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MSDS No: M00216

## SAFETY DATA SHEET

### 1. CHEMICAL PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

**Product Name:** Potassium Hydroxide Solution 8 N  
**Catalog Number:** 28232H

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**MSDS Number:** M00216  
**Chemical Name:** Not Applicable  
**CAS Number:** Not applicable  
**Additional CAS No. (for hydrated forms):** Not applicable  
**Chemical Formula:** Not Applicable  
**Chemical Family:** Not applicable  
**Intended Use:** Calcium determination Hardness determination Buffer Laboratory Reagent

### 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

**GHS Classification:**

**Hazard categories:** Acute Toxicity: Acute Tox. 4-Orl Skin Corrosion/Irritation: Skin Corr. 1A Corrosive to Metals: Met. Corr. 1

**GHS Label Elements:**  
DANGER



**Hazard statements:** . May be corrosive to metals. Harmful if swallowed. Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.  
**Precautionary statements:** Keep only in original container. Wear protective gloves / protective clothing / eye protection / face protection. Do no eat, drink or smoke when using this product. IF ON SKIN (or hair): Remove/Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/shower. IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician.

**HMIS:**

**Health:** 3  
**Flammability:** 0  
**Reactivity:** 1  
**Protective Equipment:** X - See protective equipment, Section 8.

**NFPA:**

**Health:** 3  
**Flammability:** 0  
**Reactivity:** 1  
**Symbol:** Not applicable

**WHMIS Hazard Classification:** Class E - Corrosive material  
**WHMIS Symbols:** Corrosive

### 3. COMPOSITION / INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

**Hazardous Components according to GHS:**

**Potassium Hydroxide**

**CAS Number:** 1310-58-3

**Chemical Formula:** KOH

**GHS Classification:** Acute Tox. 4 - Or1, H302; Skin Corr. 1A, H314; Met Corr. 1, H290; Aquatic Acute 3, H402

**Percent Range (Trade Secret):** 40.0 - 50.0

**Percent Range Units:** weight / weight

**PEL:** 15 mg/m<sup>3</sup> as inhalable dust; 5 mg/m<sup>3</sup> as respirable dust

**TLV:** 10 mg/m<sup>3</sup> as inhalable dust; 3 mg/m<sup>3</sup> as respirable dust

**WHMIS Symbols:** Corrosive/Acute Poison

**Hazardous Components according to GHS: No**

**Demineralized Water**

**CAS Number:** 7732-18-5

**Chemical Formula:** H<sub>2</sub>O

**GHS Classification:** Not a dangerous substance according to GHS.

**Percent Range (Trade Secret):** 50.0 - 60.0

**Percent Range Units:** volume / volume

**PEL:** Not established

**TLV:** Not established

**WHMIS Symbols:** Not applicable

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#### 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

**General Information:** In the event of exposure, show this Material Safety Data Sheet and label (where possible) to a doctor.

**Advice to doctor:** Treat symptomatically.

**Eye Contact:** Immediately flush eyes with water for 15 minutes. Call physician.

**Skin Contact (First Aid):** Remove contaminated clothing. Call physician immediately. Wash skin with plenty of water for 15 minutes.

**Inhalation:** Remove to fresh air. Give artificial respiration if necessary. Call physician.

**Ingestion (First Aid):** Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Do not induce vomiting. Call physician immediately. Give 1-2 glasses of water.

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#### 5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

**Flammable Properties:** Material will not burn.

**Fire Fighting Instruction:** As in any fire, wear self-contained breathing apparatus pressure-demand and full protective gear.

**Extinguishing Media:** Water.

**Extinguishing Media NOT To Be Used:** Not applicable

**Fire / Explosion Hazards:** Contact with acid or strong oxidizer may generate sufficient heat to cause ignition. Contact with metals gives off hydrogen gas which is flammable

**Hazardous Combustion Products:** This material will not burn.

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#### 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

**Spill Response Notice:**

Only persons properly qualified to respond to an emergency involving hazardous substances may respond to a spill according to federal regulations (OSHA 29 CFR 1910.120(a)(v)) and per your company's emergency response plan and guidelines/procedures. See Section 13, Special Instructions for disposal assistance. Outside of the US, only persons properly qualified according to state or local regulations should respond to a spill involving chemicals.

**Containment Technique:** Stop spilled material from being released to the environment. Absorb spilled liquid with non-reactive sorbent material. Releases of this material may contaminate the environment.

**Clean-up Technique:** If permitted by regulation, Cover spilled material with a dry acid, such as citric or boric. Scoop up slurry into a large beaker. Dilute with a large excess of water. Adjust to a pH between 6 and 9 with an acid, such as sulfuric or citric. Flush reacted material to the drain with a large excess of water. Decontaminate the area of the spill with a

weak acid solution. Otherwise, Pick up spill for disposal and place in a closed container. Dispose of in accordance with local, state and federal regulations or laws.

**Evacuation Procedure:** Evacuate local area (15 foot radius or as directed by your facility's emergency response plan) when: any quantity is spilled. If conditions warrant, increase the size of the evacuation.

**DOT Emergency Response Guide Number:** 154

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## 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

**Handling:** Avoid contact with eyes skin clothing. Do not breathe mist or vapors. Wash thoroughly after handling. Maintain general industrial hygiene practices when using this product.

**Storage:** Keep this product in its original container when not in use. Keep container tightly closed when not in use. Store locked up. Store away from: acids organic peroxides combustible materials oxidizers. Protect from: heat freezing

**Flammability Class:** Not applicable

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## 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

**Engineering Controls:** A system of local and/or general exhaust is recommended to keep exposures as low as possible. Have an eyewash station nearby. Have a safety shower nearby. Maintain general industrial hygiene practices when using this product.

**Personal Protective Equipment:**

**Eye Protection:** chemical splash goggles. Suitable facilities (eyewash station or bottle) for flushing of the eyes

**Skin Protection:** neoprene latex gloves. In the EU, the selected gloves must satisfy the specifications of EU Directive 89/686/EEC and standard EN 374 derived from it. lab coat. Suitable facilities for quickly drenching or flushing skin after chemical exposure should be available.

**Inhalation Protection:** adequate ventilation and / or laboratory fume hood

**Precautionary Measures:** Avoid contact with: eyes skin clothing. Do not breathe: mist/vapor. Wash thoroughly after handling. Protect from: heat freezing. Keep away from: acids/acid fumes oxidizers organic materials other combustible materials metals

**TLV:** Not established

**PEL:** Not established

**For Occupational Exposure Limits (OEL) for ingredients, see section 3 - Composition/Information on Ingredients.:**

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## 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

**Appearance:** Clear, colorless liquid

**Physical State:** Liquid

**Molecular Weight:** Not applicable

**Odor:** Irritating

**Odor Threshold:** Not determined

**pH:** 14

**Metal Corrosivity:**

**Corrosivity Classification:** Classified as corrosive to metals.

**Steel:** Not determined

**Aluminum:** 541 mm/yr (21.311 in/yr)

**Specific Gravity/ Relative Density (water = 1; air = 1):** 1.3

**Viscosity:** 12.51 mPa s at 0 °C (32 °F)

**Solubility:**

**Water:** Soluble

**Acid:** Soluble

**Other:** Not determined

**Partition Coefficient (n-octanol / water):** Not applicable

**Coefficient of Water / Oil:** Not applicable

**Melting Point:** -45 °C (-49 °F) - Estimated

**Decomposition Temperature:** Not applicable

**Boiling Point:** 112 °C (234 °F) - Estimated

**Vapor Pressure:** 450.5 mm Hg at 100 °C (212 °F)

**Vapor Density (air = 1):** 0.62

**Evaporation Rate (water = 1):** 0.18

**Volatile Organic Compounds Content:** Not applicable

**Flammable Properties:** Material will not burn.

**Flash Point:** Not applicable

**Method:** Not applicable  
**Flammability Limits:**  
**Lower Explosion Limits:** Not applicable  
**Upper Explosion Limits:** Not applicable  
**Autoignition Temperature:** Not applicable  
**Explosive Properties:**  
Not classified according to GHS criteria.  
**Oxidizing Properties:**  
Not classified according to GHS criteria.  
**Reactivity Properties:**  
Not classified as self-reactive, pyrophoric, self-heating or emitting flammable gases in contact with water according to GHS criteria.  
**Gas under Pressure:**  
Not classified according to GHS criteria.

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## 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

**Chemical Stability:** Stable when stored under proper conditions.  
**Mechanical Impact:** None reported  
**Static Discharge:** None reported.  
**Reactivity / Incompatibility:** May react violently in contact with: acids metals organic peroxides combustible materials oxidizers  
**Hazardous Decomposition:** Contact with metals may release flammable hydrogen gas. Heating to decomposition releases: potassium oxide  
**Conditions to Avoid:** Extreme temperatures Contact with acid or acid fumes Contact with oxidizers Incompatibles

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## 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

**Toxicokinetics, Metabolism and Distribution:** No information available for mixture.  
**Toxicologically Synergistic Products:** None reported  
**Acute Toxicity:** Acute Toxicity Estimate (ATE) - Calculated from Ingredient Toxicity Data Route Data Given Below  
ATE Oral Rat LD50 = 673 mg/kg  
**Specific Target Organ Toxicity - Single Exposure (STOT-SE):** Based on classification principles, the classification criteria are not met.  
**Specific Target Organ Toxicity - Repeat Exposure (STOT-RE):** Based on classification principles, the classification criteria are not met.  
**Skin Corrosion/Irritation:** Corrosive to skin.  
**Eye Damage:** Corrosive to eyes.  
**Sensitization:** Based on classification principles, the classification criteria are not met.  
**CMR Effects/Properties (carcinogenic, mutagenic or toxic to reproduction):** Based on classification principles, the classification criteria are not met.  
This product does NOT contain any IARC listed chemicals.  
This product does NOT contain any NTP listed chemicals.  
This product does NOT contain any OSHA listed carcinogens.  
**Symptoms/Effects:**  
**Ingestion:** Harmful Causes: abdominal pain vomiting Can cause: death  
**Inhalation:** Harmful Causes: severe burns sneezing coughing discomfort bronchospasm Can cause: death  
**Skin Absorption:** None Reported  
**Chronic Effects:** Chronic overexposure may cause destruction of any tissue contacted  
**Medical Conditions Aggravated:** Pre-existing: Eye conditions Skin conditions Respiratory conditions

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## 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

**Product Ecological Information: --**  
No ecological data available for this product. Do not place in landfill. Recycle appropriately. Do not release into the environment. No bioaccumulation potential Mobility in soil: Highly mobile  
Method Used for Estimation of Aquatic Toxicity of Mixture Summation Method M-factor (Multiplier) for highly toxic ingredients: 1  
**Ingredient Ecological Information:** Potassium Hydroxide: 96 hr Gambusia affinis LC50 = 80 mg/L  
CEPA categorization for each and every ingredient: Persistent Not bioaccumulative and not inherently toxic to aquatic organisms.

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## 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

**EPA Waste ID Number:** D002

**Special Instructions (Disposal):** Dilute material with excess water making a weaker than 5% solution. Adjust to a pH between 6 and 9 with an acid, such as sulfuric or citric. If permitted by regulation, Open cold water tap completely, slowly pour the reacted material to the drain. Flush system with plenty of water. Otherwise, Check with local municipal and state authorities and waste contractors for pertinent local information regarding the proper disposal of chemicals.

**Empty Containers:** Working in a well-ventilated area. Rinse three times with an appropriate solvent. Collect rinsate and dispose of according to local, state or federal regulations. Dispose of empty container as normal trash. In the US, rinsate from empty containers is classified as hazardous waste and should be disposed of at an E.P. A. approved facility. Rinsate from empty containers may contain sufficient product to require disposal as hazardous waste.

**NOTICE (Disposal):** These disposal guidelines are based on federal regulations and may be superseded by more stringent state or local requirements. Please consult your local environmental regulators for more information. In Europe: Chemical and analysis solutions must be disposed of in compliance with the respective national regulations. Product packaging must be disposed of in compliance with the country-specific regulations or must be passed to a packaging return system.

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## 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

**D.O.T.:**

**D.O.T. Proper Shipping Name:** Potassium Hydroxide, Solution

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**Hazard Class:** 8

**Subsidiary Risk:** NA

**ID Number:** UN1814

**Packing Group:** II

**T.D.G.:**

**Proper Shipping Name:** Potassium Hydroxide, Solution

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**Hazard Class:** 8

**Subsidiary Risk:** NA

**UN Number/PIN:** 1814

**Packing Group:** II

**I.C.A.O.:**

**I.C.A.O. Proper Shipping Name:** Potassium Hydroxide Solution

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**Hazard Class:** 8

**Subsidiary Risk:** NA

**ID Number:** UN1814

**Packing Group:** II

**I.M.O.:**

**Proper Shipping Name:** Potassium Hydroxide Solution

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**Hazard Class:** 8

**Subsidiary Risk:** NA

**ID Number:** UN1814

**Packing Group:** II

**Additional Information:** There is a possibility that this product could be contained in a reagent set or kit composed of various compatible dangerous goods. If the item is NOT in a set or kit, the classification given above applies. If the item IS part of a set or kit, the classification would change to the following: UN3316 Chemical Kit, Class 9, PG II or III. If the item is not regulated, the Chemical Kit classification does not apply.

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## 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

**U.S. Federal Regulations:**

**O.S.H.A.:** This product meets the criteria for a hazardous substance as defined in the Hazard Communication Standard. (29 CFR 1910.1200)

**E.P.A.:**

**S.A.R.A. Title III Section 311/312 Categorization (40 CFR 370):** Immediate (Acute) Health Hazard

**S.A.R.A. Title III Section 313 (40 CFR 372):** This product does NOT contain any chemical subject to the reporting requirements of Section 313 of Title III of SARA.

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**302 (EHS) TPQ (40 CFR 355):** Not applicable  
**304 CERCLA RQ (40 CFR 302.4):** Potassium hydroxide 1000 lbs.  
**304 EHS RQ (40 CFR 355):** Not applicable  
**Clean Water Act (40 CFR 116.4):** Potassium hydroxide - RQ 1000 lbs.  
**RCRA:** Contains RCRA regulated substances. See Section 13. EPA Waste ID Number.

**State Regulations:**

**California Prop. 65:** No Prop. 65 listed chemicals are present in this product.  
**Identification of Prop. 65 Ingredient(s):** Not applicable  
**California Perchlorate Rule CCR Title 22 Chap 33:** Not applicable  
**Trade Secret Registry:** Not applicable

**National Inventories:**

**U.S. Inventory Status:** All ingredients in this product are listed on the TSCA 8(b) Inventory (40 CFR 710).  
**CAS Number:** Not applicable  
**Canadian Inventory Status:** All ingredients of this product are DSL Listed.  
**EEC Inventory Status:** All ingredients used to make this product are listed on EINECS / ELINCS.  
**Australian Inventory (AICS) Status:** All ingredients are listed.  
**New Zealand Inventory (NZIoC) Status:** All components either listed or exempt.  
**Korean Inventory (KECI) Status:** All components of this product are either listed, listed as the anhydrous compound or exempt.  
**Japan (ENCS) Inventory Status:** All components either listed or exempt.  
**China (PRC) Inventory (MEP) Status:** All components either listed or exempt.

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## 16. OTHER INFORMATION

**References:** Sax, N. Irving. Dangerous Properties of Industrial Materials, 7th Ed. New York: Van Nostrand Reinhold Co., 1989. Gosselin, R. E. et al. Clinical Toxicology of Commercial Products, 5th Ed. Baltimore: The Williams and Wilkins Co., 1984. Technical Judgment. In-house information. Air Contaminants. Federal Register, Vol. 54, No. 12. Thursday, January 19, 1989. pp. 2332-2983. TLV's Threshold Limit Values and Biological Exposure Indices for 1992-1993. American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists, 1992.

**Complete Text of H phrases referred to in Section 3:** H290 May be corrosive to metals. H302 Harmful if swallowed. H314 Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.

**Revision Summary:** . Substantial revision to comply with EU Reg 1272/2008, Reg 1907/2006 and UN GHS (ST/SG/AC.10/36/Add.3).

**Date of MSDS Preparation:**

**Day:** 22  
**Month:** April  
**Year:** 2014

**MSDS Prepared:** MSDS prepared by Product Compliance Department extension 3350

**CCOHS Evaluation Note:** It is offered under exemption from WHMIS labeling as specified in the Controlled Products Regulation (CPR) Section 17. It is offered under the interim policy that was established by Health Canada permitting use of GHS-formatted safety data sheets in Canada prior to revision of CPR to GHS. This product has been classified and labeled in accordance with the requirements of GHS (ST/SG/AC.10/36/Add.3). This SDS has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of GHS (ST/SG/AC.10/36/Add.3).

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**Legend:**

NA - Not Applicable	w/w - weight/weight
ND - Not Determined	w/v - weight/volume
NV - Not Available	v/v - volume/volume

**USER RESPONSIBILITY:** Each user should read and understand this information and incorporate it in individual site safety programs in accordance with applicable hazard communication standards and regulations.

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