

# SAFETY DATA SHEET

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## Potassium Hydroxide Solution 30 - 55%

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### SECTION 1. IDENTIFICATION

Product name : Potassium Hydroxide Solution 30 - 55%  
Other means of identification : No data available

#### Manufacturer or supplier's details

Company name of supplier : Olin Canada ULC (OCAP)  
Address : 1959 Upper Water Street, Suite 900  
Halifax NS B3J 2X2  
E-mail address : INFO@OLIN.COM  
24-Hour Emergency Contact : +1 800 424 9300  
Local Emergency Contact : 1 800-567-7455  
Identified uses : pH-regulating agents  
Manufacture of chemical products  
Aircraft deicing fluid.  
Manufacture of pesticides and other agrochemical products

### SECTION 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

#### GHS classification in accordance with the Hazardous Products Regulations

Corrosive to Metals : Category 1

Acute toxicity (Oral) : Category 4

**Skin corrosion** : **Category 1B**

Serious eye damage : Category 1

#### GHS label elements

Hazard pictograms :



Signal Word : **Danger**

Hazard Statements : **May be corrosive to metals.**  
**Harmful if swallowed.**  
**Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.**

Precautionary Statements : **Prevention:**  
**P234 Keep only in original packaging.**

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P264 Wash skin thoroughly after handling.  
P270 Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.  
P280 Wear protective gloves/ protective clothing/ eye protection/  
face protection/ hearing protection.

### Response:

P301 + P312 + P330 IF SWALLOWED: Call a POISON CENTER/ doctor if you feel unwell. Rinse mouth.  
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.  
P304 + P340 + P310 IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing. Immediately call a POISON CENTER/ doctor.  
P305 + P351 + P338 + P310 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/ doctor.  
P363 Wash contaminated clothing before reuse.  
P390 Absorb spillage to prevent material damage.

### Storage:

P405 Store locked up.

### Disposal:

P501 Dispose of contents/ container to an approved waste disposal plant.

### Other hazards

None known.

## SECTION 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Substance / Mixture : Substance  
Substance name : Potassium Hydroxide Solution 30 - 55%  
CAS-No. : 1310-58-3  
Common Name/Synonym : No data available

### Components

Chemical name	Common Name/Synonym	CAS-No.	Concentration (% w/w)
Water	water	7732-18-5	$\geq 45 - \leq 70$
Potassium hydroxide	potassium hydroxide	1310-58-3	$\geq 30 - \leq 55$

## SECTION 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

If inhaled : Move person to fresh air; if effects occur, consult a physician.  
In case of skin contact : Immediate continued and thorough washing in flowing water

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In case of eye contact	: for at least 20 minutes is imperative while removing contaminated clothing. Prompt medical consultation is essential. Wash clothing before reuse. Properly dispose of leather items such as shoes, belts, and watchbands. Suitable emergency safety shower facility should be immediately available. Washing with water is the only acceptable method of removal of potassium hydroxide from the eyes and skin. You may have 10 seconds or less to avoid serious permanent injury. Eyes should be washed for a minimum of 20 minutes, preferably until seen by a medical professional, do not forget to remove contact lenses. The eyes should be tested for pH until neutral. Suitable emergency eye wash facility should be immediately available.
If swallowed	: Do not induce vomiting. Give one cup (8 ounces or 240 ml) of water or milk if available and transport to a medical facility. Do not give anything by mouth unless the person is fully conscious.
Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed	: Aside from the information found under Description of first aid measures (above), any additional important symptoms and effects are described in Section 11: Toxicology Information.
Protection of first-aiders	: First Aid responders should pay attention to self-protection and use the recommended protective clothing (chemical resistant gloves, splash protection). If potential for exposure exists refer to Section 8 for specific personal protective equipment.
Notes to physician	: May cause asthma-like (reactive airways) symptoms. Bronchodilators, expectorants, antitussives and corticosteroids may be of help. Respiratory symptoms, including pulmonary edema, may be delayed. Persons receiving significant exposure should be observed 24-48 hours for signs of respiratory distress. Maintain adequate ventilation and oxygenation of the patient. Eye irrigation may be necessary for an extended period of time to remove as much potassium hydroxide as possible. Duration of irrigation and treatment is at the discretion of medical personnel. If burn is present, treat as any thermal burn, after decontamination. Due to irritant properties, swallowing may result in burns/ulceration of mouth, stomach and lower gastrointestinal tract with subsequent stricture. Aspiration of vomitus may cause lung injury. Suggest endotracheal/esophageal control if lavage is done. No specific antidote. Treatment of exposure should be directed at the control of symptoms and the clinical condition of the patient. Excessive exposure may aggravate preexisting asthma and other respiratory disorders (e.g. emphysema, bronchitis, reactive airways dysfunction syndrome).

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| Suitable extinguishing media                   | : | This material does not burn. If exposed to fire from another source, use suitable extinguishing agent for that fire.   |
| Unsuitable extinguishing media                 | : | Do not use water.  |
| Specific hazards during fire fighting          | : | Product reacts with water. Reaction may produce heat and/or gases.<br>This reaction may be violent.<br>Violent steam generation or eruption may occur upon application of direct water stream to hot liquids.  |
| Hazardous combustion products                  | : | Not applicable   |
| Further information                            | : | Keep people away. Isolate fire and deny unnecessary entry. Water is not recommended, but may be applied in large quantities as a fine spray when other extinguishing agents are not available.<br>This material does not burn. Fight fire for other material that is burning.  |
| Special protective equipment for fire-fighters | : | Wear positive-pressure self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) and protective fire fighting clothing (includes fire fighting helmet, coat, trousers, boots, and gloves).<br>Avoid contact with this material during fire fighting operations. If contact is likely, change to full chemical resistant fire fighting clothing with self-contained breathing apparatus. If this is not available, wear full chemical resistant clothing with self-contained breathing apparatus and fight fire from a remote location.<br>For protective equipment in post-fire or non-fire clean-up situations, refer to the relevant sections. |

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### SECTION 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

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| Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures | : | Evacuate area.<br>Only trained and properly protected personnel must be involved in clean-up operations.<br>Refer to section 7, Handling, for additional precautionary measures.<br>Keep upwind of spill.<br>Ventilate area of leak or spill.<br>See Section 10 for more specific information.<br>Use appropriate safety equipment. For additional information, refer to Section 8, Exposure Controls and Personal Protection. |
| Environmental precautions   | : | Prevent from entering into soil, ditches, sewers, waterways and/or groundwater. See Section 12, Ecological Information.  |
| Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up               | : | Contain spilled material if possible.<br>Small spills:   |

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Dilute with water.  
Large spills:  
Dike area to contain spill.  
Collect in suitable and properly labeled containers.  
Attempt to neutralize by adding materials such as Acetic acid  
See Section 13, Disposal Considerations, for additional information.

### SECTION 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

Advice on safe handling : Do not get in eyes, on skin, on clothing.  
Do not swallow.  
Avoid breathing mist.  
Wash thoroughly after handling.  
Keep container closed.  
ALWAYS add potassium hydroxide solution to water with constant agitation. NEVER add water to the potassium hydroxide. The water should be lukewarm (27-38°C or 80-100°F). NEVER start with hot or cold water. The addition of potassium hydroxide to liquid will cause a rise in temperature. If potassium hydroxide becomes concentrated in one area, is added too rapidly, or is added to hot or cold liquid, a rapid temperature increase can result in DANGEROUS mists, boiling or spattering which may cause an immediate VIOLENT ERUPTION.  
Use with adequate ventilation.  
See Section 8, EXPOSURE CONTROLS AND PERSONAL PROTECTION.

Conditions for safe storage : Keep container closed.  
Do not store in:  
Zinc.  
Aluminum.  
Brass.  
Tin.  
See Section 10 for more specific information.

Recommended storage temperature : > 16 °C

Storage period : 24 Months

### SECTION 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

#### Ingredients with workplace control parameters

Components	CAS-No.	Value type (Form of exposure)	Control parameters / Permissible concentration	Basis
Potassium hydroxide	1310-58-3	(c)	2 mg/m3	CA AB OEL
		C	2 mg/m3	CA BC OEL
		C	2 mg/m3	CA QC OEL
		C	2 mg/m3	ACGIH

Engineering measures : Use local exhaust ventilation, or other engineering controls to maintain airborne levels below exposure limit requirements or

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guidelines. If there are no applicable exposure limit requirements or guidelines, general ventilation should be sufficient for most operations.  
Local exhaust ventilation may be necessary for some operations.

### Personal protective equipment

Respiratory protection : Respiratory protection should be worn when there is a potential to exceed the exposure limit requirements or guidelines. If there are no applicable exposure limit requirements or guidelines, wear respiratory protection when adverse effects, such as respiratory irritation or discomfort have been experienced, or where indicated by your risk assessment process. In dusty or misty atmospheres, use an approved particulate respirator.

Filter type : The following should be effective types of air-purifying respirators: Particulate filter.

### Hand protection

Material	: Protective equipment only chosen according to specific regulatory requirements after a risk assessment.
Material	: butyl-rubber
Material	: Nitrile rubber
Material	: Neoprene gloves
Material	: Natural Rubber
Material	: Viton®

Remarks	: NOTICE: The selection of a specific glove for a particular application and duration of use in a workplace should also take into account all relevant workplace factors such as, but not limited to: Other chemicals which may be handled, physical requirements (cut/puncture protection, dexterity, thermal protection), potential body reactions to glove materials, as well as the instructions/specifications provided by the glove supplier. Additional materials may be available, review glove manufacturers specifications for suitability.
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Eye protection : Use chemical goggles.  
If exposure causes eye discomfort, use a full-face respirator.

Skin and body protection : Use protective clothing chemically resistant to this material. Selection of specific items such as face shield, boots, apron, or full body suit will depend on the task.

## SECTION 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Appearance : Liquid above freezing point

Color : Clear/slightly hazy

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Odor	:	Odorless
Odor Threshold	:	No test data available
pH	:	14 Method: Literature
Freezing point	:	-33 °C Method: Literature
Melting point/ range	:	-33 °C Method: Literature
Pour point	:	No data available
Softening point	:	No data available.
Boiling point/boiling range	:	133 °C Method: Measured
Flash point	:	Method: Literature None
Evaporation rate	:	No test data available
Flammability (solid, gas)	:	No
Upper explosion limit / Upper flammability limit	:	Not applicable
Lower explosion limit / Lower flammability limit	:	Not applicable
Vapor pressure	:	6.4 mmHg (25 °C) Method: Literature
Relative vapor density	:	Not applicable
Relative density	:	1.283 - 1.572 (20 °C) Method: Measured
Solubility(ies) Water solubility	:	completely miscible
Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water	:	No data available.
Autoignition temperature	:	Not applicable
Decomposition temperature	:	No test data available
Viscosity Viscosity, dynamic	:	No data available
Viscosity, kinematic	:	Method: No information available.

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Explosive properties : No

Oxidizing properties : No

*Note: These are the Reference Points for these Physical Properties listed above, unless otherwise noted in their respective Physical Property value information: Boiling Point at 760 mmHg; Evaporation Rate Butyl Acetate = 1; Relative Vapor Density Air = 1; and Relative Density Water = 1.*

NOTE: The physical data presented above are typical values and should not be construed as a specification.

### SECTION 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Reactivity	: No specific data available.
Chemical stability	: Stable under recommended storage conditions. See Storage, Section 7.
Possibility of hazardous reactions	: Polymerization will not occur.
Conditions to avoid	: Avoid moisture. Product absorbs carbon dioxide from the air.
Incompatible materials	: Heat is generated when mixed with water. Spattering and boiling can occur. Potassium hydroxide reacts readily with various reducing sugars (i.e. fructose, galactose, maltose, dry whey solids) to produce CO. Take precautions including monitoring the atmosphere for carbon monoxide [CO] to ensure safety of personnel before confined space entry. Avoid contact with: Acids. Glycols. Halogenated organics. Organic nitro compounds. Flammable hydrogen may be generated from contact with metals such as: Zinc. Aluminum. Tin. Brass.
Hazardous decomposition products	: Does not decompose.

### SECTION 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

#### Information on likely routes of exposure

Inhalation  
Eye contact  
Skin contact  
Ingestion



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### Acute toxicity

#### Components:

##### **Potassium hydroxide:**

- Acute oral toxicity : LD50 (Rat, male): 333 mg/kg
- Acute inhalation toxicity : Remarks: At room temperature, exposure to vapor is minimal due to low volatility; single exposure is not likely to be hazardous.  
Dust may cause severe irritation of the upper respiratory tract (nose and throat) and lungs.  
Mist may cause severe irritation of the upper respiratory tract (nose and throat) and lungs.  
Effects may be delayed.  
  
Remarks: The LC50 has not been determined.
- Acute dermal toxicity : Remarks: The dermal LD50 has not been determined.

### Skin corrosion/irritation

#### Product:

- Result : Causes burns.
- Remarks : Brief contact may cause skin burns. Symptoms may include pain, severe local redness and tissue damage.  
Effects may be delayed.

#### Components:

##### **Potassium hydroxide:**

- Result : Causes severe burns.
- Remarks : Brief contact may cause severe skin burns. Symptoms may include pain, severe local redness and tissue damage.  
Effects may be delayed.

### Serious eye damage/eye irritation

#### Components:

##### **Potassium hydroxide:**

- Result : Corrosive
- Remarks : May cause severe irritation with corneal injury which may result in permanent impairment of vision, even blindness. Chemical burns may occur.  
Dust or mist may cause eye irritation and corneal injury.  
Effects may be delayed.

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### Respiratory or skin sensitization

#### Components:

##### Potassium hydroxide:

Assessment	:	Does not cause skin sensitization.
Remarks	:	Did not cause allergic skin reactions when tested in guinea pigs.
Remarks	:	For respiratory sensitization: No relevant data found.

### Germ cell mutagenicity

#### Components:

##### Potassium hydroxide:

Genotoxicity in vitro	:	Remarks: No relevant data found.
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### Carcinogenicity

#### Components:

##### Potassium hydroxide:

Remarks	:	No relevant data found.
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### Reproductive toxicity

#### Components:

##### Potassium hydroxide:

Effects on fertility	:	Remarks: No relevant data found.
Effects on fetal development	:	Remarks: No relevant data found.

### STOT-single exposure

#### Components:

##### Potassium hydroxide:

Assessment	:	Material is corrosive. Material is not classified as a respiratory irritant; however, upper respiratory tract irritation or corrosivity may be expected.
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### Repeated dose toxicity

#### Components:

##### Potassium hydroxide:

Remarks	:	Excessive exposure may cause severe irritation to upper respiratory tract (nose and throat) and lungs.
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### Aspiration toxicity

#### Components:

#### **Potassium hydroxide:**

Aspiration into the lungs may occur during ingestion or vomiting, causing tissue damage or lung injury.

## SECTION 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### Ecotoxicity

#### Components:

#### **Potassium hydroxide:**

Toxicity to fish : Remarks: May increase pH of aquatic systems to > pH 10 which may be toxic to aquatic organisms. Material is slightly toxic to aquatic organisms on an acute basis (LC50/EC50 between 10 and 100 mg/L in the most sensitive species tested).

LC50 (Gambusia affinis (Mosquito fish)): 80 mg/l  
Exposure time: 96 h

Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates : EC50 (Daphnia magna (Water flea)): 630 mg/l  
Exposure time: 48 h  
Method: Method Not Specified.

### Persistence and degradability

#### Components:

#### **Potassium hydroxide:**

Biodegradability : Remarks: Biodegradation is not applicable.

### Bioaccumulative potential

#### Components:

#### **Potassium hydroxide:**

Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water : Remarks: Partitioning from water to n-octanol is not applicable.

### Mobility in soil

#### Components:

#### **Potassium hydroxide:**

Distribution among environmental compartments : Remarks: No data available for assessment due to technical difficulties with testing.

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### Other adverse effects

### Components:

#### Potassium hydroxide:

Results of PBT and vPvB assessment : This substance has not been assessed for persistence, bioaccumulation and toxicity (PBT).

## SECTION 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

### Disposal methods

Waste from residues : AS YOUR SUPPLIER, WE HAVE NO CONTROL OVER THE MANAGEMENT PRACTICES OR MANUFACTURING PROCESSES OF PARTIES HANDLING OR USING THIS MATERIAL.  
THE INFORMATION PRESENTED HERE PERTAINS ONLY TO THE PRODUCT AS SHIPPED IN ITS INTENDED CONDITION AS DESCRIBED IN MSDS SECTION: Composition Information.  
All disposal practices must be in compliance with all Federal, State/Provincial and local laws and regulations.  
Regulations may vary in different locations.  
Waste characterizations and compliance with applicable laws are the responsibility solely of the waste generator.  
DO NOT DUMP INTO ANY SEWERS, ON THE GROUND, OR INTO ANY BODY OF WATER.

## SECTION 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

### International Regulations

#### UNRTDG

UN number : UN 1814  
Proper shipping name : POTASSIUM HYDROXIDE SOLUTION  
Class : 8  
Packing group : II  
Labels : 8  
Environmentally hazardous : no

#### IATA-DGR

UN/ID No. : UN 1814  
Proper shipping name : Potassium hydroxide solution  
Class : 8  
Packing group : II  
Labels : Corrosive  
Packing instruction (cargo aircraft) : 855  
Packing instruction (passenger aircraft) : 851

#### IMDG-Code

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Class	:	8
Packing group	:	II
Labels	:	8
EmS Code	:	F-A, S-B
Marine pollutant	:	no
Remarks	:	Stowage category AAlkalis

### Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL 73/78 and the IBC Code

Not applicable for product as supplied.

### Domestic regulation

#### TDG

UN number	:	UN 1814
Proper shipping name	:	POTASSIUM HYDROXIDE, SOLUTION
Class	:	8
Packing group	:	II
Labels	:	8
ERG Code	:	154
Marine pollutant	:	no

### Special precautions for user

The transport classification(s) provided herein are for informational purposes only, and solely based upon the properties of the unpackaged material as it is described within this Safety Data Sheet. Transportation classifications may vary by mode of transportation, package sizes, and variations in regional or country regulations.

## SECTION 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

### International Regulations

Montreal Protocol	:	Not applicable
Rotterdam Convention (Prior Informed Consent)	:	Not applicable
Stockholm Convention (Persistent Organic Pollutants)	:	Not applicable

### The ingredients of this product are reported in the following inventories:

TCSI	:	All intentional components are listed on the inventory, are exempt, or are supplier certified.
TSCA	:	All substances listed as active on the TSCA Inventory or are not required to be listed.
AIIC	:	All intentional components are listed on the inventory, are exempt, or are supplier certified.
DSL	:	All substances contained in this product are listed on the Canadian Domestic Substances List (DSL) or are not required to be listed.
ENCS	:	All intentional components are listed on the inventory, are exempt, or are supplier certified.
ISHL	:	All intentional components are listed on the inventory, are exempt, or are supplier certified.
KECI	:	All intentional components are listed on the inventory, are exempt, or are supplier certified.
PICCS	:	All intentional components are listed on the inventory, are exempt, or are supplier certified.

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IECSC	:	All intentional components are listed on the inventory, are exempt, or are supplier certified.
NZIoC	:	All intentional components are listed on the inventory, are exempt, or are supplier certified.
CH INV	:	All intentional components are listed on the inventory, are exempt, or are supplier certified.
TECI	:	All intentional components are listed on the inventory, are exempt, or are supplier certified.

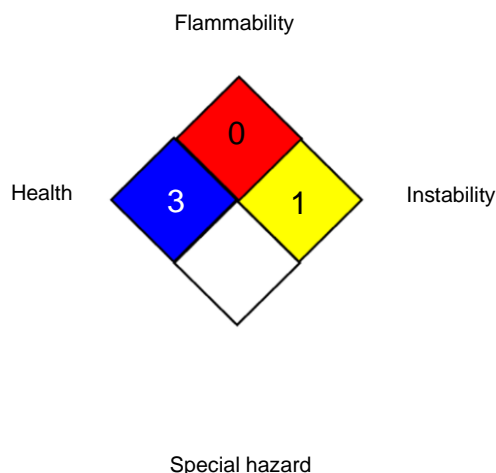
### Canadian lists

No substances are subject to a Significant New Activity Notification.

## SECTION 16. OTHER INFORMATION

### Further information

#### NFPA 704:



### Full text of other abbreviations

ACGIH	:	USA. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)
CA AB OEL	:	Canada. Alberta, Occupational Health and Safety Code (table 2: OEL)
CA BC OEL	:	Canada. British Columbia OEL
CA QC OEL	:	Québec. Regulation respecting occupational health and safety, Schedule 1, Part 1: Permissible exposure values for airborne contaminants
ACGIH / C	:	Ceiling limit
CA AB OEL / (c)	:	ceiling occupational exposure limit
CA BC OEL / C	:	ceiling limit
CA QC OEL / C	:	Ceiling

AIIC - Australian Inventory of Industrial Chemicals; ANTT - National Agency for Transport by Land of Brazil; ASTM - American Society for the Testing of Materials; bw - Body weight; CMR - Carcinogen, Mutagen or Reproductive Toxicant; DIN - Standard of the German Institute for

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Standardisation; DSL - Domestic Substances List (Canada); ECx - Concentration associated with x% response; ELx - Loading rate associated with x% response; EmS - Emergency Schedule; ENCS - Existing and New Chemical Substances (Japan); ErCx - Concentration associated with x% growth rate response; ERG - Emergency Response Guide; GHS - Globally Harmonized System; GLP - Good Laboratory Practice; IARC - International Agency for Research on Cancer; IATA - International Air Transport Association; IBC - International Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships carrying Dangerous Chemicals in Bulk; IC50 - Half maximal inhibitory concentration; ICAO - International Civil Aviation Organization; IECSC - Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances in China; IMDG - International Maritime Dangerous Goods; IMO - International Maritime Organization; ISHL - Industrial Safety and Health Law (Japan); ISO - International Organisation for Standardization; KECI - Korea Existing Chemicals Inventory; LC50 - Lethal Concentration to 50 % of a test population; LD50 - Lethal Dose to 50% of a test population (Median Lethal Dose); MARPOL - International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships; n.o.s. - Not Otherwise Specified; Nch - Chilean Norm; NO(A)EC - No Observed (Adverse) Effect Concentration; NO(A)EL - No Observed (Adverse) Effect Level; NOELR - No Observable Effect Loading Rate; NOM - Official Mexican Norm; NTP - National Toxicology Program; NZIoC - New Zealand Inventory of Chemicals; OECD - Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development; OPPTS - Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention; PBT - Persistent, Bioaccumulative and Toxic substance; PICCS - Philippines Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances; (Q)SAR - (Quantitative) Structure Activity Relationship; REACH - Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals; SADT - Self-Accelerating Decomposition Temperature; SDS - Safety Data Sheet; TCSI - Taiwan Chemical Substance Inventory; TDG - Transportation of Dangerous Goods; TECI - Thailand Existing Chemicals Inventory; TSCA - Toxic Substances Control Act (United States); UN - United Nations; UNRTDG - United Nations Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods; vPvB - Very Persistent and Very Bioaccumulative; WHMIS - Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System

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