

## SAFETY DATA SHEET

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### 1. Identification

#### Product identifier

**Product code:** P1408  
**Product Name:** POTASSIUM SORBATE, POWDER, FCC

#### Other means of identification

**Synonyms:** 2,4-Hexadienoic Acid, Potassium Salt; Potassium 2,4-Hexadienoate  
**CAS #:** 590-00-1  
**RTECS #** WG2160000  
**CI#:** Not available

#### Recommended use of the chemical and restrictions on use

**Recommended use:** Food Additive. Preservative. Mold and yeast inhibitor. Antioxidant.  
**Uses advised against** No information available

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 (310) 516-8000

**Order Online At:** <https://www.spectrumchemical.com>  
**Emergency telephone number** Chemtrec 1-800-424-9300  
**Contact Person:** Tom Tyner (USA - West Coast)  
**Contact Person:** Ibad Tirmiz (USA - East Coast)

### 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

#### Classification

This chemical is considered hazardous by the 2012 OSHA Hazard Communication Standard (29 CFR 1910.1200)

Considered a dangerous substance or mixture according to the Globally Harmonized System (GHS)

Skin corrosion/irritation	Category 2
Serious eye damage/eye irritation	Category 2B

#### Label elements

##### **Warning**

**Hazard statements**  
 Causes skin irritation  
 Causes eye irritation



**Hazards not otherwise classified (HNOC)**

Not Applicable

**Other hazards**

May be harmful if swallowed

**Precautionary Statements - Prevention**

Wash face, hands and any exposed skin thoroughly after handling

Wear protective gloves

**Precautionary Statements - Response**

IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. If eye irritation persists: Get medical advice/attention.

IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of water

If skin irritation occurs: Get medical advice/attention

Take off contaminated clothing and wash it before reuse

**3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS**

Component	CAS No	Weight-%
Potassium Sorbate	590-00-1	100

**4. FIRST AID MEASURES**

**First aid measures**

**General Advice:** National Capital Poison Center in the United States can provide assistance if you have a poison emergency and need to talk to a poison specialist. Call 1-800-222-1222.

**Skin Contact:** Wash off immediately with soap and plenty of water removing all contaminated clothing and shoes. Get medical attention if irritation develops. Consult a physician if necessary.

**Eye Contact:** Flush eyes with water for 15 minutes. Get medical attention if irritation occurs. If symptoms persist, call a physician.

**Inhalation:** Move to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. Get medical attention.

**Ingestion:** Do not induce vomiting without medical advice. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Consult a physician if necessary.

**Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed**

**Symptoms**  
Causes eye irritation  
Mild eye irritation  
Causes skin irritation  
Moderate skin irritation

**Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed**

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**Notes to Physician:** Treat symptomatically.

**Protection of first-aiders**

First-Aid Providers: Avoid exposure to blood or body fluids. Wear gloves and other necessary protective clothing. Dispose of contaminated clothing and equipment as bio-hazardous waste.

## 5. FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES

**Extinguishing Media**

**Suitable Extinguishing Media:** Dry chemical. Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>). Water spray mist or foam.

**Unsuitable Extinguishing Media:** No information available.

**Specific hazards arising from the chemical**

**Hazardous combustion products** Carbon Monoxide, Carbon Dioxide. Potassium oxides.

**Specific hazards** May be combustible at high temperatures.

**Special Protective Actions for Firefighters**

**Specific Methods:** No information available

**Special Protective Equipment for Firefighters:** As in any fire, wear self-contained breathing apparatus pressure-demand, MSHA/NIOSH (approved or equivalent) and full protective gear

## 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

**Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures**

**Personal Precautions:** Keep people away from and upwind of spill/leak. Ensure adequate ventilation. Do not touch damaged containers or spilled material unless wearing appropriate protective clothing. Avoid contact with skin, eyes and clothing. Use personal protective equipment. Remove all sources of ignition.

**Environmental precautions** Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so. Prevent product from entering drains. Prevent entry into waterways, sewers, basements or confined areas.

**Methods and material for containment and cleaning up**

**Methods for containment** Stop leak if you can do it without risk. Cover with plastic sheet to prevent spreading.

**Methods for cleaning up** Sweep up and shovel into suitable containers for disposal. Clean contaminated surface thoroughly.

## 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

**Precautions for safe handling**

**Technical Measures/Precautions:**

Provide sufficient air exchange and/or exhaust in work rooms. Avoid dust formation. Keep away from incompatible materials.

**Safe Handling Advice**

Wear personal protective equipment. Avoid contact with skin, eyes and clothing. Keep away from heat and sources of ignition. Do not ingest. Do not breathe vapors/dust. Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.

**Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities**

**Technical Measures/Storage Conditions:**

Keep container tightly closed in a dry and well-ventilated place. Store at room temperature in the original container. Store away from incompatible materials. Sensitive to light. Store in light-resistant containers.

**Incompatible Materials:**

Oxidizing agents

**8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION**

Control parameters

**National occupational exposure limits**

**United States**

Component	CAS No	OSHA	NIOSH	ACGIH	AIHA WEEL
Potassium Sorbate	590-00-1	None	None	None	None

**Canada**

Component	CAS No	Canada - Alberta	Canada - British Columbia	Canada - Ontario	Canada - Quebec
Potassium Sorbate	590-00-1	None	None	None	None

**Australia and Mexico**

Component	CAS No	Australia	Mexico
Potassium Sorbate	590-00-1	None	None

Appropriate engineering controls

**Engineering measures to reduce exposure:**

Ensure adequate ventilation. Use process enclosures, local exhaust ventilation, or other engineering controls to keep airborne levels below recommended exposure limits. If user operations generate dust, fume or mist, use ventilation to keep exposure to airborne contaminants below the exposure limit.

Individual protection measures, such as personal protective equipment

**Personal Protective Equipment**

**Eye protection:** Safety glasses with side-shields. or Goggles

**Skin and body protection:** Chemical resistant apron  
Gloves  
Long sleeved clothing

**Respiratory protection:** Effective dust mask. or. Wear respirator with dust filter. Use a dust respirator under conditions where exposure to the substance is apparent (e.g. generation of high concentration of dust (dust clouds) , inadequate ventilation, development of

respiratory tract irritation), and engineering controls are not feasible. Be sure to use an approved/certified respirator or equivalent.

**Hygiene measures:**

Avoid contact with skin, eyes and clothing. Wash hands before breaks and immediately after handling the product. When using, do not eat, drink or smoke.

## 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

<b>Physical state:</b> Solid	<b>Appearance:</b> Crystalline powder. Granular.	<b>Color:</b> White.
<b>Odor:</b> Characteristic.	<b>Taste</b> No information available.	<b>Formula</b> C6H7KO2
<b>Molecular/Formula weight (g/mole):</b> 150.22	<b>Flammability (solid, gas)</b> no data available	<b>Flashpoint (°C/°F):</b> No information available
<b>Flash Point Tested according to:</b> Not available	<b>Autoignition Temperature (°C/°F):</b> No information available	<b>Lower Explosion Limit (%):</b> No information available
<b>Upper Explosion Limit (%):</b> No information available	<b>Melting point/range(°C/°F):</b> No information available	<b>Decomposition temperature(°C/°F):</b> 270°C/518°F
<b>Boiling point/range(°C/°F):</b> No information available	<b>Bulk density:</b> 0.67 g/l	<b>Density (g/cm3):</b> No information available
<b>Specific gravity:</b> 1.363	<b>pH</b> No information available	<b>Vapor pressure @ 20°C (kPa):</b> No information available
<b>Evaporation rate:</b> No information available	<b>Vapor density:</b> No information available	<b>VOC content (g/L):</b> No information available
<b>Odor threshold (ppm):</b> No information available	<b>Partition coefficient (n-octanol/water):</b> No information available	<b>Viscosity:</b> No information available
<b>Miscibility:</b> No information available	<b>Solubility:</b> Easily soluble in cold water Solubility in Alcohol: 2 g/mL @ 20°C Solubility in Water: 50% @ 20°C/68°F 1g dissolves in about 1ml water and in about 60ml alcohol	

## 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

**Reactivity**

Reactive with oxidizing agents

**Chemical stability**

**Stability:** Stable under recommended storage conditions.

**Possibility of Hazardous Reactions:** Hazardous polymerization does not occur

**Conditions to avoid:** Heat. Avoid dust formation. Incompatible materials. Exposure to light.

**Incompatible Materials:** Oxidizing agents

**Hazardous decomposition** Carbon oxides. Potassium oxides.

**products:**

**Other Information**

**Corrosivity:** No information available

**Special Remarks on Corrosivity:** No information available

**11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

**Information on likely routes of exposure**

**Principal Routes of Exposure:**

Ingestion. Inhalation.

**Acute Toxicity**

**Component Information**

Potassium Sorbate	
CAS No	590-00-1

**LD50/oral/rat =** 3800 mg/kg Oral LD50 Rat (LOLI)  
4340 mg/kg (RTECS)

**LD50/oral/mouse =** 3800 mg/kg (RTECS)

**LD50/dermal/rabbit =** No information available

**LD50/dermal/rat =** No information available

**LC50/inhalation/rat =** No information available

**LC50/inhalation/mouse =** No information available

**Other LD50 or LC50 information =** No information available

**Product Information**

**LD50/oral/rat =**

**Value - Acute Tox =** 3800 mg/kg

**LD50/oral/mouse =**

**Value - Acute Tox Oral =** 3800 mg/kg

**LD50/dermal/rabbit**

**Value - Acute Tox =** No information available

**LD50/dermal/rat**

**VALUE - Acute Tox Dermal =** No information available

**LC50/inhalation/rat**

**VALUE-Vapor =** No information available

**VALUE-Gas =** No information available

**VALUE-Dust/Mist =** No information available

**LC50/Inhalation/mouse**

**VALUE-Vapor =** No information available

**VALUE - Gas =** No information available

**VALUE - Dust/Mist =** No information available

**Symptoms**

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**Skin Contact:** Causes skin irritation.

**Eye Contact:** Causes eye irritation. Mild eye irritation.

**Inhalation** May cause irritation of respiratory tract.

**Ingestion** Low hazard. Health injuries are not known or expected under normal use.

**Aspiration hazard** No information available.

**Delayed and immediate effects as well as chronic effects from short and long-term exposure**

**Chronic Toxicity** Prolonged or repeated ingestion may affect the urinary system.

**Sensitization:** No information available.

**Mutagenic Effects:** Cytogenetic analysis (Hamster fibroblast)  
Cytogenic analysis (hamster lung)  
Sister Chromatid exchange (hamster lung; human lymphocyte)

**Carcinogenic effects:** Not considered carcinogenic.

Component	CAS No	IARC	ACGIH - Carcinogens	NTP	OSHA HCS - Carcinogens	Australia - Notifiable Carcinogenic Substances	Australia - Prohibited Carcinogenic Substances
Potassium Sorbate	590-00-1	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed

*ACGIH (American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists)*

*IARC (International Agency for Research on Cancer)*

*NTP (National Toxicology Program)*

*OSHA (Occupational Safety and Health Administration of the US Department of Labor)*

**Reproductive toxicity** No data is available

**Reproductive Effects:** No information available

**Developmental Effects:** No information available

**Teratogenic Effects:** No information available

**Specific Target Organ Toxicity**

**STOT - single exposure** No information available.

**STOT - repeated exposure** No information available.

**Target Organs:** No information available.

**12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

**Ecotoxicity**

**Ecotoxicity effects:** No data available.

**Persistence and degradability:** No information available

**Bioaccumulative potential:** No information available.  
**Mobility in soil** No information available  
**Other adverse effects** No information available.

### 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

#### Disposal Methods

**Waste from residues / unused products:**

Waste must be disposed of in accordance with Federal, State and Local regulation.

**Contaminated packaging:**

Empty containers should be taken for local recycling, recovery or waste disposal

Component	CAS No	RCRA - F Series Wastes	RCRA - K Series Wastes	RCRA - P Series Wastes	RCRA - U Series Wastes
Potassium Sorbate	590-00-1	None	None	None	None

### 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

**DOT**

**UN-No:** Not Regulated  
**Proper Shipping Name:** No information available  
**Hazard Class** No information available  
**Subsidiary Class** No information available  
**Packing group:** No information available  
**Emergency Response Guide Number** No information available  
**Marine Pollutant** No data available  
**DOT RQ (lbs):** No information available  
**Special Provisions** No Information available  
**Symbol(s):** No information available  
**Description:** No information available

**TDG (Canada)**

**UN-No:** Not Regulated  
**Proper Shipping Name:** No information available  
**Hazard Class** No information available  
**Subsidiary Risk:** No information available  
**Packing Group:** No information available  
**Marine Pollutant** No Information available  
**Description:** No information available

**ADR**

**UN Number** Not regulated  
**Proper Shipping Name:** No information available  
**Transport hazard class(es)** No information available  
**Packing group** No information available  
**Subsidiary Risk:** No information available

**IMDG**

**UN-No:** Not Regulated  
**Proper Shipping Name:** No information available  
**Hazard Class:** No information available  
**Subsidiary Risk:** No information available



**Packing Group:** No information available  
**Marine Pollutant** No information available

**RID**

**UN Number** Not Regulated  
**Proper Shipping Name:** No information available  
**Transport hazard class(es)** No information available  
**Subsidiary Risk:** No information available  
**Packing group** No information available

**ICAO (air)**

**UN-No:** Not Regulated  
**Proper Shipping Name:** No information available  
**Hazard Class** No information available  
**Subsidiary Risk:** No information available  
**Packing Group:** No information available

**IATA**

**UN Number** Not Regulated  
**Proper Shipping Name:** No information available  
**Transport hazard class(es)** No information available  
**Subsidiary Risk:** No information available  
**Packing group** No information available  
**Precautionary Statements - Response** IF exposed or concerned  
**Special Provisions** No information available

**15. REGULATORY INFORMATION**

**International Inventories**

Component	CAS No	U.S. TSCA	KOREA KECL	Philippines (PICCS)	Japan ENCS	China IECSC	Australia AICS	EINECS-No.
Potassium Sorbate	590-00-1	Present(ACTI VE)	Present KE-05-0692	Present	Present (2)-1076	Present	Not listed	Not present

**U.S. Regulations**

*Potassium Sorbate*

**FDA - Food Additives Generally Recognized as Safe (GRAS):** 21 CFR 182.90 21 CFR 182.3640

**California Prop. 65: Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986.**

**Chemicals Known to the State of California to Cause Cancer:**

This product does not contain a chemical requiring a warning under California Prop. 65. (See table below)

**Chemicals Known to the State of California to Cause Reproductive Toxicity:**

This product does not contain a chemical requiring a warning under California Prop. 65. (See table below)

Component	CAS No	Carcinogen	Developmental Toxicity	Male Reproductive Toxicity	Female Reproductive Toxicity:
Potassium Sorbate	590-00-1	Not Listed	Not Listed	Not Listed	Not Listed

**CERCLA/SARA**

Component	CAS No	CERCLA - Hazardous Substances and their Reportable	Section 302 Extremely Hazardous Substances	Section 302 Extremely Hazardous Substances and	Section 313 - Chemical Category	Section 313 - Reporting de minimis

		Quantities	and TPQs	RQs		
Potassium Sorbate	590-00-1	None	None	None	None	None

## U.S. TSCA

Component	CAS No	TSCA Section 5(a)2 - Chemicals With Significant New Use Rules (SNURS)	TSCA 8(d) -Health and Safety Reporting
Potassium Sorbate	590-00-1	Not Applicable	Not Applicable

## Canada

### WHIMIS 2015 - GHS Classifications

WHMIS 2015 Hazard Classification Information: Not a dangerous product according to HPR classification criteria.

**Canada Hazardous Products Regulation** This product has been classified according to the hazard criteria of the HPR (Hazardous Products Regulation) and the SDS contains all of the information required by the HPR

### DSL/NDSL

Component	CAS No	Canada (DSL)	Canada (NDSL)
Potassium Sorbate	590-00-1	Present	Not Listed

Component	CAS No	CEPA Schedule I - Toxic Substances
Potassium Sorbate	590-00-1	Not listed
Component	CAS No	CEPA - 2010 Greenhouse Gases Subject to Mandatory Reporting
Potassium Sorbate	590-00-1	Not listed

## EU Classification

### EU GHS - SV - CLP 1272/2008

Component	CAS No	EU GHS - SV - CLP (1272/2008)
Potassium Sorbate	590-00-1	

### EU - CLP (1272/2008)

### R-phrase(s)

R36/38 - Irritating to eyes and skin

### S -phrase(s)

S26 - In case of contact with eyes, rinse immediately with plenty of water and seek medical advice

S37 - Wear suitable gloves

Component	CAS No	Classification	Concentration Limits:	Safety Phrases
Potassium Sorbate	590-00-1		No information	

**The product is classified in accordance with Annex VI to Directive 67/548/EEC**

### Indication of danger:

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Xi - Irritant

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## 16. OTHER INFORMATION

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**Disclaimer:**

All chemicals may pose unknown hazards and should be used with caution. This Safety Data Sheet (SDS) applies only to the material as packaged. If this product is combined with other materials, deteriorates, or becomes contaminated, it may pose hazards not mentioned in this SDS. The physical properties reported in this SDS are obtained from the literature and do not constitute product specifications. Information contained herein does not constitute a warranty, whether expressed or implied, as to the safety, merchantability or fitness of the goods for a particular purpose. Spectrum Chemicals & Laboratory Products, Inc. assumes no responsibility for results obtained or for incidental or consequential damages, including lost profits, arising from the use of these data. No warranty against infringement of any patent, copyright or trademark is made or implied. It shall be the user's responsibility to develop proper methods of handling and personal protection based on the actual conditions of use. While this SDS is based on technical data judged to be reliable, Spectrum assumes no responsibility for the completeness or accuracy of the information contained herein.

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