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Section I - Product Identification

Product: An aqueous solution of potassium metabisulfite.

Intended Uses: Intended to be used in reticulum staining but also used as a general laboratory reagent.

Uses advised against: For laboratory use only.

Manufacturer Identification

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Section II - Hazard Identification

This item is not considered hazardous by 2012 OSHA Hazard Communication Standard (29 CFR 1910.1200). May be harmful if swallowed. May cause skin irritation.

Serious eye damage/eye irritation: Category 2A (H319). Causes serious eye irritation.

Acute toxicity (Oral): Category 4 (H302). May be harmful if swallowed.

Acute toxicity (Dermal): Category 5 (H313). May be harmful in contact with skin.

Sensitization (Skin): Category 1 (H317). May cause an allergic skin reaction.

Signal word: Warning

Hazard statements

The toxicology of this compound have not been completely examined. It is Irritating to the eye, skin and respiratory system.

Precautionary statements

- P102 Keep out of reach of children.
- P220 Keep away from clothing and other combustible materials.
- P260 Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray.
- P264 Wash thoroughly after handling.
- P270 Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.
- P273 Avoid release to the environment.
- P281 Use personal protective equipment as required.

Safety Ratings

Health: Slightly Hazardous *Flammability:* None *Reactivity:* None *Contact:* Slight
Recommended safety equipment: Not normally required.

NFPA Ratings

Health = 1 Flammability = 0 Reactivity = 0

Potential Health Effects

Inhalation: May be Irritating to respiratory tract.

Ingestion: While the toxicity of this compound is low, large doses may cause nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, etc

Skin contact: Causes skin irritation or aggravation of existing dermatitis.

Eye contact: Causes serious eye irritation.

Chronic Exposure: Unknown.

Aggravation of preexisting conditions: Unknown.

Section III - Composition/Information on Components

Ingredient	CAS#	EC/List No.	% w/w
Potassium metabisulfite	16731-55-8	240-795-3	3%

Section IV - First Aid Measures

Inhalation: Remove from source of exposure and get medical attention for any breathing difficulty.

Ingestion: Rinse mouth with water but do not induce vomiting. Get medical advice.

Skin Contact: Wash affected area with soap and water. Get medical advice if irritation develops.

Eye Contact: Rinse thoroughly with running water. Get medical advice if irritation develops.

Section V - Fire Fighting Measures

Flash point: Not applicable.

Flammable Limits: Not applicable.

Fire: Not normally a fire hazard.

Explosion: Not normally an explosion hazard.

Fire Extinguishing Media: Any means suitable for surrounding fire.

Special information: No data available.

Section VI - Accidental Release Measures

Absorb with a suitable absorbent and store in a suitable container for disposal.

Section VII - Handling and Storage

P403+P233+P102; Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed. Keep out of reach of children.

Section VIII - Exposure Control/Personal Protection

Component	ACGIH TLV	OSHA PEL	NIOSH IDLH
Potassium metabisulfite	Not regulated	Not regulated	Not regulated

Legend

ACGIH: American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists.

OSHA: Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

NIOSH: National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health.

IDLH: Immediately dangerous to life or health.

Ventilation System: Usually not required. When required, Refer to the ACGIH document, "Industrial Ventilation, a Manual of Recommended Practices" for details about ventilation.

Personal Respirator: Usually not required. In case of emergency, or when exposure levels are unknown, use a positive pressure, full face piece, air supplied respirator.

Skin protection: Protective gloves are required as part of good laboratory practice.

Eye Protection: Laboratory safety goggles or similar products are required.

Section IX - Physical and Chemical Properties

Boiling Point: 100 °C

Vapor pressure (mm Hg): 18 @ 20 °C

Vapor Density (air = 1): 0.6

Appearance and Odor: A clear, colorless solution. Acrid odor of sulfur dioxide.

Density: 1.02 g/ml

Evaporation Rate (water = 1): 1

Solubility: Infinitely miscible with water

Section X - Stability and Reactivity

Stability: Stable under normal conditions.

Hazardous Decomposition Products: Metabisulfite decomposes to liberate the irritant sulfur dioxide.

Hazardous polymerization: Will not occur.

Incompatibilities: Reacts with acids to liberate sulfur dioxide.

Conditions to avoid: Excessive cold and heat.

Section XI - Toxicological Information

Component	LD50 Oral	LD50 Dermal	LC50 Inhalation
Potassium metabisulfite	1800 mg/kg (Rat)	> 2 g/kg (Rat)	> 5.5 mg/l 4 h (Rat)

Cancer lists

<i>Ingredient</i>	<i>Known Carcinogenicity?</i>	<i>NTP?</i>	<i>Anticipated?</i>	<i>IARC Category</i>
Potassium metabisulfite	No	No	No	3

Section XII - Ecological Information

This product is expected to bioaccumulate. The product does not contain endocrine disrupters, persistent organic pollutants or ozone depleters.

Soil Mobility: Unknown

Environmental Fate: Biodegradable

Environmental Toxicity: Low

Component	Freshwater Fish	Water Flea	Freshwater algae
Potassium metabisulfite	LC50 460 mg/l 96 h	No data	No data

Section XIII - Disposal Considerations

Usually not restricted but local ordinances vary. Insure compliance with all government regulations

Section XIV - Transportation Information

Not regulated by DOT or IATA.

Section XV - Regulatory Information

Chemical Inventory Status

<i>Ingredient</i>	<i>TSCA</i>	<i>EC</i>
Potassium metabisulfite	Yes	Yes

Federal, State and International Regulations

<i>Ingredient</i>	<i>SARA 302</i>	<i>SARA 313</i>	<i>RCRA</i>	<i>TSCA</i>	<i>Ca. Prop 65</i>		
	<i>RQ</i>	<i>TPQ</i>	<i>List</i>	<i>Category</i>	<i>261.33</i>	<i>8(D)</i>	
Potassium metabisulfite	No	No	No	No	No	No	No

Chemical Weapons Convention: No TSCA 12(b): No CDTA: No

SARA 311/312: *Acute:* No, *Chronic:* No, *Fire:* No, *Pressure:* No

Section XVI - Other Information

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