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# MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

## 1. CHEMICAL PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

Product Name: Free Ammonia Reagent Solution

Catalog Number: 2877336

Hach Company P.O.Box 389

Loveland, CO USA 80539

(970) 669-3050

MSDS Number: M02376 Chemical Name: Not applicable CAS No.: Not applicable

Chemical Formula: Not applicable Chemical Family: Not applicable Hazard: Causes severe burns. Date of MSDS Preparation:

Day: 15
Month: March
Year: 2009

Emergency Telephone Numbers: (Medical and Transportation) (303) 623-5716 24 Hour Service (515)232-2533 8am - 4pm CST

# 2. COMPOSITION / INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

#### **Demineralized Water**

CAS No.: 7732-18-5

**TSCA CAS Number:** 7732-18-5

Percent Range: > 90.0

Percent Range Units: volume / volume

LD50: None reported LC50: None reported TLV: Not established PEL: Not established

Hazard: No effects anticipated.

#### Other component

CAS No.: Not applicable

TSCA CAS Number: Not applicable

Percent Range: < 0.5

Percent Range Units: volume / volume

LD50: Not applicable LC50: Not applicable TLV: Not established PEL: Not established

Hazard: Any ingredient(s) of this product listed as "Other component(s)" is not considered a health hazard

to the user of this product.

# Sodium Hypochlorite

CAS No.: 7681-52-9

TSCA CAS Number: 7681-52-9

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Percent Range: 0.5 - 3.0

**Percent Range Units:** volume / volume **LD50:** Oral mouse LD50 = 5800 mg/kg

*LC50*: Inhalation rat:  $> 10500 \text{ mg/m}^3$ , one hour exposure

**TLV:** Not established (0.5 ppm as chlorine)

**PEL:** Not established **Hazard:** Causes burns.

#### Potassium Hydroxide

CAS No.: 1310-58-3

**TSCA CAS Number:** 1310-58-3

Percent Range: < 10.0

**Percent Range Units:** weight / volume **LD50:** Oral rat LD50 = 273 mg/kg

*LC50:* None reported *TLV:* 2 mg/m<sup>3</sup> Ceiling *PEL:* 2 mg/m<sup>3</sup> Ceiling

Hazard: Toxic. Causes severe burns.

## 3. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

Emergency Overview:

Appearance: Clear, colorless liquid

**Odor:** Irritating

CAUSES SEVERE BURNS HARMFUL IF SWALLOWED

HMIS:

Health: 3
Flammability: 0
Reactivity: 1

Protective Equipment: X - See protective equipment, Section 8.

NFPA:

Health: 3
Flammability: 0
Reactivity: 1

Symbol: Not applicable Potential Health Effects:

Eye Contact: Causes severe burns Skin Contact: Causes severe burns Skin Absorption: None reported Target Organs: None reported

Ingestion: Causes: severe burns abdominal pain vomiting Can cause: death

Target Organs: None reported

Inhalation: Causes: severe burns sneezing coughing discomfort bronchospasms Can cause: death

Target Organs: None reported

Medical Conditions Aggravated: Pre-existing: Eye conditions Skin conditions Respiratory conditions

Chronic Effects: None reported

Cancer / Reproductive Toxicity Information:

This product does NOT contain any OSHA listed carcinogens.

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This product does NOT contain any IARC listed chemicals.

This product does NOT contain any NTP listed chemicals.

Additional Cancer / Reproductive Toxicity Information: Contains: an experimental mutagen. Toxicologically Synergistic Products: None reported

# 4. FIRST AID

Eve Contact: Immediately flush eyes with water for 15 minutes. Call physician.

Skin Contact (First Aid): Wash skin with plenty of water for 15 minutes. Remove contaminated clothing.

Call physician immediately.

Ingestion (First Aid): Do not induce vomiting. Give 1-2 glasses of water. Never give anything by mouth to

an unconscious person. Call physician immediately.

Inhalation: Remove to fresh air. Give artificial respiration if necessary. Call physician.

## 5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

Flammable Properties: Material will not burn.

Flash Point:

Method: Not applicable Flammability Limits: Lower Explosion Limits: Upper Explosion Limits:

Upper Explosion Limits: Autoignition Temperature:

Hazardous Combustion Products: This material will not burn.

Fire / Explosion Hazards: Contact with metals gives off hydrogen gas which is flammable

Static Discharge: None reported.

Mechanical Impact: None reported

Extinguishing Media: Water.

Fire Fighting Instruction: As in any fire, wear self-contained breathing apparatus pressure-demand and full

protective gear. Evacuate area and fight fire from a safe distance.

# 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

#### Spill Response Notice:

Only persons properly qualified to respond to an emergency involving hazardous substances may respond to a spill according to federal regulations (OSHA 29 CFR 1910.120(a)(v)) and per your company's emergency response plan and guidelines/procedures. See Section 13, Special Instructions for disposal assistance.

Containment Technique: Absorb spilled liquid with non-reactive sorbent material. Dike large spills to keep

spilled material from entering sewage and drainage systems or bodies of water.

Clean-up Technique: Cover spilled material with a dry acid, such as citric or boric. Scoop up slurry into a large beaker. Dilute with a large excess of water. Adjust to a pH between 6 and 9. Use sulfuric or citric acid to lower pH. Use soda ash or sodium bicarbonate to increase pH. Flush reacted material to the drain with a large excess of water. Decontaminate the area of the spill with a weak acid solution.

Evacuation Procedure: Evacuate local area (15 foot radius or as directed by your facility's emergency response plan) when: any quantity is spilled. If conditions warrant, increase the size of the evacuation. **Special Instructions (for accidental release):** Product is regulated as RCRA hazardous waste. Mixture contains a component which is regulated as a water pollutant.

304 EHS RQ (40 CFR 355): Not applicable D.O.T. Emergency Response Guide Number: 154

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#### 7. HANDLING / STORAGE

Handling: Avoid contact with eyes skin clothing Do not breathe mist or vapors. Wash thoroughly after

handling. Maintain general industrial hygiene practices when using this product.

Storage: Store away from: acids metals organic peroxides combustible materials Protect from: heat

freezing

Flammability Class: Not applicable

# 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

Engineering Controls: Have an eyewash station nearby. Have a safety shower nearby. Use a fume hood to avoid exposure to dust, mist or vapor. Maintain general industrial hygiene practices when using this product. Personal Protective Equipment:

Eye Protection: chemical splash goggles

Skin Protection: disposable latex gloves lab coat Inhalation Protection: adequate ventilation

Precautionary Measures: Avoid contact with: eyes skin clothing Do not breathe: mist/vapor Wash

thoroughly after handling. Protect from: heat freezing

TLV: Not established PEL: Not established

## 9. PHYSICAL / CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Appearance: Clear, colorless liquid

Physical State: Liquid Molecular Weight: Odor: Irritating

**pH:** 13.3

Vapor Pressure: Not determined Vapor Density (air = 1): Not determined

**Boiling Point:** Not determined **Melting Point:** Not determined

Specific Gravity (water = 1): Not determined Evaporation Rate (water = 1): Not determined

Volatile Organic Compounds Content: Not applicable Partition Coefficient (n-octanol / water): Not applicable

Solubility:

Water: Miscible Acid: Reactive Other: Not determined

Metal Corrosivity:
Steel: Not determined
Aluminum: Not determined

## 10. STABILITY / REACTIVITY

Chemical Stability: Stable when stored under proper conditions.

Conditions to Avoid: Extreme temperatures

Reactivity / Incompatibility: May react violently in contact with: acids metals organic peroxides

combustible materials

Hazardous Decomposition: Contact with metals may release flammable hydrogen gas.

Hazardous Polymerization: Will not occur.

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#### 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Product Toxicological Data:

*LD50:* None reported *LC50:* None reported

Dermal Toxicity Data: Contains corrosive components

Skin and Eye Irritation Data: Contains corrosive components

Mutation Data: Potassium hydroxide: Cytogenic analysis rat Ascites tumor: 180 mg/Kg; Cytogenic analysis

hamster Ovary: 12 mmol/L; Sodium hypochlorite: Cytogenic analysis in human lyphocytes @ 100

ppm/24Hr: Sister chromatid exchange in human embryo @ 149 mg/L;

Reproductive Effects Data: None reported

Ingredient Toxicological Data: Potassium Hydroxide: Oral rat  $LD_{50} = 273$  mg/Kg; Sodium hypochlorite: Oral

mouse  $LD_{50}$ = 5800 mg/Kg

## 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Product Ecological Information:

No ecological data available for this product.

Ingredient Ecological Information: Sodium hypochlorite: Fish Toxicity: LC50 (48 hr) rainbow trout 0.07

mg/L; LC<sub>50</sub> (96 hr) fathead minnow 5.9 mg/L

#### 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

EPA Waste ID Number: D002, Corrosive

**Special Instructions (Disposal):** Dilute material with excess water making a weaker than 5% solution. Adjust to a pH between 6 and 9 with an acid, such as sulfuric or citric. Open cold water tap completely, slowly pour the reacted material to the drain. Flush system with plenty of water.

**Empty Containers:** Dispose of empty container as normal trash. Rinse three times with an appropriate solvent. Rinsate from empty containers may contain sufficient product to require disposal as hazardous waste. **NOTICE (Disposal):** These disposal guidelines are based on federal regulations and may be superseded by more stringent state or local requirements. Please consult your local environmental regulators for more information.

## 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

D.O.T.:

**D.O.T. Proper Shipping Name:** Potassium Hydroxide, Solution

DOT Hazard Class: 8 DOT Subsidiary Risk: NA DOT ID Number: UN1814 DOT Packing Group: II

I.C.A.O.:

I.C.A.O. Proper Shipping Name: Potassium Hydroxide Solution

ICAO Hazard Class: 8 ICAO Subsidiary Risk: NA ICAO ID Number: UN1814

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ICAO Packing Group: II

*I.M.O.*:

I.M.O. Proper Shipping Name: Potassium Hydroxide Solution

I.M.O. Hazard Class: 8 I.M.O. Subsidiary Risk: NA I.M.O. ID Number: UN1814 I.M.O. Packing Group: II

Additional Information: There is a possibility that this product could be contained in a reagent set or kit composed of various compatible dangerous goods. If the item is NOT in a set or kit, the classification given above applies. If the item IS part of a set or kit, the classification would change to the following: UN3316 Chemical Kit, Class 9, PG II or III. If the item is not regulated, the Chemical Kit classification does not apply.

#### 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

#### U.S. Federal Regulations:

**O.S.H.A.:** This product meets the criteria for a hazardous substance as defined in the Hazard Communication Standard. (29 CFR 1910.1200)

*E.P.A.*:

S.A.R.A. Title III Section 311/312 Categorization (40 CFR 370): Immediate (Acute) Health Hazard S.A.R.A. Title III Section 313 (40 CFR 372): This product does NOT contain any chemical subject to the reporting requirements of Section 313 of Title III of SARA.

302 (EHS) TPQ (40 CFR 355): Not applicable

304 CERCLA RQ (40 CFR 302.4): Potassium hydroxide 1000 lbs.

304 EHS RQ (40 CFR 355): Not applicable

Clean Water Act (40 CFR 116.4): Potassium hydroxide - RQ 1000 lbs.

**RCRA:** Contains RCRA regulated substances. See Section 13, EPA Waste ID Number.

C.P.S.C.: Not applicable

State Regulations:

California Prop. 65: No Prop. 65 listed chemicals are present in this product.

Identification of Prop. 65 Ingredient(s): None

California Perchlorate Rule CCR Title 22 Chap 33:

Trade Secret Registry: Not applicable

National Inventories:

U.S. Inventory Status: All ingredients in this product are listed on the TSCA 8(b) Inventory (40 CFR 710).

TSCA CAS Number: Not applicable

## 16. OTHER INFORMATION

Intended Use: Determination of ammonium nitrogen

References: Sax, N. Irving. Dangerous Properties of Industrial Materials, 7th Ed. New York: Van Nostrand Reinhold Co., 1989. Gosselin, R. E. et al. Clinical Toxicology of Commercial Products, 5th Ed. Baltimore: The Williams and Wilkins Co., 1984. Technical Judgment. In-house information. Air Contaminants, Federal Register, Vol. 54, No. 12. Thursday, January 19, 1989. pp. 2332-2983. TLV's Threshold Limit Values and Biological Exposure Indices for 1992-1993. American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists, 1992.

Revision Summary:

Legend:

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NA - Not Applicable w/w - weight/weight
ND - Not Determined w/v - weight/volume
NV - Not Available v/v - volume/volume

**USER RESPONSIBILITY:** Each user should read and understand this information and incorporate it in individual site safety programs in accordance with applicable hazard communication standards and regulations.

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