



# SAFETY DATA SHEET

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## 1. IDENTIFICATION

**Product Name** Potassium Metabisulfite  
**Product Code** 6745  
**CAS No.** 16731-55-8  
**Synonyms** Potassium Pyrosulfite  
**Chemical Formula**  $K_2S_2O_5$   
**Recommended Use** For laboratory, scientific, R&D or manufacturing use.  
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## 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

### Classification

#### **OSHA Regulatory Status**

This chemical is considered hazardous by the 2012 OSHA Hazard Communication Standard (29 CFR 1910.1200)

Acute toxicity - Oral	Category 4
Skin corrosion/irritation	Category 2
Serious eye damage/eye irritation	Category 2A

### Label elements

#### **Signal word**

Warning

#### **Hazard statements**

Harmful if swallowed. Causes skin irritation. Causes serious eye irritation.



#### **Precautionary Statements - Prevention**

Wash face, hands and any exposed skin thoroughly after handling. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection.

IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. If eye irritation persists: Get medical advice/attention.

IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water. If skin irritation occurs: Get medical advice/attention. Take off contaminated

clothing and wash before reuse.

IF SWALLOWED: Call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician if you feel unwell. Rinse mouth.

#### Precautionary Statements - Storage

Store in accordance with local regulations.

#### Precautionary Statements - Disposal

Dispose of contents/container to an approved waste disposal plant.

### 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Chemical Name	CAS No.	Weight-%
Potassium metabisulfite	16731-55-8	>98

### 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

#### Description of first aid measures

<b>Eye contact</b>	Flush eyes with plenty of water, removing contact lenses if present. Get medical attention if irritation develops.
<b>Skin contact</b>	Wash thoroughly with soap and water while removing contaminated garments. Get medical attention if irritation develops.
<b>Inhalation</b>	Remove to fresh air. Get medical attention for any breathing difficulty.
<b>Ingestion</b>	Rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting. Drink 1 or 2 glasses of water. Immediate medical attention is required.

#### Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed

<b>Symptoms</b>	Causes skin and eye irritation. If swallowed or inhaled, causes irritation.
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### 5. FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES

#### Suitable extinguishing media

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

#### Specific hazards arising from the chemical

Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating and toxic gases and vapors.

#### Hazardous combustion products

Sulphur oxides. Oxides of potassium.

#### Protective equipment and precautions for firefighters

Firefighters should wear self-contained breathing apparatus with full facepiece operated in pressure-demand or other positive pressure mode.

<b>NFPA</b>	<b>Health hazards</b> 1	<b>Flammability</b> 0	<b>Instability</b> 0	<b>Physical and Chemical Properties</b> -
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### 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

#### Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

<b>Personal precautions</b>	Use personal protective equipment as required. Ensure adequate ventilation, especially in confined areas. Avoid creating dust. Avoid contact with skin, eyes or clothing.
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**Environmental precautions** Prevent entry into waterways, sewers, basements or confined areas.

**Methods and material for containment and cleaning up**

**Methods for containment** Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so.

**Methods for cleaning up** Pick up and transfer to properly labeled containers.

## 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

**Precautions for safe handling** Use personal protective equipment as required  
Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.

**Storage Conditions** Keep containers tightly closed in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place.

**Incompatible materials** Strong oxidizing agents. Acids.

## 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

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

**Appropriate engineering controls**

**Engineering Controls** Emergency showers, eyewash stations, ventilation systems.

**Individual protection measures, such as personal protective equipment**

**Eye/face protection** Wear safety glasses with side shields (or goggles).

**Skin and body protection** Wear protective gloves and protective clothing.

**Respiratory protection** If exposure limits are exceeded or irritation is experienced, NIOSH/MSHA approved respiratory protection should be worn. Positive-pressure supplied air respirators may be required for high airborne contaminant concentrations. Respiratory protection must be provided in accordance with current local regulations.

**General Hygiene Considerations** Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.

## 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

**Information on basic physical and chemical properties**

<b>Physical state</b>	Solid
<b>Appearance</b>	White powder
<b>Odor</b>	Odor of sulfur dioxide
<b>Odor threshold</b>	No information available
<b>pH</b>	3.5 - 4.5
<b>Melting point / freezing point</b>	190 C
<b>Boiling point / boiling range</b>	No information available
<b>Flash point</b>	No information available
<b>Evaporation rate</b>	No information available
<b>Flammability (solid, gas)</b>	No information available
<b>Flammability Limit in Air</b>	
<b>Upper flammability limit:</b>	No information available
<b>Lower flammability limit:</b>	No information available
<b>Vapor pressure</b>	No information available
<b>Vapor density</b>	No information available
<b>Relative density</b>	2.3
<b>Water solubility</b>	Soluble in water

<b>Solubility in other solvents</b>	No information available
<b>Partition coefficient</b>	No information available
<b>Autoignition temperature</b>	No information available
<b>Decomposition temperature</b>	No information available
<b>Kinematic viscosity</b>	No information available

## 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

<b>Stability</b>	Stable under recommended storage conditions.
<b>Possibility of Hazardous Reactions</b>	None under normal processing.
<b>Conditions to avoid</b>	Extremes of temperature and direct sunlight. Dust formation.
<b>Incompatible materials</b>	Strong oxidizing agents. Acids.
<b>Hazardous Decomposition Products</b>	Sulphur oxides. Oxides of potassium.

## 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### Information on likely routes of exposure

<b>Inhalation</b>	May cause irritation of respiratory tract.
<b>Eye contact</b>	Irritating to eyes.
<b>Skin contact</b>	Irritating to skin.
<b>Ingestion</b>	Harmful if swallowed.

Chemical Name	Oral LD50	Dermal LD50	Inhalation LC50
Potassium metabisulfite 16731-55-8	= 1800 mg/kg ( Rat )	-	-

### Delayed and immediate effects as well as chronic effects from short and long-term exposure

<b>Skin corrosion/irritation</b>	Irritating to skin.
<b>Serious eye damage/eye irritation</b>	Risk of serious damage to eyes.
<b>Sensitization</b>	No information available.
<b>Germ cell mutagenicity</b>	No information available.
<b>Carcinogenicity</b>	The table below indicates whether each agency has listed any ingredient as a carcinogen

Chemical Name	ACGIH	IARC	NTP	OSHA
Potassium metabisulfite 16731-55-8	-	Group 3	-	-

#### **Legend**

*IARC (International Agency for Research on Cancer)  
Group 3 - Not classifiable as to carcinogenicity in humans*

## 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### Ecotoxicity

Chemical Name	Algae/aquatic plants	Fish	Crustacea
Potassium metabisulfite 16731-55-8	-	460 - 1000: 96 h Brachydanio rerio mg/L LC50 static 220 - 460: 96 h Leuciscus idus mg/L LC50 static	-

### Persistence and degradability

No information available.

**Bioaccumulation**

No information available.

Chemical Name	Partition coefficient
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**Other adverse effects**

No information available

**13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS****Waste treatment methods****Disposal of wastes**

Disposal should be in accordance with applicable regional, national and local laws and regulations.

**Contaminated packaging**

Do not reuse container. Emptied containers may contain residue. Continue to follow label warnings after container is emptied.

**14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION**

Transportation information is provided as a general reference only and may not be applicable in all situations. This information applies to non-bulk shipments only. Per 49 CFR §173.22, it is the shipper's responsibility to ensure that all materials are properly packaged, classified and labeled prior to shipment.

**DOT**

Not regulated

**IATA**

Not regulated

**15. REGULATORY INFORMATION****US Federal Regulations****SARA 313**

Section 313 of Title III of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA). This product does not contain any chemicals which are subject to the reporting requirements of the Act and Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 372

**SARA 311/312 Hazard Categories**

Acute health hazard	Yes
Chronic Health Hazard	No
Fire hazard	No
Sudden release of pressure hazard	No
Reactive Hazard	No

**CWA (Clean Water Act)**

This product does not contain any substances regulated as pollutants pursuant to the Clean Water Act (40 CFR 122.21 and 40 CFR 122.42)

**CERCLA**

This material, as supplied, does not contain any substances regulated as hazardous substances under the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) (40 CFR 302) or the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) (40 CFR 355). There may be specific reporting requirements at the local, regional, or state level pertaining to releases of this material

**US State Regulations**

**California Proposition 65**

This product does not contain any Proposition 65 chemicals

**U.S. State Right-to-Know Regulations**

This chemical does not contain any substances regulated by state right-to-know regulations

**16. OTHER INFORMATION****Prepared By**

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