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Whitfert Material Safety Data Sheet Muriate of Potash

STATEMENT OF HAZARDOUS NATURE

Not classified as hazardous according to criteria of WorkSafe Australia

COMPANY DETAILS

Company	Whitfert
Address	54 Beach Street Kwinana
Telephone Number	(08) 9419 9999
Emergency Telephone Number	1800 654 089 (Not 24 Hours: 7am–5pm)

IDENTIFICATION

Product Name	Muriate of Potash
Other Names	Potassium Chloride, Potash, Sylvine
Product Code	No Product Code allocated
U.N. Number	No UN number allocated
Dangerous Goods Class	No Dangerous Goods Class allocated
Subsidiary Risk	No Subsidiary Risk allocated
Hazchem Code	No Hazchem Code allocated
Packing Group	No Packing Group allocated
Poisons Schedule Number	No Poisons Schedule Number allocated
Use	Fertiliser, Stock Feed additive

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION/PROPERTIES

Appearance	Red or White, Crystalline salt
Boiling Point	Sublimes at 1500 °C
Melting Point	772 to 776 °C
Vapour Pressure	Approximately zero
Specific Gravity	1.98
Flash Point	Does not give off flammable vapours
Flammability Limits	Not flammable
Solubility in Water	23.8 g/100ml @ 20 °c

OTHER PROPERTIES

Corrosiveness	Mildly corrosive to iron, mild steel, zinc, copper and aluminium. Similar to common salt
Reactivity With Common Substances	Incompatible with brominetrifluoride, bromine trifluoride, potassium dichromate with sulphuric acid and hot nitric acid.
Solubility in organic solvents	Not soluble in acetone or alcohol
Ph of 10% solution	4-5
Bulk Density	1.03 – 1.20 tonne/m ³



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INGREDIENTS		
Major		
Chemical Entity	Proportion (%wt/wt)	C.A.S. No.
Muriate of Potash	99.0% minimum	7447-40-7
Various Impurities	Remainder	-

HEALTH HAZARD INFORMATION

HEALTH EFFECTS – ACUTE – Muriate of Potash has a low toxicity. It is not classified as hazardous according to criteria of WorkSafe Australia.	
Swallowed	Low degree of toxicity via ingestion. In cases where large amounts are ingested there may be a reaction of nausea, diarrhoea and vomiting. LD ₅₀ on rats, orally, greater than 2,600mg/ kg.
Eye Contact	Contact may cause mild irritation, in the form of redness, stinging and watering.
Skin Contact	Dust may dry out skin and cause irritation, itching and redness, especially if the skin has previously been exposed to abrasion. No harmful effects from skin absorption have been reported.
Inhaled	Mild irritant may cause irritation to the nose and upper respiratory tract when high concentrations of air-borne dust are present.
HEALTH EFFECTS – CHRONIC - There is no known effect from chronic exposure to Muriate of Potash	

FIRST AID	
Swallowed	Providing the person is conscious wash out mouth with water and give water or milk to drink. Do not induce vomiting. Seek medical assistance, if a large quantity has been swallowed, or if there is difficulty swallowing or continued pain.
Eye Contact	Irrigate with water for 15 minutes immediately. If pain persists seek medical assistance.
Skin Contact	Wash off with plenty of water. Remove contaminated clothing and launder before using again.
Inhaled	Remove from exposure to a well-ventilated area. Keep warm and at rest. In emergency situations, if breathing is abnormal or difficult give oxygen. If the affected person suffers a cardiac arrest commence cardio-pulmonary resuscitation immediately. Seek urgent medical attention.
First Aid Facilities	Ensure drinking water and eye wash bottles are available when Muriate of Potash Fertilisers are in regular use.
Advice to Doctor	Treat symptomatically



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PRECAUTIONS FOR USE

Exposure standards	There are no specific exposure limits available. Recommended ACGIH value for airborne concentrations of dust particles TLV/TWA -10mg/m ³ Nuisance dust.
Engineering controls	Use well ventilated areas. Avoid high dust concentrations.

PERSONAL PROTECTION

Respirator type (AS 1716)	Avoid inhaling the dust by wearing class P2 type dust mask when necessary.
Eye protection	Chemical safety glasses can be worn to help prevent contact with the eyes.
Glove type	PVC gloves can be worn to prevent skin contact.
Clothing	Long sleeve shirt buttoned to the top and long trousers to help prevent skin contact.
Personal Hygiene	Ensure clothing is washed and personal protective equipment replaced or washed before reuse if contaminated. Wash hands and face after handling and before work breaks when handling food, smoking or toilet breaks, etc.

FLAMMABILITY

Fire Hazards	Muriate of Potash Fertilisers are not flammable and do not support combustion.
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SAFE HANDLING INFORMATION

STORAGE & TRANSPORT

Location	Store in a well ventilated, cool and dry area. Contact with moisture must be avoided for it can cause handling difficulty. Ensure machinery is cleaned thoroughly after use, do not leave in machinery overnight.
Storage incompatibilities	Contact with hot nitric acid may cause evolution of toxic nitrosyl chloride. Contact with other strong acids may produce corrosive and toxic hydrogen chloride gas.
Dangerous Goods class	No Dangerous Goods Class Allocated
Subsidiary Risk	No Subsidiary Risk Allocated
Special Transport Requirements	Keep away from oxidizing agent, nitrates, hypochlorites, metallic powders, strong acids and permanganates.

SPILLS AND DISPOSAL

Minimising Spill / leak	Spills should be swept and cleaned up immediately. Prevent run off into water ways and drainage systems.
Clean Up Methods	Depending on the size of the spill, clean up will involve sweeping up and loading into a truck or container. All material should be gathered up and disposed of.
Precautions for Clean Up Crew	Clean Up crew should wear P2 type dust masks, PVC gloves, chemical safety goggles and long sleeve shirts and trousers.
Specialised Equipment for Clean Up	Depending on the size of the spillage, a front end loader may be required for clean up.



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FIRE AND EXPLOSION HAZARD	
Hazards of use / storage	When Muriate of Potash is Mixed with bromine trifluoride it may react violently and it may explode when mixed with potassium permanganate and sulphuric acid. May react explosively if mixed with dichloromaleic anhydride and urea.
Dangerous Decomposition or Combustion Products	None known.
Fire Fighting recommendations	Muriate of Potash is not combustible.
Types of Extinguishers	Muriate of Potash is not combustible.
Fire Fighting Agents	Muriate of Potash is not combustible.
Hazchem Code	No Hazchem Code allocated for Muriate of Potash.

OTHER INFORMATION

No Other Information available.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Organisation	Location	Person	Telephone
Whitfert	54 Beach Street Kwinana WA	Safety administrator	(08) 9419 9999
Poisons Information Centre	Subiaco WA	Duty officer	13 11 26

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