

Potassium Chloride

Section 1: SUBSTANCE IDENTIFICATION AND SUPPLIER

Product Name:	Potassium Chloride
Product Code:	2000000
Recommended Use:	Fertiliser
Restrictions of Use:	Refer to Section 15
Company Identification:	Ravensdown Limited
Address:	292 Main South Road, Hornby, Christchurch, 8042 PO Box 1049, Christchurch 8011
Customer Centre:	0800 100 123
National Poisons Information Centre:	0800 POISON (0800 764 766)
Emergency Phone Number:	0800 CHEMCALL (0800 243 622) (24hr) (Emergencies Only)
Transport Emergency Phone Number:	111 - tell operator what service is needed: Fire, Ambulance or Police
Date of SDS Preparation	3 March 2023

Section 2: HAZARD IDENTIFICATION

This substance is hazardous according to the EPA Hazardous Substances (Classification) Notice 2020

EPA Approval No:	Fertilisers (subsidiary) – HSR002571
Pictograms:	
Signal Word:	Warning

GHS Classification and Category	Hazard Code	Hazard Statement
Eye irritation Cat. 2	H319	Causes serious eye irritation.

Prevention Code	Prevention Statement
P103	Read carefully and follow all instructions.
P264	Wash hands thoroughly after handling.
P280	Wear protective clothing as detailed in Section 8.

Response Code	Response Statement
P305 + P351+P338	IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.
P337 + P313	If eye irritation persists: Get medical advice/attention.

Storage Code	Storage Statement
None Allocated	

Disposal Code	Disposal Statement
P501	Dispose of according to Local Regulations or Authorities

Section 3: COMPOSITION INFORMATION

INGREDIENT	CAS No.	CONTENT %
Potassium Chloride	7447-40-7	99%

Section 4: FIRST AID MEASURES

Routes of Exposure:	
If in eyes:	Rinse cautiously with water for 15 minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. If eye irritation persists: Get medical advice.
If on skin:	Wash skin with plenty of soap and water. If skin irritation occurs: Get medical advice/attention.
If ingested:	Rinse mouth. Never give anything to the mouth of an unconscious person. If vomiting occurs, place victim face downwards, with the head turned to the side and lower than the hips to prevent vomit entering the lungs. Call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician if you feel unwell.
If inhaled:	Remove person to fresh air. Remove contaminated clothing and loosen remaining clothing. Allow person to assume most comfortable position and keep warm. Keep at rest until fully recovered. Get medical advice if breathing becomes difficult.
Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed	
Symptoms:	Refer to Section 11
Eyes:	Causes serious eye irritation. Exposure to dusts may result in irritation and lachrymation (tears).
Skin:	Not applicable.
Ingested:	Not applicable.
Inhaled:	Not applicable.
Chronic:	Not applicable.
Advice to Doctor:	Treat symptomatically.

Section 5: FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

Hazard Type	Not flammable or combustible.
Hazards from combustion products	Potassium oxides, hydrogen chloride.
Suitable Extinguishing media	Use media suitable for surrounding materials.
Precautions for firefighters and special protective clothing	Wear full protective gear.
HAZCHEM CODE	None allocated

Section 6: ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures:
Wear appropriate protective clothing. Exclude non-essential people from the area. Contain spill and sweep up. Collect and place in sealable containers. Avoid generating dust. Reuse or recycle where possible.
Environmental precautions:
Avoid unintended release of excessive amounts into waterways or sewers. If spill does enter waterway contact local authority.
Methods and material for containment and cleaning up:
Contain spill and sweep up. Collect and place in sealable containers. Avoid generating dust. Reuse or recycle where possible. Dispose as per Section 13.

Section 7: HANDLING AND STORAGE

Handling:	Read carefully and follow all instructions. Wash hands thoroughly after handling. Wear protective clothing as detailed in Section 8. Avoid generating dusts. Use in outdoors or in well-ventilated area.
Storage:	Store in a cool, dry area. Store away from incompatible materials listed in Section 10. Wash hands thoroughly after handling. Do not eat drink or smoke when using this product. Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area. Avoid unintended release to the environment.

Section 8: EXPOSURE CONTROL/PERSONAL PROTECTION

WORKPLACE EXPOSURE STANDARDS (provided for guidance only)

Substance	TWA		STEL	
	ppm	mg/m ³	ppm	mg/m ³
Inspirable dust:	-	10	-	-
Respirable dust:	-	3	-	-

Workplace Exposure Standard – Time Weighted Average (WES-TWA). The time-weighted average exposure standard designed to protect the worker from the effects of long-term exposure. Workplace Exposure Standard – Short-Term Exposure Limit (WESSTEL). The 15-minute average exposure standard. Applies to any 15- Minute period in the working day and is designed to protect the worker against adverse effects of irritation, chronic or irreversible tissue change, or narcosis that may increase the likelihood of accidents. The WES-STEL is not an alternative to the WES-TWA; both the short-term and time-weighted average exposures apply. Workplace Exposure Standards and Biological Exposure Indices April 2022 13TH EDITION.

Engineering Controls:	Handle in well ventilated area. Minimise generation of airborne dust.
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Personal Protection Equipment:



Eyes:	Wear close fitting safety glasses or goggles to prevent dust getting in eyes. Ensure eye wash facilities should be available.
Skin/Hands:	Wear protective clothing and gloves where there is a risk of moderate to high skin contamination from product.
Respiratory:	Wear particulate respirator where there is a risk of breathing in moderate to high levels of airborne dust.
General:	Do not eat, drink or smoke when handling this product. Remove contaminated protective clothing and wash hands and face before meals and after work.

Section 9: PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Appearance	Crystals/Granules
Colour	White, pink or red.
Odour	Odourless
Odour Threshold	Not available
pH	(50g.L-1 in water, 20°C) ~7
Boiling Point	1420°C (sublimes)
Melting Point	773°C
Freezing Point	Not available
Flash Point	Not available
Flammability	Not flammable
Upper and Lower Explosive Limits	Not available
Vapour Pressure	Not available

Vapour Density	Not available
Specific Gravity	2.0g/cm ³
Bulk Density	1,100kg/m ³
Water Solubility	Soluble
Partition Coefficient:	Not available
Auto-ignition Temperature	Not available
Decomposition Temperature	Not available
Kinematic Viscosity	Not available
Granulometrics (mm)	Not available

Section 10: STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Stability of Substance	Stable under normal conditions.
Possibility of hazardous reactions	Not data available.
Conditions to Avoid	None when applied and handled in accordance with conditions for use.
Incompatible Materials	No data available.
Hazardous Decomposition Products	Hydrogen chloride may be produced at high temperatures.

Section 11: TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Acute Effects:

Swallowed	Not applicable however ingestion of large quantities. May lead to nausea, vomiting, diarrhea and abdominal cramps. LD50 (oral, rat) 2600mg/kg.
Dermal	Not applicable however may be a slight Irritant. Elevated exposure may result in mucous membrane irritation (nose & throat).
Inhalation	Not applicable
Eye	Causes serious eye irritation. Exposure to dusts may result in irritation and lachrymation (tears).
Skin	Not applicable, however may be a slight Irritant. Prolonged and repeated skin exposure may result in irritation, skin rash and dermatitis.

Chronic Effects:

Carcinogenicity	Not applicable
Reproductive Toxicity	Not applicable
Germ Cell Mutagenicity	Not applicable
Aspiration	Not applicable
STOT/SE	Not applicable
STOT/RE	Not applicable

Section 12: ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

The mixture is not hazardous to the environment.

Persistence and degradability	No data available.
Bioaccumulation	No data available
Mobility in Soil	No data available.
Other adverse effects	No data available

Section 13: DISPOSAL INFORMATION

Disposal Method:	Collection into sealable containers and dispose of in an appropriate land fill. Reuse or recycle where possible. If practicable apply excess fertiliser at recommended rates to appropriate land. Observe any local authority restrictions that may apply. Rinse containers thoroughly prior to reuse. Otherwise render unusable and dispose of as waste.
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Precautions or methods to avoid: None known.

Section 14: TRANSPORT INFORMATION

This product is NOT classified as a Dangerous Good for transport in NZ ; NZS 5433:2020

Section 15: REGULATORY INFORMATION

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HSW (HS) Regulations 2017	Trigger Quantity
Signage Trigger Quantities (Schedule 3)	Not required
Emergency Response Plan (Schedule 5)	Not required
Secondary Containment (Schedule 5)	Not required
Tracking (Schedule 26)	Not required
Certified Handlers	Not required
Location Certificate	Not required
Restrictions of use	None known.

Section 16: OTHER INFORMATION

Glossary

Cat	Category
EC ₅₀	Median effective concentration.
EEL	Environmental Exposure Limit.
EPA	Environmental Protection Authority
HSNO	Hazardous Substances and New Organisms.
HSW	Health and Safety at Work.
LC ₅₀	Lethal concentration that will kill 50% of the test organisms inhaling or ingesting it.
LD ₅₀	Lethal dose to kill 50% of test animals/organisms.
LEL	Lower explosive level.
OSHA	American Occupational Safety and Health Administration.
TEL	Tolerable Exposure Limit.
TLV	Threshold Limit Value-an exposure limit set by responsible authority.
UEL	Upper Explosive Level
WES	Workplace Exposure Limit

References:

1. EPA Hazardous Substances (Safety Data Sheets) Notice 2017
2. Workplace Exposure Standards and Biological Exposure Indices April 2022 edition.
3. Assigning a hazardous substance to a HSNO Approval (Aug 2013).
4. Transport of Dangerous goods on land NZS 5433:2020
5. HSW (Hazardous Substances) Regulations 2017

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