

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

### 1.1. Product identifier

<b>Product Description:</b>	<b>Potassium metabisulfite</b>
<b>Cat No. :</b>	<b>43908</b>
<b>Synonyms</b>	Pyrosulfurous Acid, Dipotassium Salt; Dipotassium Disulfate; Potassium Pyrosulfate
<b>CAS No</b>	16731-55-8
<b>EC No</b>	240-795-3
<b>Molecular Formula</b>	K <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> S <sub>2</sub>
<b>REACH registration number</b>	-

### 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>	Avocado Research Chemicals Ltd. (Part of Thermo Fisher Scientific) Shore Road, Heysham Lancashire, LA3 2XY, United Kingdom Office Tel: +44 (0) 1524 850506 Office Fax: +44 (0) 1524 850608
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### 1.4. Emergency telephone number

For information **US** call: 001-800-227-6701 / **Europe** call: +32 14 57 52 11  
Emergency Number **US**:001-201-796-7100 / **Europe**: +32 14 57 52 99  
**CHEMTREC** Tel. No. **US**:001-800-424-9300 / **Europe**: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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Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

## Health hazards

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

H318 - Causes serious eye damage

EUH031 - Contact with acids liberates toxic gas

## Precautionary Statements

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

## 2.3. Other hazards

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

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 metabisulfite	16731-55-8	240-795-3	>95	Eye Dam. 1 (H318) (EUH031)

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Full text of Hazard Statements: see section 16

## SECTION 4: FIRST AID MEASURES

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## 4.1. Description of first aid measures

<b>General Advice</b>	If symptoms persist, call a physician.
<b>Eye Contact</b>	Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids, for at least 15 minutes. Immediate medical attention is required.
<b>Skin Contact</b>	Get medical attention. Wash off immediately with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes.
<b>Ingestion</b>	Do NOT induce vomiting. Get medical attention.
<b>Inhalation</b>	Remove to fresh air. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. Get medical attention.
<b>Self-Protection of the First Aider</b>	Use personal protective equipment as required.

## 4.2. Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed

Causes eye burns.

## 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

#### **Suitable Extinguishing Media**

Use extinguishing measures that are appropriate to local circumstances and the surrounding environment. Water spray, carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>), dry chemical, alcohol-resistant foam.

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

No information available.

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

Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating gases and vapors. Keep product and empty container away from heat and sources of ignition.

#### **Hazardous Combustion Products**

Sulfur oxides, 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.

## SECTION 6: ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

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

Use personal protective equipment as required. Ensure adequate ventilation. Avoid dust formation.

### 6.2. Environmental precautions

Should not be released into the environment. 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. Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal.

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## 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. Avoid ingestion and inhalation. Avoid dust formation. Keep away from acids.

#### 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. Keep away from acids.

Technical Rules for Hazardous Substances (TRGS) 510      Class 13  
Storage Class (LGK) (Germany)

### 7.3. Specific end use(s)

Use in laboratories

## SECTION 8: EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

### 8.1. Control parameters

#### Exposure limits

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

#### 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)

See table for values

Component	Acute effects local (Inhalation)	Acute effects systemic (Inhalation)	Chronic effects local (Inhalation)	Chronic effects systemic (Inhalation)
Potassium metabisulfite 16731-55-8 (>95)				DNEL = 263mg/m <sup>3</sup>

#### Predicted No Effect Concentration (PNEC)

See values below.

Component	Fresh water	Fresh water sediment	Water Intermittent	Microorganisms in sewage treatment	Soil (Agriculture)
Potassium metabisulfite 16731-55-8 (>95)	PNEC = 1.17mg/L			PNEC = 88.1mg/L	

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Component	Marine water	Marine water sediment	Marine water intermittent	Food chain	Air
Potassium metabisulfite 16731-55-8 (>95)	PNEC = 0.12mg/L				

## 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. 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** No information available.

## SECTION 9: PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

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

**Physical State** Powder Solid

**Appearance** Off-white

**Odor** Rotten-egg like

**Odor Threshold** No data available

**Melting Point/Range** 150 °C / 302 °F

**Softening Point** No data available

**Boiling Point/Range** No information available

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<b>Flammability (liquid)</b>	Not applicable	Solid
<b>Flammability (solid,gas)</b>	No information available	
<b>Explosion Limits</b>	No data available	
<b>Flash Point</b>	Not applicable	<b>Method -</b> No information available
<b>Autoignition Temperature</b>	No data available	
<b>Decomposition Temperature</b>	150 °C	
<b>pH</b>	3.5-4.5	5% aq. sol
<b>Viscosity</b>	Not applicable	Solid
<b>Water Solubility</b>	45 g/L (20°C)	
<b>Solubility in other solvents</b>	No information available	
<b>Partition Coefficient (n-octanol/water)</b>		
<b>Component</b>	<b>log Pow</b>	
Potassium metabisulfite	-4	
<b>Vapor Pressure</b>	No information available	
<b>Density / Specific Gravity</b>	No data available	
<b>Bulk Density</b>	No data available	
<b>Vapor Density</b>	Not applicable	Solid
<b>Particle characteristics</b>	No data available	

## 9.2. Other information

<b>Molecular Formula</b>	K2 O5 S2
<b>Molecular Weight</b>	222.33
<b>Evaporation Rate</b>	Not applicable - Solid

## SECTION 10: STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

10.1. Reactivity Yes

10.2. Chemical stability Stable under normal conditions.

### 10.3. Possibility of hazardous reactions

**Hazardous Polymerization** Hazardous polymerization does not occur.  
**Hazardous Reactions** Contact with acids liberates toxic gas.

10.4. Conditions to avoid Incompatible products. Excess heat. Avoid dust formation.

10.5. Incompatible materials Acids.

10.6. Hazardous decomposition products Sulfur oxides. 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	Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met
Dermal	Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met
Inhalation	Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

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Component	LD50 Oral	LD50 Dermal	LC50 Inhalation
Potassium metabisulfite	1800 mg/kg ( Rat ) 2300 mg/kg ( Rat )	>2 g/kg ( Rat )	>5.5 mg/L 4h ( Rat )

(b) skin corrosion/irritation; Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

(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

(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 No information available.

## 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

Component	Freshwater Fish	Water Flea	Freshwater Algae
Potassium metabisulfite	LC50: 460 - 1000 mg/L, 96h static (Brachydanio rerio)	-	-

Component	Microtox	M-Factor
Potassium metabisulfite	EC50 = 65 mg/L 17 h	

### 12.2. Persistence and degradability

Persistence

Soluble in water, Persistence is unlikely, based on information available.

Degradability

Not relevant for inorganic substances.

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**12.3. Bioaccumulative potential** Bioaccumulation is unlikely

Component	log Pow	Bioconcentration factor (BCF)
Potassium metabisulfite	-4	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** This product does not contain any known or suspected substance  
**Ozone Depletion Potential** This product does not contain any known or suspected substance

## SECTION 13: DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

**13.1. Waste treatment methods**

**Waste from Residues/Unused Products** 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.

**Contaminated Packaging** Dispose of this container to hazardous or special waste collection point.

**European Waste Catalogue (EWC)** According to the European Waste Catalog, Waste Codes are not product specific, but application specific.

**Other Information** 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.

## SECTION 14: TRANSPORT INFORMATION

**IMDG/IMO** Not regulated

**14.1. UN number**  
**14.2. UN proper shipping name**  
**14.3. Transport hazard class(es)**  
**14.4. Packing group**

**ADR** Not regulated

**14.1. UN number**  
**14.2. UN proper shipping name**  
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**IATA** Not regulated

**14.1. UN number**  
**14.2. UN proper shipping name**



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## 14.3. Transport hazard class(es)

## 14.4. Packing group

14.5. Environmental hazards No hazards identified

14.6. Special precautions for user No special precautions required.

14.7. Maritime transport in bulk according to IMO instruments Not applicable, packaged goods

## SECTION 15: REGULATORY INFORMATION

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

#### International Inventories

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 metabisulfite	16731-55-8	240-795-3	-	-	X	X	KE-12700	-	-

Component	CAS No	TSCA	TSCA Inventory notification - Active-Inactive	DSL	NDSL	AICS	NZIoC	PICCS
Potassium metabisulfite	16731-55-8	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 Not applicable

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 metabisulfite	16731-55-8	-	-	-

#### 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 metabisulfite	16731-55-8	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

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**WGK Classification** See table for values

Component	Germany - Water Classification (AwSV)	Germany - TA-Luft Class
Potassium metabisulfite	WGK1	

Component	France - INRS (Tables of occupational diseases)
Potassium metabisulfite	Tableaux des maladies professionnelles (TMP) - RG 66

## 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

H318 - Causes serious eye damage

H314 - Causes skin irritation

H315 - Causes skin irritation

H330 - Fatal if inhaled

H331 - Harmful if inhaled

H332 - Irritating to the respiratory system

H334 - May cause or aggravate asthma or other respiratory symptoms

H335 - Irritating to the respiratory system

H336 - May cause drowsiness or dizziness

H337 - Causes respiratory irritation

H338 - May cause or aggravate asthma or other respiratory symptoms

H339 - May cause or aggravate asthma or other respiratory symptoms

H340 - May cause cancer

H350 - May cause genetic defects, including miscarriages

H360 - May cause or aggravate asthma or other respiratory symptoms

H370 - Causes serious eye damage

H373 - Causes serious eye damage

H374 - Causes serious eye damage

H375 - Causes serious eye damage

H376 - Causes serious eye damage

H377 - Causes serious eye damage

H378 - Causes serious eye damage

H379 - Causes serious eye damage

H380 - Causes serious eye damage

H381 - Causes serious eye damage

H382 - Causes serious eye damage

H383 - Causes serious eye damage

H384 - Causes serious eye damage

H385 - Causes serious eye damage

H386 - Causes serious eye damage

H387 - Causes serious eye damage

H388 - Causes serious eye damage

H389 - Causes serious eye damage

H390 - Causes serious eye damage

H391 - Causes serious eye damage

H400 - Causes serious eye damage

H410 - Causes serious eye damage

H411 - Causes serious eye damage

H412 - Causes serious eye damage

H413 - Causes serious eye damage

H414 - Causes serious eye damage

H415 - Causes serious eye damage

H416 - Causes serious eye damage

H417 - Causes serious eye damage

H418 - Causes serious eye damage

H419 - Causes serious eye damage

H420 - Causes serious eye damage

H421 - Causes serious eye damage

H422 - Causes serious eye damage

H423 - Causes serious eye damage

H424 - Causes serious eye damage

H425 - Causes serious eye damage

H426 - Causes serious eye damage

H427 - Causes serious eye damage

H428 - Causes serious eye damage

H429 - 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

**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

**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

**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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New emergency telephone response service provider.

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

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