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MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

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SECTION V HEALTH HAZARD DATA

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Threshold Limited Value

None established, but TWA value for sulfur dioxide gas is 2 ppm and 5 mg/m³ (air) (ACGIH 1992-93).

Effects of Overexposure

INHALATION: Dust or mist may irritate respiratory tract. **INGESTION:** May irritate gastrointestinal tract. Very large doses cause violent colic, diarrhea, depression and death. May cause severe allergic reaction in some asthmatics. **SKIN:** Repeated or prolonged contact with dust may cause irritation. Contact with solution will irritate. **EYES:** Contact may irritate or cause burns.

Emergency and First Aid Procedures

EYES: Immediately flush with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes, lifting upper and lower eyelids occasionally. Get prompt medical attention. **SKIN:** Promptly flush with plenty of soap and water. **INHALATION:** Promptly remove to fresh air. If illness develops, get medical attention. **INGESTION:** If swallowed, if conscious, give plenty of water or milk to drink. Induce vomiting and get medical attention. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person.

SECTION VI REACTIVITY DATA

Stability	Unstable	Conditions to Avoid	Excessive temperature and heat, moisture.
	Stable		

Incompatibility (Materials to Avoid)	Avoid contact with oxidizing agents and acids. On exposure to air, it loses some sulfur dioxide (SO ₂) and is gradually oxidized to sulfate.
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Hazardous Decomposition Products	Sulfur dioxide.
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Hazardous Polymerization		Conditions to Avoid
May Occur	Will Not Occur	Not applicable.
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SECTION VII SPILL OR LEAK PROCEDURES

Steps to be taken in case material is released or spilled	Sweep up, place in suitable container for reclamation or disposal. Wash spill area with soap and water.
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Waste Disposal Method

Discharge, treatment, or disposal may be subject to Federal, State or Local laws. These disposal guidelines are intended for the disposal of catalog-size quantities only.

Dispose of in chemical landfill or contract with a licensed waste disposal service.

SECTION VIII SPECIAL PROTECTION INFORMATION

Respiration Protection (Specify Type)	None should be needed in normal laboratory use. If dusty conditions prevail, work in ventilation hood or wear a NIOSH/MSHA-approved dust mask.
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Ventilation	Local Exhaust	Recommended.	Special	No.
	Mechanical (General)	Recommended.	Other	No.

Protective Gloves	Rubber.	Eye Protection	Chemical safety glasses.
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Other Protective Equipment	Goggles, smock, apron, eye wash station, proper gloves, ventilation hood.
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SECTION IX SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS

Precautions to be Taken in Handling & Storing	Store in a cool, dry, well-ventilated place. Wash thoroughly after handling.
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Other Precautions Read label on container before using. Do not wear contact lenses when working with chemicals.

Avoid contact with skin, eyes and mucous membranes. Avoid breathing dust. Use with adequate ventilation. Remove and wash contaminated clothing.

For laboratory use only. Not for drug, food or household use. Keep out of reach of children.

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SECTION I NAME 24 HOUR EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

Product	POTASSIUM METABISULFITE
Chemical Synonyms	Potassium Pyrosulfite
Formula	K ₂ S ₂ O ₅
Unit Size	up to 2.5 Kg.
C.A.S. No.	16731-55-8

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NFPA HAZARD RATING
LEAST SLIGHT MODERATE HIGH EXTREME
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Health	1
Fire	0
Reactivity	2

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SECTION II INGREDIENTS OF MIXTURES

Principal Component(s)	%	TLV Units
Potassium Metabisulfite	100%	See Section V.
WARNING! HARMFUL IF SWALLOWED. IRRITANT		
TO EYES, SKIN, THROAT. LIBERATES SULFUR		
DIOXIDE IN CONTACT WITH WATER.		

SECTION III PHYSICAL DATA

Melting Point (°F)	Decomposes at 190°C (374°F)	Specific Gravity (H ₂ O = 1)	2.3
Boiling Point (°F)	Decomposes.	Percent Volatile by Volume (%)	N/A
Vapor Pressure (mm Hg)	Negligible as solid.	Evaporation Rate (≈1)	N/A
Vapor Density (Air=1)	Approx. 3.6		
Solubility in Water	72 grams per 100 mL. water at 20°C.		
Appearance & Odor	White crystalline powder; sulfur dioxide odor.		

SECTION IV FIRE AND EXPLOSION HAZARD DATA

Flash Point (Method Used)	Non-flammable.	Flammable Limits in Air % by Volume	N/A	Lower	Upper
Extinguisher Media	Water fog; foam; carbon dioxide (CO ₂); dry chemical.				

SPECIAL FIREFIGHTING PROCEDURES

In fire conditions wear a NIOSH/MSHA approved self-contained breathing apparatus and full protective clothing. A full face mask suitable for sulfur dioxide gas should be available.

UNUSUAL FIRE AND EXPLOSION HAZARDS

Dangerous when heated to decomposition, they emit highly toxic fumes of sulfur dioxide; they will react with water, steam or acids to produce a toxic and corrosive material.

D.O.T. NON-REGULATED.

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