATE** - Acute Toxicity Estimate

**VOC** - Volatile Organic Compounds

## Key literature references and sources for data

Suppliers safety data sheet,

Chemadvisor - LOLI,

Merck index,

RTECS

## Training Advice

Chemical incident response training.

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Revision Summary Not applicable.

**This safety data sheet complies with the requirements of Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006**

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