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# SAFETY DATA SHEET

# 1. IDENTIFICATION OF THE SUBSTANCE/PREPARATION AND OF THE COMPANY/UNDERTAKING

*Product Name:* Potassium 2 Reagent Solution Pillows *Catalog Number:* 1432298

HACH LANGE GmbH **Emergency Telephone Numbers:** Willstätterstrasse 11 (Poison Information Center Main) 40549 Düsseldorf, Germany (+49 (0) 6131 19240) 24 HR +49-(0)211-52880 SDS Number: M00281 *Chemical Name:* Not applicable Chemical Formula: Not applicable Chemical Family: Not applicable Use of the substance/preparation: Laboratory Reagent CAS No.: Not applicable Hazard: Cannot be made non-toxic. Causes irritation. Sensitizer. Causes burns. Carcinogen. Date of MSDS Preparation: Day: 12 Month: April Year: 2007 Additional Emergency Response Numbers: Austria: +49 (0)6131 19240, Belgium: +32-(0)70-245245, France: +33-(0)1-40370404, Italy: +39-02-66101029, Netherlands: +31-(0)30-2748888, Switzerland: +41-(0)1-2515151

# 2. COMPOSITION / INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

#### Methyl Alcohol

EEC Number: 2006596 CAS No.: 67-56-1 Percent Range: 10,0 - 20,0 Percent Range Units: weight / weight Ingredient EEC Symbol: F - HIGHLY FLAMMABLE Xn - HARMFUL Ingredient R phrase(s) (R phrase details given in Heading 16): R 10 R 20/22 TLV: 200 ppm PEL: 200 ppm EU Occupational Exposure Limits: 200 ppm (260 mg/m<sup>3</sup>)

#### **Demineralized Water**

EEC Number: 2317912 CAS No.: 7732-18-5 Percent Range: 50,0 - 60,0 Percent Range Units: weight / weight Ingredient EEC Symbol: Not applicable Ingredient R phrase(s) (R phrase details given in Heading 16): Not applicable TLV: Not established PEL: Not established EU Occupational Exposure Limits: Not established

**Formaldehyde** 

*EEC Number:* 2000018 *CAS No.:* 50-00-0 *Percent Range:* 30,0 - 40,0 *Percent Range Units:* weight / weight *Ingredient EEC Symbol:* T - TOXIC *Ingredient R phrase(s) (R phrase details given in Heading 16):* R 23/24/25 R 34 R 40 R 43 *TLV:* C: 0,37mg/m<sup>3</sup> *PEL:* 0.75 ppm. See the OSHA Standard at 29CFR1910.1048. *EU Occupational Exposure Limits:* 0,5 ppm (0,62 mg/m<sup>3</sup>)

# **3. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION**

**Emergency Overview:** 

Appearance: Clear, colorless
Odor: Pungent
EU Symbols: T - TOXIC F - HIGHLY FLAMMABLE
R PHRASES: R 10: Flammable. R 23/24/25: Toxic by inhalation, in contact with skin and if swallowed.
R 34: Causes burns. R 40: Limited evidence of a carcinogenic effect. R 43: May cause sensitization by skin contact.

**Protective Equipment:** 

Potential Health Effects:

Eye Contact (EC): Causes burns

Skin Contact (EC): Causes burns May cause: skin sensitization

Skin Absorption (EC): Effects similar to those of ingestion Effects similar to those of inhalation

**Target Organs (SA E):** Circulatory system Kidneys Liver Optic nerve Central nervous system **Ingestion (EC):** Methanol causes cardiovascular effects such as cardiac depression and blood pressure changes. Methanol causes central nervous system depression, symptoms may include: drunkenness, drowsiness, dizziness, lightheadedness, unconsciousness and coma. Methanol may cause irritation of the eyes, visual impairment or blindness. May cause: vomiting kidney damage liver damage circulatory collapse

*Target Organs (Ing E):* Central nervous system Circulatory system Kidneys Liver Optic nerve *Inhalation:* Methanol causes cardiovascular effects such as cardiac depression and blood pressure changes. Methanol causes central nervous system depression, symptoms may include: drunkenness, drowsiness, dizziness, lightheadedness, unconsciousness and coma. Methanol may cause irritation of the eyes, visual impairment or blindness. May cause: respiratory tract irritation allergic respiratory reaction shortness of breath Very large doses may cause: lung damage Effects similar to those of ingestion.

**Target Organs (Inh E):** Central nervous system Circulatory system Kidneys Liver Optic nerve Lungs **Medical Conditions Aggravated:** Allergies or sensitivity to formaldehyde. Persons with eye, kidney, liver, or respiratory problems may be more susceptible to formaldehyde.

*Chronic Effects:* Chronic overexposure may cause cancer skin sensitization allergic respiratory reactions liver damage kidney damage

Cancer / Reproductive Toxicity Information:

An ingredient of this mixture is: IARC Group 1: Recognized Carcinogen Formaldehyde

Additional Cancer / Reproductive Toxicity Information: Contains: an experimental mutagen. an experimental teratogen.

Toxicologically Synergistic Products: None reported

*Eye Contact:* Immediately flush eyes with water for 15 minutes. Call physician. *Skin Contact (First Aid):* Wash skin with soap and plenty of water for 15 minutes. Call physician immediately.

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

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

# **5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES**

*Flammable Properties:* Combustible Liquid Combustion generates toxic fumes. Vaporizes easily at normal temperatures. This material does NOT sustain combustion when tested according to the UN Recommendation's "Methods of Testing for Combustibility".

Hazardous Combustion Products: Toxic fumes of: formaldehyde carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide.

Fire / Explosion Hazards: Combustible liquid Do not expose to flames.

Static Discharge: None reported.

Mechanical Impact: None reported

*Extinguishing Media:* Use media appropriate to surrounding fire conditions

Extinguishing Media NOT To Be Used: Not applicable

*Fire Fighting Instruction:* As in any fire, wear self-contained breathing apparatus pressure-demand and full protective gear. Containers can build up pressure if exposed to heat.

# 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

#### Spill Response Notice:

Only persons properly qualified to respond to an emergency involving hazardous substances should respond to a spill involving chemicals. See Section 13, Special Instructions for disposal assistance.

*Containment Technique:* Releases of this material may contaminate the environment. Remove all combustible material from spill area. Remove all ignition and spark-creating sources from the spill area. Cover spilled liquid with a commercially available flammable liquid sorbent such as vapor barrier blanket or activated carbon to avoid evolution of fumes. Vapors may travel to a source of ignition and flash back. May be ignited by: heat, sparks, or flames. Material will float on water creating a fire hazard. Dike the material to create a barrier to combustibles. Dike large spills to keep spilled material from entering sewage and drainage systems or bodies of water.

*Clean-up Technique:* Eliminate all sources of ignition. Do not breathe the fumes. Cover with an inert material, such as sand. Use only non-sparking tools. Sweep up material. Incinerate material at an E.P.A. approved hazardous waste facility. Decontaminate the area of the spill with a soap solution. *Evacuation Procedure:* Evacuate general area (50 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.

# 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

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

*Storage:* Keep container tightly closed when not in use. Protect from: heat sparks, flames and other ignition sources

*Special Packaging Instructions:* Not applicable *Use of the substance/preparation:* Laboratory Reagent

# 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

*Engineering Controls:* Have an eyewash station nearby. Have a safety shower nearby. Use a fume hood to avoid exposure to dust, mist or vapor. Maintain general industrial hygiene practices when using this product. *Personal Protective Equipment:* 

Eye Protection: safety glasses with top and side shields
Skin / Hand Protection: disposable latex gloves lab coat
Inhalation Protection: laboratory fume hood
Precautionary Measures: Avoid contact with: eyes skin clothing Do not breathe: mist/vapor Use with adequate ventilation. Wash thoroughly after handling. Protect from: heat
TLV: Formaldehyde: Ceiling: 0,3 ppm; Methanol: 200 ppm
PEL: Formaldehyde: 0,75 ppm; Methanol: 200 ppm
EU Occupational Exposure Limits: Formaldehyde: 0,5 ppm (0,62 mg/m<sup>3</sup>); Methanol: 200 ppm (260 mg/m<sup>3</sup>)

#### 9. PHYSICAL / CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Appearance: Clear, colorless Physical State: Liquid **Odor:** Pungent **pH:** 2,8-4,0 Vapor Pressure: Not determined *Vapor Density (air = 1):* 1,04 Boiling Point: 96 °C 204.8 °F *Melting Point:* -15 °C 5 °F Flash Point: 56-63° C (133-145° F) Method: Open cup Autoignition Temperature: 420° C (788° F) Flammability Limits: Lower Explosion Limits: 7% **Upper Explosion Limits:** 70% Specific Gravity (water = 1): 1.08 *Evaporation Rate (water = 1):* Not determined Volatile Organic Compounds Content: Not available Partition Coefficient (n-octanol / water): Not applicable Solubility: Water: Soluble Acid: Not determined Other: Soluble in alcohol and acetone Metal Corrosivity: Steel: Not determined Aluminum: Not determined

# **10. STABILITY / REACTIVITY**

Chemical Stability: Stable when stored under proper conditions.
 Conditions to Avoid: Contact with heat, sparks, open flames or other ignition sources. Exposure to air.
 Reactivity / Incompatibility: Incompatible with: oxidizers alkalies
 Hazardous Decomposition: Heating to decomposition releases toxic and/or corrosive fumes of: formaldehyde carbon dioxide carbon monoxide
 Hazardous Polymerization: Will not occur.

#### **11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

Product Toxicological Data: LD50: Oral rat LD50 = 800 mg/kg LC50: None reported Dermal Toxicity Data: None reported Skin and Eye Irritation Data: None reported Mutation Data: None reported Reproductive Effects Data: None reported *Ingredient Toxicological Data:* Formaldehyde: Oral rat LD50 = 100mg/kg, Skin rabbit LD50 = 270mg/kg, Inhalation rat  $LC50 = 203 \text{mg/m}^3$ ; Methanol Oral rat LD50 = 5628mg/kg, Skin rabbit LD50 = 15800mg/kg, Inhalation rat LC50 = 6400 ppm/4 Hours.

An ingredient of this mixture is: IARC Group 1: Recognized Carcinogen Formaldehyde

# **12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

Product Ecological Information: Bluegill LC50 = 100µg/l/96H; Catfish (fresh water) TLm = 32 ppm/24H; Fathead minnow LC50 = 10-100  $\mu$ l/l/96H; Rainbow trout LC50 = 168 mg/l/48H

Ingredient Ecological Information: None available

# **13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS**

**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.

Hazard Class: 9

UN Number 3316

# **14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION**

I.C.A.O.:

I.C.A.O. Proper Shipping Name: Formaldehyde Solution, Flammable ICAO Hazard Class: 3 ICAO Subsidiary Risk: 8 ICAO UN/ID Number: UN1198 ICAO Packing Group: III I.M.O.: I.M.O. Proper Shipping Name: Formaldehyde Solution, Flammable I.M.O. Hazard Class: 3 I.M.O. Subsidiary Risk: 8 I.M.O. UN Number: UN1198 I.M.O. Packing Group: III A.D.R.: A.D.R. Proper Shipping Name: Formaldehyde Solution, Flammable A.D.R Hazard Class: 3 A.D.R. Subsidiary Risk: 8 **A.D.R. UN-Number::** 1198 A.D.R. Packing Group: III Additional Information: This product may be shipped as part of a chemical kit composed of various compatible dangerous goods for analytical or testing purposes. This kit would have the following

classification: Proper Shipping Name: Chemical Kit

# **15. REGULATORY INFORMATION**

National Inventories:

*EEC Inventory Status:* All ingredients used to make this product are listed on EINECS / ELINCS. *EEC Number:* Not applicable

EEC LABEL COPY:

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*S PHRASES:* S 26: In case of contact with eyes, rinse immediately with plenty of water and seek medical advice. S 36/37/39: Wear suitable protective clothing, gloves and eye/face protection. S 45: In case of accident or if you feel unwell, seek medical advice immediately (show the label where possible). S 51: Use only in well ventilated areas.

## **16. OTHER INFORMATION**

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*Use of the substance/preparation:* Laboratory Reagent *Revision Summary:* Updates in Section(s) 14,

#### 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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