

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

### 1.1. Product identifier

<b>Product Description:</b>	<b>Potassium hydroxide</b>
<b>Cat No. :</b>	<b>P/5640/53, P/5640/60, P/5640/65, P/5640/68, P/5640/70</b>
<b>Index No</b>	019-002-00-8
<b>CAS No</b>	1310-58-3
<b>EC No</b>	215-181-3
<b>Molecular Formula</b>	H K O
<b>REACH registration number</b>	01-2119487136-33

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

<b>Recommended Use</b>	Laboratory chemicals.
<b>Sector of use</b>	SU3 - Industrial uses: Uses of substances as such or in preparations at industrial sites
<b>Product category</b>	PC21 - Laboratory chemicals
<b>Process categories</b>	PROC15 - Use as a laboratory reagent
<b>Environmental release category</b>	ERC6a - Industrial use resulting in manufacture of another substance (use of intermediates)
<b>Uses advised against</b>	No Information available

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

<b>Company</b>	<p><b>UK entity/business name</b> Fisher Scientific UK Bishop Meadow Road, Loughborough, Leicestershire LE11 5RG, United Kingdom</p> <p><b>EU entity/business name</b> Thermo Fisher Scientific Janssen Pharmaceuticaaan 3a 2440 Geel, Belgium</p>
<b>E-mail address</b>	begel.sdsdesk@thermofisher.com

### 1.4. Emergency telephone number

Tel: 01509 231166  
Chemtrec US: (800) 424-9300  
Chemtrec EU: 001-703-527-3887

## SECTION 2: HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

### 2.1. Classification of the substance or mixture

**CLP Classification - According to GB-CLP Regulations UK SI 2019/720 and UK SI 2020/1567**

**Physical hazards**

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Substances/mixtures corrosive to metal

Category 1 (H290)

## **Health hazards**

Acute oral toxicity

Category 4 (H302)

Skin Corrosion/Irritation

Category 1 A (H314)

Serious Eye Damage/Eye Irritation

Category 1 (H318)

## **Environmental hazards**

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

Full text of Hazard Statements: see section 16

## **2.2. Label elements**



Signal Word

Danger

## **Hazard Statements**

H290 - May be corrosive to metals

H302 - Harmful if swallowed

H314 - Causes severe skin burns and eye damage

## **Precautionary Statements**

P280 - Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection

P305 + P351 + P338 - IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing

P310 - Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician

P301 + P330 + P331 - IF SWALLOWED: Rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting

P303 + P361 + P353 - IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water or shower

## **2.3. Other hazards**

In accordance with Annex XIII of the REACH Regulation, inorganic substances do not require assessment

Toxic to terrestrial vertebrates

This product does not contain any known or suspected endocrine disruptors

## **SECTION 3: COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS**

### **3.1. Substances**

Component	CAS No	EC No	Weight %	CLP Classification - According to GB-CLP Regulations UK SI 2019/720 and UK SI 2020/1567
Potassium hydroxide	1310-58-3	215-181-3	85-100	Met. Corr. 1 (H290)

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				Acute Tox. 4 (H302) Skin Corr. 1A (H314) Eye Dam. 1 (H318)
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Component	Specific concentration limits (SCL's)	M-Factor	Component notes
Potassium hydroxide	Skin Corr. 1A (H314) :: C>=5% Skin Corr. 1B (H314) :: 2%<=C<5% Skin Irrit. 2 (H315) :: 0.5%<=C<2% Eye Irrit. 2 (H319) :: 0.5%<=C<2%	-	-

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Full text of Hazard Statements: see section 16

## SECTION 4: FIRST AID MEASURES

### 4.1. Description of first aid measures

<b>General Advice</b>	Immediate medical attention is required. Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance.
<b>Eye Contact</b>	Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids, for at least 15 minutes. Immediate medical attention is required. Keep eye wide open while rinsing.
<b>Skin Contact</b>	Wash off immediately with soap and plenty of water while removing all contaminated clothes and shoes. Call a physician immediately.
<b>Ingestion</b>	Do NOT induce vomiting. Immediate medical attention is required. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Drink plenty of water.
<b>Inhalation</b>	Remove to fresh air. Do not use mouth-to-mouth method if victim ingested or inhaled the substance; give artificial respiration with the aid of a pocket mask equipped with a one-way valve or other proper respiratory medical device. Call a physician or poison control center immediately. If not breathing, give artificial respiration.
<b>Self-Protection of the First Aider</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

Causes burns by all exposure routes. Product is a corrosive material. Use of gastric lavage or emesis is contraindicated. Possible perforation of stomach or esophagus should be investigated: Ingestion causes severe swelling, severe damage to the delicate tissue and danger of perforation

### 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

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## Suitable Extinguishing Media

CO<sub>2</sub>, dry chemical, dry sand, alcohol-resistant foam.

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

Water.

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

The product causes burns of eyes, skin and mucous membranes.

## Hazardous Combustion Products

Hydrogen, Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating gases and vapors, Potassium oxides.

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

## SECTION 6: ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

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

Use personal protective equipment as required. Evacuate personnel to safe areas. Avoid contact with skin, eyes or clothing.

### 6.2. Environmental precautions

Do not allow material to contaminate ground water system. Should not be released into the environment. Do not flush into surface water or sanitary sewer system. See Section 12 for additional Ecological Information.

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

Sweep up and shovel into suitable containers for disposal. Avoid dust formation.

### 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

Use only under a chemical fume hood. Wear personal protective equipment/face protection. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Do not breathe dust. Do not ingest. If swallowed then seek immediate medical assistance.

### Hygiene Measures

Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.

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

Keep containers tightly closed in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place. Corrosives area. Store under an inert atmosphere.

**Technical Rules for Hazardous Substances (TRGS) 510**      Class 8B  
**Storage Class (LGK) (Germany)**

### 7.3. Specific end use(s)

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Use in laboratories

## SECTION 8: EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

### 8.1. Control parameters

#### Exposure limits

List source(s): **UK** - EH40/2005 Work Exposure Limits, Fourth edition. Published 2020. **IRE** - 2021 Code of Practice for the Chemical Agents Regulations, Schedule 1. Published by the Health and Safety Authority

Component	The United Kingdom	European Union	Ireland
Potassium hydroxide	WEL - 2 mg/m <sup>3</sup> STEL		STEL: 2 mg/m <sup>3</sup> 15 min

#### Biological limit values

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

#### Derived No Effect Level (DNEL) / Derived Minimum Effect Level (DMEL)

Workers; See table for values

Component	Acute effects local (Inhalation)	Acute effects systemic (Inhalation)	Chronic effects local (Inhalation)	Chronic effects systemic (Inhalation)
Potassium hydroxide 1310-58-3 ( 85-100 )			DNEL = 1 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	

#### Predicted No Effect Concentration (PNEC)

Not applicable.

### 8.2. Exposure controls

#### Engineering Measures

Use only under a chemical fume hood. Ensure that eyewash stations and safety showers are close to the workstation location. 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

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

**Skin and body protection** Long sleeved clothing.

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.

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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

## Environmental exposure controls

Prevent product from entering drains.

## SECTION 9: PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

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

Physical State	Solid	
Appearance	White	
Odor	Odorless	
Odor Threshold	No data available	
Melting Point/Range	360 °C / 680 °F	
Softening Point	No data available	
Boiling Point/Range	1320 °C / 2408 °F	
Flammability (liquid)	Not applicable	Solid
Flammability (solid,gas)	No information available	
Explosion Limits	No data available	
Flash Point	No information available	<b>Method -</b> No information available
Autoignition Temperature	No data available	
Decomposition Temperature	No data available	
pH	13.5	0.1M aq.solution
Viscosity	Not applicable	Solid
Water Solubility	1120 g/L (20°C)	
Solubility in other solvents	No information available	
Partition Coefficient (n-octanol/water)		
Component	<b>log Pow</b>	
Potassium hydroxide	0.83	
Vapor Pressure	No data available	
Density / Specific Gravity	No data available	
Bulk Density	No data available	
Vapor Density	Not applicable	Solid
Particle characteristics	No data available	

### 9.2. Other information

Molecular Formula	H K O
Molecular Weight	56.11
Evaporation Rate	Not applicable - Solid

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## SECTION 10: STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

### 10.1. Reactivity

Yes

### 10.2. Chemical stability

Hygroscopic. Air sensitive.

### 10.3. Possibility of hazardous reactions

#### Hazardous Polymerization Hazardous Reactions

Hazardous polymerization does not occur.  
None under normal processing.

### 10.4. Conditions to avoid

Incompatible products. Excess heat. Exposure to air. Exposure to moist air or water.

### 10.5. Incompatible materials

Strong oxidizing agents. Acids. Acid chlorides. Acid anhydrides. Ketones. Peroxides. Water. Metals.

### 10.6. Hazardous decomposition products

Hydrogen. Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating gases and vapors.  
Potassium oxides.

## SECTION 11: TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### 11.1. Information on hazard classes as defined in Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008

#### Product Information

#### (a) acute toxicity;

Oral

Category 4

Dermal

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

Inhalation

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

Component	LD50 Oral	LD50 Dermal	LC50 Inhalation
Potassium hydroxide	LD50 = 333-384 mg/kg (Rat)	-	-

#### (b) skin corrosion/irritation;

Category 1 A

#### (c) serious eye damage/irritation;

Category 1

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

Respiratory

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

Skin

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

#### (e) germ cell mutagenicity;

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

#### (f) carcinogenicity;

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

There are no known carcinogenic chemicals in this product

#### (g) reproductive toxicity;

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

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(h) STOT-single exposure; Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

(i) STOT-repeated exposure; Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

Target Organs None known.

(j) aspiration hazard; Not applicable  
Solid

**Symptoms / effects, both acute and delayed** Product is a corrosive material. Use of gastric lavage or emesis is contraindicated. Possible perforation of stomach or esophagus should be investigated. Ingestion causes severe swelling, severe damage to the delicate tissue and danger of perforation.

## 11.2. Information on other hazards

**Endocrine Disrupting Properties** Assess endocrine disrupting properties for human health. This product does not contain any known or suspected endocrine disruptors.

## SECTION 12: ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### 12.1. Toxicity

#### Ecotoxicity effects

Do not empty into drains. Contains a substance which is: Harmful to aquatic organisms. The product contains following substances which are hazardous for the environment.

### 12.2. Persistence and degradability

#### Persistence

Persistence is unlikely.

#### Degradability

Not relevant for inorganic substances.

#### Degradation in sewage treatment plant

Contains substances known to be hazardous to the environment or not degradable in waste water treatment plants.

### 12.3. Bioaccumulative potential

Bioaccumulation is unlikely

Component	log Pow	Bioconcentration factor (BCF)
Potassium hydroxide	0.83	No data available

### 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

In accordance with Annex XIII of the REACH Regulation, inorganic substances do not require assessment.

### 12.6. Endocrine disrupting properties

#### Endocrine Disruptor Information

This product does not contain any known or suspected endocrine disruptors

### 12.7. Other adverse effects

#### Persistent Organic Pollutant Ozone Depletion Potential

This product does not contain any known or suspected substance  
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## SECTION 13: DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

### 13.1. Waste treatment methods

<b>Waste from Residues/Unused Products</b>	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.
<b>Contaminated Packaging</b>	Dispose of this container to hazardous or special waste collection point.
<b>European Waste Catalogue (EWC)</b>	According to the European Waste Catalog, Waste Codes are not product specific, but application specific.
<b>Other Information</b>	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 flush to sewer. Large amounts will affect pH and harm aquatic organisms. Solutions with high pH-value must be neutralized before discharge.

## SECTION 14: TRANSPORT INFORMATION

### IMDG/IMO

<b>14.1. UN number</b>	UN1813
<b>14.2. UN proper shipping name</b>	Potassium hydroxide, solid
<b>14.3. Transport hazard class(es)</b>	8
<b>14.4. Packing group</b>	II

### ADR

<b>14.1. UN number</b>	UN1813
<b>14.2. UN proper shipping name</b>	Potassium hydroxide, solid
<b>14.3. Transport hazard class(es)</b>	8
<b>14.4. Packing group</b>	II

### IATA

<b>14.1. UN number</b>	UN1813
<b>14.2. UN proper shipping name</b>	Potassium hydroxide, solid
<b>14.3. Transport hazard class(es)</b>	8
<b>14.4. Packing group</b>	II

<b>14.5. Environmental hazards</b>	No hazards identified
<b>14.6. Special precautions for user</b>	No special precautions required.
<b>14.7. Maritime transport in bulk according to IMO instruments</b>	Not applicable, packaged goods

## SECTION 15: REGULATORY INFORMATION

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

#### International Inventories

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Europe (EINECS/ELINCS/NLP), China (IECSC), Taiwan (TCSI), Korea (KECL), Japan (ENCS), Japan (ISHL), Canada (DSL/NDSL), Australia (AICS), New Zealand (NZIoC), Philippines (PICCS). US EPA (TSCA) - Toxic Substances Control Act, (40 CFR Part 710)

Component	CAS No	EINECS	ELINCS	NLP	IECSC	TCSI	KECL	ENCS	ISHL
Potassium hydroxide	1310-58-3	215-181-3	-	-	X	X	KE-29139	X	X

Component	CAS No	TSCA	TSCA Inventory notification - Active-Inactive	DSL	NDSL	AICS	NZIoC	PICCS
Potassium hydroxide	1310-58-3	X	ACTIVE	X	-	X	X	X

Legend: X - Listed '-' - Not Listed

KECL - NIER number or KE number (<http://ncis.nier.go.kr/en/main.do>)

## Authorisation/Restrictions according to EU REACH

Component	CAS No	REACH (1907/2006) - Annex XIV - Substances Subject to Authorization	REACH (1907/2006) - Annex XVII - Restrictions on Certain Dangerous Substances	REACH Regulation (EC 1907/2006) article 59 - Candidate List of Substances of Very High Concern (SVHC)
Potassium hydroxide	1310-58-3	-	Use restricted. See item 75. (see link for restriction details)	-

### REACH links

<https://echa.europa.eu/substances-restricted-under-reach>

## Seveso III Directive (2012/18/EC)

Component	CAS No	Seveso III Directive (2012/18/EC) - Qualifying Quantities for Major Accident Notification	Seveso III Directive (2012/18/EC) - Qualifying Quantities for Safety Report Requirements
Potassium hydroxide	1310-58-3	Not applicable	Not applicable

## Regulation (EC) No 649/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 4 July 2012 concerning the export and import of dangerous chemicals

Not applicable

## Contains component(s) that meet a 'definition' of per & poly fluoroalkyl substance (PFAS)?

Not applicable

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 .

## National Regulations

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

## WGK Classification

See table for values

Component	Germany - Water Classification (AwSV)	Germany - TA-Luft Class
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Component	Switzerland - Ordinance on the Reduction of Risk from handling of hazardous substances preparation (SR 814.81)	Switzerland - Ordinance on Incentive Taxes on Volatile Organic Compounds (OVOC)	Switzerland - Ordinance of the Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure
Potassium hydroxide 1310-58-3 ( 85-100 )	Prohibited and Restricted Substances		

## 15.2. Chemical safety assessment

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

## SECTION 16: OTHER INFORMATION

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

H290 - May be corrosive to metals  
H302 - Harmful if swallowed  
H314 - Causes severe skin burns and eye damage  
H318 - Causes serious eye damage

### 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

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

**DSL/NDL** - 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

**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

**TWA** - Time Weighted Average

**IARC** - International Agency for Research on Cancer Predicted No Effect Concentration (PNEC)

**LD50** - Lethal Dose 50%

**EC50** - Effective Concentration 50%

**POW** - Partition coefficient Octanol:Water

**vPvB** - very Persistent, very Bioaccumulative

**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

### Key literature references and sources for data

<https://echa.europa.eu/information-on-chemicals>

Suppliers safety data sheet, Chemadvisor - LOLI, Merck index, RTECS

**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 Compound)

### Training Advice

Chemical hazard awareness training, incorporating labelling, Safety Data Sheets (SDS), Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and hygiene.

Use of personal protective equipment, covering appropriate selection, compatibility, breakthrough thresholds, care, maintenance, fit and standards.

First aid for chemical exposure, including the use of eye wash and safety showers.

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**Revision Date** 20-Oct-2023

**Revision Summary** Not applicable.

**This safety data sheet complies with Regulation UK SI 2019/758 and UK SI 2020/1577 as**

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