

### SECTION 1: Identification

#### 1.1. Identification

Product form : Substance  
 Substance name : Potassium Bisulfite  
 Chemical name : Potassium Metabisulfite  
 CAS-No. : 16731-55-8  
 Product code : LC18770  
 Formula : K<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>S<sub>2</sub>

#### 1.2. Recommended use and restrictions on use

Use of the substance/mixture : For laboratory and manufacturing use only.  
 Recommended use : Laboratory chemicals  
 Restrictions on use : Not for food, drug or household use

#### 1.3. Supplier

LabChem Inc  
 Jackson's Pointe Commerce Park Building 1000, 1010 Jackson's Pointe Court  
 Zelienople, PA 16063 - USA  
 T 412-826-5230 - F 724-473-0647  
[info@labchem.com](mailto:info@labchem.com) - [www.labchem.com](http://www.labchem.com)

#### 1.4. Emergency telephone number

Emergency number : CHEMTREC: 1-800-424-9300 or 011-703-527-3887

### SECTION 2: Hazard(s) identification

#### 2.1. Classification of the substance or mixture

##### GHS-US classification

Serious eye damage/eye irritation Category 1 H318 Causes serious eye damage

Full text of H statements : see section 16

#### 2.2. GHS Label elements, including precautionary statements

##### GHS-US labeling

Hazard pictograms (GHS-US) :



GHS05

Signal word (GHS-US) : Danger  
 Hazard statements (GHS-US) : H318 - Causes serious eye damage  
 Precautionary statements (GHS-US) : P280 - Wear protective gloves, eye protection.  
 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 which do not result in classification

Other hazards not contributing to the classification : Contact with acids liberates toxic gas.

#### 2.4. Unknown acute toxicity (GHS US)

Not applicable

### SECTION 3: Composition/Information on ingredients

#### 3.1. Substances

Substance type : Mono-constituent

Name	Product identifier	%	GHS-US classification
Potassium Bisulfite (Main constituent)	(CAS-No.) 16731-55-8	100	Eye Dam. 1, H318

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Full text of hazard classes and H-statements : see section 16

### 3.2. Mixtures

Not applicable

## SECTION 4: First-aid measures

### 4.1. Description of first aid measures

First-aid measures general	: Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. If you feel unwell, seek medical advice (show the label where possible).
First-aid measures after inhalation	: Allow victim to breathe fresh air. Allow the victim to rest.
First-aid measures after skin contact	: Remove affected clothing and wash all exposed skin area with mild soap and water, followed by warm water rinse.
First-aid measures after eye contact	: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. Immediately call a poison center or doctor/physician.
First-aid measures after ingestion	: Rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting. Obtain emergency medical attention.

### 4.2. Most important symptoms and effects (acute and delayed)

Symptoms/effects after eye contact : Causes serious eye damage.

### 4.3. Immediate medical attention and special treatment, if necessary

Obtain medical assistance. Treat symptomatically.

## SECTION 5: Fire-fighting measures

### 5.1. Suitable (and unsuitable) extinguishing media

Suitable extinguishing media	: Foam. Dry powder. Carbon dioxide. Water spray. Sand.
Unsuitable extinguishing media	: Do not use a heavy water stream.

### 5.2. Specific hazards arising from the chemical

Fire hazard	: No fire hazard.
Explosion hazard	: No direct explosion hazard.

### 5.3. Special protective equipment and precautions for fire-fighters

Firefighting instructions	: Use water spray or fog for cooling exposed containers. Exercise caution when fighting any chemical fire. Prevent fire-fighting water from entering environment.
Protection during firefighting	: Do not enter fire area without proper protective equipment, including respiratory protection.

## SECTION 6: Accidental release measures

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

#### 6.1.1. For non-emergency personnel

Protective equipment	: Safety glasses. Gloves.
Emergency procedures	: Evacuate unnecessary personnel.

#### 6.1.2. For emergency responders

Protective equipment	: Equip cleanup crew with proper protection.
Emergency procedures	: Ventilate area.

### 6.2. Environmental precautions

Prevent entry to sewers and public waters. Notify authorities if liquid enters sewers or public waters.

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

Methods for cleaning up	: On land, sweep or shovel into suitable containers. Minimize generation of dust. Store away from other materials.
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### 6.4. Reference to other sections

See Heading 8. Exposure controls and personal protection.

## SECTION 7: Handling and storage

### 7.1. Precautions for safe handling

Precautions for safe handling	: Wash hands and other exposed areas with mild soap and water before eating, drinking or smoking and when leaving work. Provide good ventilation in process area to prevent formation of vapor.
Hygiene measures	: Wash exposed skin thoroughly after handling.

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

Storage conditions	: Keep container closed when not in use.
Incompatible products	: Strong acids.
Incompatible materials	: Sources of ignition. Direct sunlight.

## SECTION 8: Exposure controls/personal protection

### 8.1. Control parameters

No additional information available

### 8.2. Appropriate engineering controls

Appropriate engineering controls	: Emergency eye wash fountains should be available in the immediate vicinity of any potential exposure.
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### 8.3. Individual protection measures/Personal protective equipment

#### Personal protective equipment:

Gloves. Safety glasses.



#### Hand protection:

Wear protective gloves.

#### Eye protection:

Chemical goggles or safety glasses

#### Respiratory protection:

Respiratory protection not required in normal conditions

#### Other information:

Do not eat, drink or smoke during use.

## SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties

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

Physical state	: Solid
Appearance	: Powder.
Color	: White to off-white
Odor	: sharp Pungent
Odor threshold	: No data available
pH	: 3.5 - 4.5 5% solution
Melting point	: 150 °C
Freezing point	: No data available
Boiling point	: No data available
Flash point	: No data available
Relative evaporation rate (butyl acetate=1)	: No data available
Flammability (solid, gas)	: Non flammable.
Vapor pressure	: No data available
Relative vapor density at 20 °C	: No data available
Relative density	: No data available
Molecular mass	: 222.33 g/mol
Solubility	: Soluble in water.

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Log Pow	: -4
Auto-ignition temperature	: No data available
Decomposition temperature	: 150 °C
Viscosity, kinematic	: No data available
Viscosity, dynamic	: No data available
Explosion limits	: No data available
Explosive properties	: No data available
Oxidizing properties	: No data available

### 9.2. Other information

No additional information available

## SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity

### 10.1. Reactivity

No additional information available

### 10.2. Chemical stability

Stable under normal conditions.

### 10.3. Possibility of hazardous reactions

Contact with acids liberates toxic gas.

### 10.4. Conditions to avoid

Direct sunlight. Extremely high or low temperatures.

### 10.5. Incompatible materials

Strong acids.

### 10.6. Hazardous decomposition products

Sulfur compounds. Potassium oxide.

## SECTION 11: Toxicological information

### 11.1. Information on toxicological effects

Likely routes of exposure	: Inhalation; Skin and eye contact
Acute toxicity	: Not classified

Potassium Bisulfite (16731-55-8)	
LD50 oral rat	1800 - 2300 mg/kg
LD50 dermal rat	> 2000 mg/kg
LC50 inhalation rat (mg/l)	> 5.5 mg/l/4h
ATE US (oral)	1800 mg/kg body weight

Skin corrosion/irritation	: Not classified pH: 3.5 - 4.5 5% solution
Serious eye damage/irritation	: Causes serious eye damage. pH: 3.5 - 4.5 5% solution
Respiratory or skin sensitization	: Not classified
Germ cell mutagenicity	: Not classified
Carcinogenicity	: Not classified
Reproductive toxicity	: Not classified
Specific target organ toxicity – single exposure	: Not classified
Specific target organ toxicity – repeated exposure	: Not classified
Aspiration hazard	: Not classified
Potential Adverse human health effects and symptoms	: Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.
Symptoms/effects after eye contact	: Causes serious eye damage.

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### SECTION 12: Ecological information

#### 12.1. Toxicity

Potassium Bisulfite (16731-55-8)	
LC50 fish 1	220 - 460 mg/l 96 hr.

#### 12.2. Persistence and degradability

Potassium Bisulfite (16731-55-8)	
Persistence and degradability	Not established.

#### 12.3. Bioaccumulative potential

Potassium Bisulfite (16731-55-8)	
Log Pow	-4
Bioaccumulative potential	Not established.

#### 12.4. Mobility in soil

No additional information available

#### 12.5. Other adverse effects

Other information : Avoid release to the environment.

### SECTION 13: Disposal considerations

#### 13.1. Disposal methods

Waste disposal recommendations : Dispose in a safe manner in accordance with local/national regulations.

Ecology - waste materials : Avoid release to the environment.

### SECTION 14: Transport information

#### Department of Transportation (DOT)

In accordance with DOT

Not regulated

### SECTION 15: Regulatory information

#### 15.1. US Federal regulations

Potassium Bisulfite (16731-55-8)	
Listed on the United States TSCA (Toxic Substances Control Act) inventory	
SARA Section 311/312 Hazard Classes	Immediate (acute) health hazard Reactive hazard

All components of this product are listed, or excluded from listing, on the United States Environmental Protection Agency Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) inventory

#### 15.2. International regulations

##### CANADA

Potassium Bisulfite (16731-55-8)	
Listed on the Canadian DSL (Domestic Substances List)	

##### EU-Regulations

No additional information available

##### National regulations

No additional information available

#### 15.3. US State regulations

California Proposition 65 - This product does not contain any substances known to the state of California to cause cancer, developmental and/or reproductive harm

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### SECTION 16: Other information

Revision date : 01/30/2018  
Other information : None.

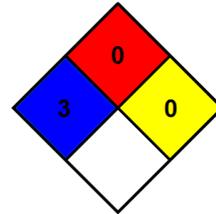
Full text of H-phrases: see section 16:

H318	Causes serious eye damage
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NFPA health hazard : 3 - Materials that, under emergency conditions, can cause serious or permanent injury.

NFPA fire hazard : 0 - Materials that will not burn under typical fire conditions, including intrinsically noncombustible materials such as concrete, stone, and sand.

NFPA reactivity : 0 - Material that in themselves are normally stable, even under fire conditions.



Hazard Rating

Health : 3 Serious Hazard - Major injury likely unless prompt action is taken and medical treatment is given

Flammability : 0 Minimal Hazard - Materials that will not burn

Physical : 0 Minimal Hazard - Materials that are normally stable, even under fire conditions, and will NOT react with water, polymerize, decompose, condense, or self-react. Non-Explosives.

Personal protection : B  
B - Safety glasses, Gloves

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