

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

### 1.1. Product identifier

**Product Description:** Potassium, cubes, stored in mineral oil  
**Cat No. :** 223860000; 223860100; 223860500; 223861000  
**Index No** 019-001-00-2  
**CAS No** 7440-09-7  
**EC No** 231-119-8  
**Molecular Formula** K

### 1.2. Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against

**Recommended Use** Laboratory chemicals.  
**Uses advised against** No Information available

### 1.3. Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

#### Company

**UK entity/business name**  
Fisher Scientific UK  
Bishop Meadow Road,  
Loughborough, Leicestershire LE11 5RG, United Kingdom

**EU entity/business name**  
Thermo Fisher Scientific  
Janssen Pharmaceuticaaan 3a, 2440 Geel, Belgium

**E-mail address** [begel.sdsdesk@thermofisher.com](mailto:begel.sdsdesk@thermofisher.com)

### 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

Substances/mixtures which, in contact with water, emit flammable gases Category 1 (H260)

##### Health hazards

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Skin Corrosion/Irritation  
Serious Eye Damage/Eye Irritation

Category 1 B (H314)  
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

H260 - In contact with water releases flammable gases which may ignite spontaneously  
H314 - Causes severe skin burns and eye damage  
EUH014 - Reacts violently with water

## Precautionary Statements

P280 - Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection  
P301 + P330 + P331 - IF SWALLOWED: rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting  
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  
P302 + P335 + P334 - IF ON SKIN: Brush off loose particles from skin. Immerse in cool water  
P402 + P404 - Store in a dry place. Store in a closed container

## 2.3. Other hazards

Decomposes in contact with water

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	7440-09-7	EEC No. 231-119-8	98	Water-react. 1 (H260) Skin Corr. 1B (H314) Eye Dam. 1 (H318) (EUH014)

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Mineral oil - CAS # 8042-47-5

Full text of Hazard Statements: see section 16

## SECTION 4: FIRST AID MEASURES

### 4.1. Description of first aid measures

<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>	Wash off immediately with soap and plenty of water while removing all contaminated clothes and shoes. Immediate medical attention is required.
<b>Ingestion</b>	Do NOT induce vomiting. Call a physician or poison control center immediately.
<b>Inhalation</b>	Remove to fresh air. Do not use mouth-to-mouth method if victim ingested or inhaled the substance; give artificial respiration with the aid of a pocket mask equipped with a one-way valve or other proper respiratory medical device. Immediate medical attention is required. If not breathing, give artificial respiration.
<b>Self-Protection of the First Aider</b>	Ensure that medical personnel are aware of the material(s) involved, take precautions to protect themselves and prevent spread of contamination.

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

Causes burns by all exposure routes. Product is a corrosive material. Use of gastric lavage or emesis is contraindicated. Possible perforation of stomach or esophagus should be investigated: Ingestion causes severe swelling, severe damage to the delicate tissue and danger of perforation

### 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**

Dry chemical. Dry sand. approved class D extinguishers.

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

Water. Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>).

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

Corrosive material. Reacts violently with water. Contact with water liberates extremely flammable gases. 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**

Hydrogen.

### 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.

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## SECTION 6: ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

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

Use personal protective equipment as required. Evacuate personnel to safe areas. Remove all sources of ignition. Take precautionary measures against static discharges. Ensure adequate ventilation. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing.

### 6.2. Environmental precautions

Avoid release to the environment.

### 6.3. Methods and material for containment and cleaning up

Pick up and transfer to properly labelled containers. Extremely slippery when spilled.

### 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. Do not breathe (dust, vapor, mist, gas). Do not ingest. If swallowed then seek immediate medical assistance. Handle under inert gas, protect from moisture. Keep under nitrogen. Do not allow contact with water. Keep away from open flames, hot surfaces and sources of ignition.

#### **Hygiene Measures**

Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice. Keep away from food, drink and animal feeding stuffs. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. Remove and wash contaminated clothing and gloves, including the inside, before re-use. Wash hands before breaks and after work.

### 7.2. Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Keep containers tightly closed in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place. Keep away from heat, sparks and flame. Keep away from water or moist air. Flammables area. Corrosives area.

**Technical Rules for Hazardous Substances (TRGS) 510**      Class 4.3  
**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

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## 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)

No information available

## Predicted No Effect Concentration (PNEC)

No information available.

## 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	-	EN 374	(minimum requirement)
Nitrile rubber	recommendations			
Neoprene				
PVC				

**Skin and body protection** Wear appropriate protective gloves and clothing to prevent skin exposure.

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

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Environmental exposure controls No information available.

## SECTION 9: PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

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

Physical State	Solid	
Appearance	Grey	
Odor	Odorless	
Odor Threshold	No data available	
Melting Point/Range	63 °C / 145.4 °F	
Softening Point	No data available	
Boiling Point/Range	770 °C / 1418 °F	@ 760 mmHg
Flammability (liquid)	Not applicable	Solid
Flammability (solid,gas)	No information available	
Explosion Limits	No data available	
Flash Point	No information available	Method - No information available
Autoignition Temperature	440 °C / 824 °F	
Decomposition Temperature	No data available	
pH	No information available	
Viscosity	Not applicable	Solid
Water Solubility	Reacts violently with water	
Solubility in other solvents	No information available	
Partition Coefficient (n-octanol/water)		
Vapor Pressure	133 mbar @ 171 °C	
Density / Specific Gravity	No data available	
Bulk Density	No data available	
Vapor Density	Not applicable	Solid
Particle characteristics	No data available	

### 9.2. Other information

Molecular Formula	K
Molecular Weight	39.1
Substances/mixtures which, in contact with water, emit flammable gases	Emitted gas ignites spontaneously Gas(es) = Hydrogen
Evaporation Rate	Not applicable - Solid

## SECTION 10: STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

### 10.1. Reactivity

Yes

### 10.2. Chemical stability

Reacts violently with water. Moisture sensitive. Air sensitive.

### 10.3. Possibility of hazardous reactions

Hazardous Polymerization	Hazardous polymerization does not occur.
Hazardous Reactions	Contact with water liberates extremely flammable gases.

### 10.4. Conditions to avoid

Incompatible products. Excess heat. Exposure to air. Exposure to moist air or water.

### 10.5. Incompatible materials

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Acids. Water. Alcohols. Halogens. Carbon dioxide (CO2).

## 10.6. Hazardous decomposition products

Hydrogen.

## SECTION 11: TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### 11.1. Information on hazard classes as defined in Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008

<b>Product Information</b>	No acute toxicity information is available for this product
<b>(a) acute toxicity;</b>	
<b>Oral</b>	No data available
<b>Dermal</b>	No data available
<b>Inhalation</b>	No data available
<b>(b) skin corrosion/irritation;</b>	Category 1 B
<b>(c) serious eye damage/irritation;</b>	Category 1
<b>(d) respiratory or skin sensitization;</b>	
<b>Respiratory</b>	No data available
<b>Skin</b>	No data available
<b>(e) germ cell mutagenicity;</b>	No data available
<b>(f) carcinogenicity;</b>	No data available There are no known carcinogenic chemicals in this product
<b>(g) reproductive toxicity;</b>	No data available
<b>(h) STOT-single exposure;</b>	No data available
<b>(i) STOT-repeated exposure;</b>	No data available
<b>Target Organs</b>	No information available.
<b>(j) aspiration hazard;</b>	Not applicable Solid
<b>Symptoms / effects, both acute and delayed</b>	Product is a corrosive material. Use of gastric lavage or emesis is contraindicated. Possible perforation of stomach or esophagus should be investigated. Ingestion causes severe swelling, severe damage to the delicate tissue and danger of perforation.

### 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.

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## SECTION 12: ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### 12.1. Toxicity

#### **Ecotoxicity effects**

Reacts with water so no ecotoxicity data for the substance is available.

### 12.2. Persistence and degradability

#### **Persistence**

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

#### **Degradability**

Not relevant for inorganic substances, Reacts with water.

#### **Degradation in sewage treatment plant**

Reacts violently with water.

### 12.3. Bioaccumulative potential

Product does not bioaccumulate due to reaction with water

### 12.4. Mobility in soil

Reacts violently with water

### 12.5. Results of PBT and vPvB assessment

Decomposes in contact with water.

### 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. Empty containers retain product residue, (liquid and/or vapor), and can be dangerous. Keep product and empty container away from heat and sources of ignition.

#### **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 flush to sewer. Can be landfilled or incinerated, when in compliance with local regulations. Do not empty into drains. Large amounts will affect pH and harm aquatic organisms.

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## IMDG/IMO

**14.1. UN number** UN2257  
**14.2. UN proper shipping name** POTASSIUM  
**14.3. Transport hazard class(es)** 4.3  
**14.4. Packing group** I

## ADR

**14.1. UN number** UN2257  
**14.2. UN proper shipping name** POTASSIUM  
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**14.4. Packing group** I

## IATA

**14.1. UN number** UN2257  
**14.2. UN proper shipping name** POTASSIUM  
**14.3. Transport hazard class(es)** 4.3  
**14.4. Packing group** I

**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	7440-09-7	231-119-8	-	-	X	X	KE-29068	X	-

Component	CAS No	TSCA	TSCA Inventory notification - Active-Inactive	DSL	NDSL	AICS	NZIoC	PICCS
Potassium	7440-09-7	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**

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	7440-09-7	-	Use restricted. See item 75. (see link for restriction details)	-

REACH links

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<https://echa.europa.eu/substances-restricted-under-reach>

## 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	7440-09-7	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

**WGK Classification** Water endangering class = 3 (self classification)

Component	Switzerland - Ordinance on the Reduction of Risk from handling of hazardous substances preparation (SR 814.81)	Switzerland - Ordinance on Incentive Taxes on Volatile Organic Compounds (OVOC)	Switzerland - Ordinance of the Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure
Potassium 7440-09-7 ( 98 )	Prohibited and Restricted Substances		

## 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

H260 - In contact with water releases flammable gases which may ignite spontaneously

H314 - Causes severe skin burns and eye damage

EUH014 - Reacts violently with water

H318 - Causes serious eye damage

### Legend

**CAS** - Chemical Abstracts Service

**TSCA** - United States Toxic Substances Control Act Section 8(b) Inventory

**EINECS/ELINCS** - European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances/EU List of Notified Chemical Substances

**DSL/NDL** - Canadian Domestic Substances List/Non-Domestic Substances List

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**PICCS** - Philippines Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances  
**IECSC** - Chinese Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances  
**KECL** - Korean Existing and Evaluated Chemical Substances

**ENCS** - Japanese Existing and New Chemical Substances  
**AICS** - Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances  
**NZIoC** - New Zealand Inventory of Chemicals

**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

**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/MDG** - International Maritime Organization/International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code  
**OECD** - Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development  
**BCF** - Bioconcentration factor

**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)

## Key literature references and sources for data

<https://echa.europa.eu/information-on-chemicals>  
Suppliers safety data sheet, Chemadvisor - LOLI, Merck index, RTECS

## 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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**Revision Date** 27-Sep-2023  
**Revision Summary** Not applicable.

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

## Disclaimer

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**End of Safety Data Sheet**