

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

### 1.1. Product identifier

<b>Product Description:</b>	<b>Potassium carbonate</b>
<b>Cat No. :</b>	<b>424080000; 424080025; 424080100; 424081000; 424085000</b>
<b>Synonyms</b>	Potash; Pearl ash; Dipotassium salt of carbonic acid
<b>CAS No</b>	584-08-7
<b>EC No</b>	209-529-3
<b>Molecular Formula</b>	C K2 O3
<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>	<p><b>UK entity/business name</b> Fisher Scientific UK Bishop Meadow Road, Loughborough, Leicestershire LE11 5RG, United Kingdom</p> <p><b>EU entity/business name</b> Thermo Fisher Scientific Janssen Pharmaceuticaaan 3a, 2440 Geel, Belgium</p>
<b>E-mail address</b>	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

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Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

## Health hazards

Skin Corrosion/Irritation  
Serious Eye Damage/Eye Irritation  
Specific target organ toxicity - (single exposure)

Category 2 (H315)  
Category 2 (H319)  
Category 3 (H335)

## 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

Warning

## Hazard Statements

H315 - Causes skin irritation  
H319 - Causes serious eye irritation  
H335 - May cause respiratory irritation

## Precautionary Statements

P280 - Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face 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  
P332 + P313 - If skin irritation occurs: Get medical advice/attention  
P337 + P313 - If eye irritation persists: Get medical advice/attention

## 2.3. Other hazards

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

Toxic to terrestrial vertebrates  
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 carbonate	584-08-7	EEC No. 209-529-3	>95	Skin Irrit. 2 (H315) Eye Irrit. 2 (H319) STOT SE 3 (H335)

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## 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. Get medical attention if symptoms occur.
<b>Skin Contact</b>	Wash off immediately with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Get medical attention if symptoms occur.
<b>Ingestion</b>	Do NOT induce vomiting. Get medical attention if symptoms occur.
<b>Inhalation</b>	Remove to fresh air. If symptoms arise, call a physician. 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

No information available.

### 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**

Substance is nonflammable; use agent most appropriate to extinguish surrounding fire.

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

No information available.

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

Non-combustible, substance itself does not burn but may decompose upon heating to produce corrosive and/or toxic fumes.

#### **Hazardous Combustion Products**

Carbon monoxide (CO), Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>), 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

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

Use personal protective equipment as required. Ensure adequate ventilation. Avoid dust formation. Avoid contact with skin, eyes or clothing.

## 6.2. Environmental precautions

Avoid release to 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. Avoid dust formation.

## 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

Wear personal protective equipment/face protection. Ensure adequate ventilation. Avoid dust formation. Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Do not breathe dust. Do not ingest. If swallowed then seek immediate medical assistance.

#### **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.

**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**

List source(s):

#### **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)**

Workers

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## Predicted No Effect Concentration (PNEC)

No information available.

## 8.2. Exposure controls

### Engineering Measures

Ensure adequate ventilation, especially in confined areas. 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

**Environmental exposure controls** No information available.

## SECTION 9: PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

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

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<b>Physical State</b>	Powder Solid	
<b>Appearance</b>	White	
<b>Odor</b>	Odorless	
<b>Odor Threshold</b>	No data available	
<b>Melting Point/Range</b>	891 °C / 1635.8 °F	
<b>Softening Point</b>	No data available	
<b>Boiling Point/Range</b>	No information available	
<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>	No information available	<b>Method -</b> No information available
<b>Autoignition Temperature</b>	No data available	
<b>Decomposition Temperature</b>	No data available	
<b>pH</b>	11.5-12	50 g/l aq.sol
<b>Viscosity</b>	Not applicable	Solid
<b>Water Solubility</b>	1120 g/L (20°C)	
<b>Solubility in other solvents</b>	No information available	
<b>Partition Coefficient (n-octanol/water)</b>		
<b>Vapor Pressure</b>	No information available	
<b>Density / Specific Gravity</b>		
<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>	C K2 O3
<b>Molecular Weight</b>	138.21
<b>Evaporation Rate</b>	Not applicable - Solid

## SECTION 10: STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

### 10.1. Reactivity

None known, based on information available

### 10.2. Chemical stability

Stable under recommended storage conditions. Hygroscopic.

### 10.3. Possibility of hazardous reactions

<b>Hazardous Polymerization</b>	Hazardous polymerization does not occur.
<b>Hazardous Reactions</b>	No information available.

### 10.4. Conditions to avoid

Avoid dust formation. Incompatible products. Exposure to moisture.

### 10.5. Incompatible materials

Acids. Strong oxidizing agents. Halogens.

### 10.6. Hazardous decomposition products

Carbon monoxide (CO). Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>). Potassium oxides.

## SECTION 11: TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

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

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## 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

Component	LD50 Oral	LD50 Dermal	LC50 Inhalation
Potassium carbonate	> 2000 mg/kg ( Rat )	LD50 > 2000 mg/kg ( Rabbit )	LC50 > 4.96 mg/L ( Rat ) 4.5 h

**(b) skin corrosion/irritation;** Category 2

**(c) serious eye damage/irritation;** Category 2

**(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  
Not mutagenic in AMES Test

**(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;** Category 3

**Results / Target organs**

Respiratory system.

**(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**

Do not empty into drains. .

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Component	Freshwater Fish	Water Flea	Freshwater Algae
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## 12.2. Persistence and degradability

### **Persistence**

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

### **Degradability**

Not relevant for inorganic substances.

## 12.3. Bioaccumulative potential

Bioaccumulation is unlikely

## 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.

## **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



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**ADR** Not regulated

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

**IATA** Not regulated

- 14.1. UN number**
- 14.2. UN proper shipping name**
- 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 carbonate	584-08-7	209-529-3	-	-	X	X	KE-29083	X	X

Component	CAS No	TSCA	TSCA Inventory notification - Active-Inactive	DSL	NDSL	AICS	NZIoC	PICCS
Potassium carbonate	584-08-7	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** 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 carbonate	584-08-7	-	-	-

#### 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
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**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**

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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** See table for values

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

Component	France - INRS (Tables of occupational diseases)
Potassium carbonate	Tableaux des maladies professionnelles (TMP) - RG 58,RG 67

## 15.2. Chemical safety assessment

A Chemical Safety Assessment/Report (CSA/CSR) has been conducted by the manufacturer/importer

## SECTION 16: OTHER INFORMATION

### Full text of H-Statements referred to under sections 2 and 3

H315 - Causes skin irritation

H319 - Causes serious eye irritation

H335 - May cause respiratory irritation

### 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

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

**DSL/NDSL** - 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

**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/IMDG** - International Maritime Organization/International Maritime

**ICAO/IATA** - International Civil Aviation Organization/International Air Transport Association

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Dangerous Goods Code

**MARPOL** - International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships

**OECD** - Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development

**ATE** - Acute Toxicity Estimate

**BCF** - Bioconcentration factor

**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 Summary** Not applicable.

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

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