

1 Identification**Product identifier****Product name:** Potassium formate**Stock number:** 39508**CAS Number:**

590-29-4

EC number:

209-677-9

Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against.**Identified use:** SU24 Scientific research and development**Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet****Manufacturer/Supplier:**Alfa Aesar
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2 Hazard(s) identification**Classification of the substance or mixture in accordance with 29 CFR 1910 (OSHA HCS)**

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Eye Irrit. 2A H319 Causes serious eye irritation.

Hazards not otherwise classified No information known.**Label elements****GHS label elements** The product is classified and labeled in accordance with 29 CFR 1910 (OSHA HCS)**Hazard pictograms**

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Signal word Warning**Hazard statements**

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Precautionary statements

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P337+P313 If eye irritation persists: Get medical advice/attention.

WHMIS classification

D2B - Toxic material causing other toxic effects

**Classification system****HMIS ratings (scale 0-4)****(Hazardous Materials Identification System)**

HEALTH 1 Health (acute effects) = 1

FIRE 0 Flammability = 0

REACTIVITY 1 Physical Hazard = 1

Other hazards**Results of PBT and vPvB assessment**

PBT: Not applicable.

vPvB: Not applicable.

3 Composition/information on ingredients**Chemical characterization: Substances****CAS# Description:**

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4 First-aid measures**Description of first aid measures****After inhalation**

Supply fresh air. If required, provide artificial respiration. Keep patient warm.

Seek immediate medical advice.

After skin contact

Immediately wash with water and soap and rinse thoroughly.

Seek immediate medical advice.

After eye contact Rinse opened eye for several minutes under running water. Then consult a doctor.**After swallowing** Seek medical treatment.**Information for doctor****Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed** No further relevant information available.

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Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed No further relevant information available.

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5 Fire-fighting measures

Extinguishing media

Suitable extinguishing agents Carbon dioxide, extinguishing powder or water spray. Fight larger fires with water spray or alcohol resistant foam.

Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture

If this product is involved in a fire, the following can be released:

Carbon monoxide and carbon dioxide

Advice for firefighters

Protective equipment:

Wear self-contained respirator.

Wear fully protective impervious suit.

6 Accidental release measures

Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

Wear protective equipment. Keep unprotected persons away.

Ensure adequate ventilation

Environmental precautions: Do not allow material to be released to the environment without proper governmental permits.

Methods and material for containment and cleaning up: Pick up mechanically.

Prevention of secondary hazards: No special measures required.

Reference to other sections

See Section 7 for information on safe handling

See Section 8 for information on personal protection equipment.

See Section 13 for disposal information.

7 Handling and storage

Handling

Precautions for safe handling

Keep container tightly sealed.

Store in cool, dry place in tightly closed containers.

Ensure good ventilation at the workplace.

Information about protection against explosions and fires: No information known.

Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Storage

Requirements to be met by storerooms and receptacles: No special requirements.

Information about storage in one common storage facility: Store away from oxidizing agents.

Further information about storage conditions:

Keep container tightly sealed.

Store in cool, dry conditions in well sealed containers.

Specific end use(s) No further relevant information available.

8 Exposure controls/personal protection

Additional information about design of technical systems:

Properly operating chemical fume hood designed for hazardous chemicals and having an average face velocity of at least 100 feet per minute.

Control parameters

Components with limit values that require monitoring at the workplace: Not required.

Additional information: No data

Exposure controls

Personal protective equipment

General protective and hygienic measures

The usual precautionary measures for handling chemicals should be followed.

Keep away from foodstuffs, beverages and feed.

Remove all soiled and contaminated clothing immediately.

Wash hands before breaks and at the end of work.

Avoid contact with the eyes.

Avoid contact with the eyes and skin.

Maintain an ergonomically appropriate working environment.

Breathing equipment: Use suitable respirator when high concentrations are present.

Protection of hands:

Impervious gloves

Check protective gloves prior to each use for their proper condition.

The selection of suitable gloves not only depends on the material, but also on quality. Quality will vary from manufacturer to manufacturer.

Eye protection: Safety glasses

Body protection: Protective work clothing.

9 Physical and chemical properties

Information on basic physical and chemical properties

General Information

Appearance:

Form: Powder

Color: Colorless

Odor: Odorless

Odor threshold: Not determined.

pH-value: Not applicable.

Change in condition

Melting point/Melting range: 167.5 °C (334 °F)

Boiling point/Boiling range: Not determined

Sublimation temperature / start: Not determined

Flash point: Not applicable

Flammability (solid, gaseous): Not determined.

Ignition temperature: Not determined

Decomposition temperature: Not determined

Auto igniting: Not determined.

Danger of explosion: Product does not present an explosion hazard.

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Explosion limits:
Lower: Not determined
Upper: Not determined
Vapor pressure: Not applicable.
Density at 20 °C (68 °F): 1.91 g/cm³ (15.939 lbs/gal)
Relative density: Not determined.
Vapor density: Not applicable.
Evaporation rate: Not applicable.
Solubility in / Miscibility with
Water at 20 °C (68 °F): 3370 g/l
Partition coefficient (n-octanol/water): Not determined.
Viscosity:
dynamic: Not applicable.
kinematic: Not applicable.
Other information: No further relevant information available.

10 Stability and reactivity

Reactivity: No information known.
Chemical stability: Stable under recommended storage conditions.
Thermal decomposition / conditions to be avoided: Decomposition will not occur if used and stored according to specifications.
Possibility of hazardous reactions: No dangerous reactions known
Conditions to avoid: No further relevant information available.
Incompatible materials: Oxidizing agents
Hazardous decomposition products: Carbon monoxide and carbon dioxide

11 Toxicological information

Information on toxicological effects
Acute toxicity: No effects known.
LD/LC50 values that are relevant for classification: No data
Skin irritation or corrosion: Irritant to skin and mucous membranes.
Eye irritation or corrosion: Causes serious eye irritation.
Sensitization: No sensitizing effects known.
Germ cell mutagenicity: No effects known.
Carcinogenicity: No classification data on carcinogenic properties of this material is available from the EPA, IARC, NTP, OSHA or ACGIH.
Reproductive toxicity: No effects known.
Specific target organ system toxicity - repeated exposure: No effects known.
Specific target organ system toxicity - single exposure: No effects known.
Aspiration hazard: No effects known.
Subacute to chronic toxicity: The toxicity of potassium compounds is generally due to the anion.
Subacute to chronic toxicity: No effects known.
Additional toxicological information: To the best of our knowledge the acute and chronic toxicity of this substance is not fully known.

12 Ecological information

Toxicity
Aquatic toxicity: No further relevant information available.
Persistence and degradability: No further relevant information available.
Bioaccumulative potential: No further relevant information available.
Mobility in soil: No further relevant information available.
Additional ecological information:
General notes:
 Do not allow material to be released to the environment without proper governmental permits.
 Do not allow undiluted product or large quantities to reach ground water, water course or sewage system.
 Avoid transfer into the environment.
Results of PBT and vPvB assessment
PBT: Not applicable.
vPvB: Not applicable.
Other adverse effects: No further relevant information available.

13 Disposal considerations

Waste treatment methods
Recommendation: Consult state, local or national regulations to ensure proper disposal.
Uncleaned packagings:
Recommendation: Disposal must be made according to official regulations.

14 Transport information

Not a hazardous material for transportation.

UN-Number DOT, IMDG, IATA	None
UN proper shipping name DOT, IMDG, IATA	None
Transport hazard class(es) DOT, ADR, IMDG, IATA Class	None
Packing group DOT, IMDG, IATA	None
Environmental hazards:	Not applicable.
Special precautions for user	Not applicable.
Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL73/78 and the IBC Code	Not applicable.
Transport/Additional information:	Not dangerous according to the above specifications.
DOT Marine Pollutant (DOT):	No

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15 Regulatory information

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

All components of this product are listed in the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Toxic Substances Control Act Chemical substance Inventory.

SARA Section 313 (specific toxic chemical listings) Substance is not listed.

California Proposition 65

Prop 65 - Chemicals known to cause cancer Substance is not listed.

Prop 65 - Developmental toxicity Substance is not listed.

Prop 65 - Developmental toxicity, female Substance is not listed.

Prop 65 - Developmental toxicity, male Substance is not listed.

Information about limitation of use: For use only by technically qualified individuals.

Other regulations, limitations and prohibitive regulations

Substance of Very High Concern (SVHC) according to the REACH Regulations (EC) No. 1907/2006. Substance is not listed.

The conditions of restrictions according to Article 67 and Annex XVII of the Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 (REACH) for the manufacturing, placing on the market and use must be observed.

Substance is not listed.

Annex XIV of the REACH Regulations (requiring Authorisation for use) Substance is not listed.

Chemical safety assessment: A Chemical Safety Assessment has not been carried out.

16 Other information

Employers should use this information only as a supplement to other information gathered by them, and should make independent judgement of suitability of this information to ensure proper use and protect the health and safety of employees. This information is furnished without warranty, and any use of the product not in conformance with this Material Safety Data Sheet, or in combination with any other product or process, is the responsibility of the user.

Department issuing SDS: Global Marketing Department

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Abbreviations and acronyms:

IMDG: International Maritime Code for Dangerous Goods

DOT: US Department of Transportation

IATA: International Air Transport Association

EINECS: European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances

CAS: Chemical Abstracts Service (division of the American Chemical Society)

HMIS: Hazardous Materials Identification System (USA)

WHMIS: Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System (Canada)

LC50: Lethal concentration, 50 percent

LD50: Lethal dose, 50 percent

vPvB: very Persistent and very Bioaccumulative

ACGIH: American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists (USA)

OSHA: Occupational Safety and Health Administration (USA)

NTP: National Toxicology Program (USA)

IARC: International Agency for Research on Cancer

EPA: Environmental Protection Agency (USA)