

# SAFETY DATA SHEET

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#### **SECTION 1. IDENTIFICATION**

Product Name: Potassium Stearate

Product Number: All applicable American Elements product codes, e.g. K-STAT-01-P

CAS #: 593-29-3

Relevant identified uses of the substance: Scientific research and development

#### Supplier details:

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#### **SECTION 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION**

GHS Classification Physical Hazards: Not Classified Health Hazards: Skin irritiation: Category 2 Eye irritation: Category 2 Acute aquatic toxicity: Category 1 Signal Word: Warning



Hazard Statement: Causes skin irritation Causes serious eye irritation Very toxic to aquatic life Precautionary Statement: Prevention Wash skin thoroughly after handling. Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection. Avoid release to the environment Response IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water.

Specific treatment (see first aid measures on this label).

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

If skin irritation occurs: Get medical advice/attention.

If eye irritation persists: Get medical advice/attention.

Take off contaminated clothing and wash before reuse.

Disposal

Dispose of contents/ container to an approval waste disposal plan.

Note: Concentrated dust may present an explosive hazard.

#### SECTION 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Product / CAS Number: Potassium Stearate Powder / 593-29-3

#### **SECTION 4. FIRST AID MEASURES**

If inhaled: Remove to fresh air. Get medical attention for any breathing difficulty

In case of skin contact: Wash with clean water. Get medical advice if needed.

In case of eye contact: Wash thoroughly with running clean water. Get medical advice if irritation develops.

If swallowed: Rinse mouth with water. Seek medical advice.

Acute and delayed symptoms: To the best of our knowledge, the chemical, physical and toxicological properties have not been thoroughly investigated.

First aid and notes for physicians: No data available

#### **SECTION 5. FIREFIGHTING MEASURES**

Flash Point: n/a

Suitable extinguishing media: Carbon dioxide, dry chemical powder, alcohol foam, water spray. Water or foam may cause frothing.

Unsuitable extinguishing media : Water jet

Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture: Carbon monoxide and carbon dioxide and Potassium oxides.

Advice for firefighters: In the event of a fire, wear full protective clothing and approved self-contained breathing apparatus. Fight fire from a safe distance or protected location. Under

certain conditions a dust cloud of calcium stearate can explode when ignited by a

spark, flame or other ignition source. Must avoid generating dust to minimize risk

#### **SECTION 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES**

Personal protective equipment:

Eye - Wear appropriate protective safety glasses

Skin - Wear appropriate protective gloves and clothing. Put on an appropriate respirator

Containment: Keep unnecessary personnel away. Eliminate all sources of ignition.

Do not allow the spilled product to enter sewers or open waterways

Clean-up Procedures: Dust deposits should not be allowed to accumulate on surfaces, as these may

form

an explosive mixture if they are released into the atmosphere in sufficient concentration. Avoid the generation of dust during the clean-up. Vacuum spills or cover with damp sand or saw-dust if sweep. No sparking tools should be used

# SECTION 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

Handling: Open packaging bag carefully, avoid spillage and dust formation and control ignition sources.

Use this product with adequate ventilation. Wash hands after handling.

Storage: Store in cool, dry place to avoid the effects of heat and moisture. Keep container tightly closed and properly labeled. Avoid exposure to sunlight, heat and spark. Ground all equipment containing material.

Minimize dust generation and accumulation. Routine housekeeping should be instituted to ensure that dusts do not accumulate on surfaces. Dry powders can build static electricity charges when subjected to the friction of transfer and mixing operations. Provide adequate precautions, such as electrical grounding and bonding, or inert atmospheres.

# SECTION 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

Exposure limit: ACGIH TLV: TWA 10mg/m3 (Total),
Engineering controls: General room ventilation plus local exhaust at points of emission to maintain levels of airborne contaminants below exposure limits.
Personal protective equipment
Respiratory: An appropriate dust respirator. Should be used as a precautionary measure where airborne contaminants may occur.
Eye: Safety glasses. A face-shield, if the situation requires.
Hand: Protective gloves
Body: Overall or dust cloth, change daily.

#### **SECTION 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES**

Appearance: Fine, white powder, granule Odor: Slight fatty acid odor Odor threshold: Data not available pH (water slurry at 25°C): Data not available Melting point (°C): > 200?C Initial boiling point and boiling range: Data not available Flash point: Data not available Evaporation rate: Not applicable Flammability: Non-flammable but combustible Lower flammable (Explosive) limit: Data not available Vapor Pressure: Not applicable Solubility: Soluble in hot water Relative density: 0.95 - 1.15 Vapor density: Data not available Octanol / water partition coefficient: Data not available -Decomposition temperature: Data not available

#### SECTION 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Chemical stability: Stable under normal condition of storage & transport

Conditions to avoid: Incompatible materials, static charge, sparks, heat and other ignition sources, generation of dust

Hazardous reactions: Decomposed by acids, oxidizing agents and alkalies

Decomposition products: Carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide and calcium oxide fume

#### SECTION 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Routes of exposure: Can occur through inhalation, ingestion and eye or skin contact. Acute health effects Eye contact: Causes serious eye irritation. Skin contact: Skin irritation. Inhalation: May cause respiratory tract irritation. Ingestion: May be harmful if swallowed. Chronic health effects: Long term exposures to high concentration of dust may cause increased mucous flow in the nose and respiratory system airways. This condition usually disappears after exposure ceases. Carcinogenicity: No information available. Reproductive toxicity: No information available. Mutagenicity: No information available.

#### SECTION 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Aquatic and terrestrial Ecotoxicity: Very toxic to aquatic life.

Persistence and degradability: No information available.

Bioaccumulation: Not information available.

Mobility in soil: No information available.

The product should be prevented from entering drains, sewers, streams etc.

#### **SECTION 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS**

Disposal method: Dispose of waste in accordance with local regulations and acts. Contaminated packaging must be treated in the same manner as the product itself Precautions for disposal: Prevent material from entering drains, sewers, streams etc.

#### **SECTION 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION**

UN No.: Not regulated UN proper shipping name: Not regulated Transport hazard class: Not regulated Packing group: N/A Special shipping instructions: N/A

# SECTION 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

AICS, DSL, ENCS, PICCS On the inventory list California Proposition 65: To the best of our knowledge, this product contains no levels of listed substances, which the state of California has found to cause cancer, birth defects or other reproductive effects.

### **SECTION 16. OTHER INFORMATION**

Safety Data Sheet according to Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006 (REACH). The above information is believed to be correct but does not purport to be all inclusive and shall be used only as a guide. The information in this document is based on the present state of our knowledge and is applicable to the product with regard to appropriate safety precautions. It does not represent any guarantee of the properties of the product. American Elements shall not be held liable for any damage resulting from handling or from contact with the above product. See reverse side of invoice or packing slip for additional terms and conditions of sale. COPYRIGHT 1997-2022 AMERICAN ELEMENTS. LICENSED GRANTED TO MAKE UNLIMITED PAPER COPIES FOR INTERNAL USE ONLY.