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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	Sulphate of Potash
Other Names	Potassium Sulphate, SOP, dipotassium sulphate
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, general purpose food additive

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION/PROPERTIES

Appearance	Clear to white hard odourless crystals or white powdered solid
Boiling Point	1689 °C at 100 kpa
Melting Point	No data available
Vapour Pressure	No data available
Specific Gravity	2.66
Flash Point	No data available
Flammability Limits	No data available
Solubility in Water	12g per 100g of water @ 20 °c

OTHER PROPERTIES

Corrosiveness	Mildly corrosive to iron, mild steel, zinc, copper and aluminium in the presence of moisture. Similar to common salt.
Reactivity With Common Substances	Incompatible with aluminium, magnesium or sodium sulphate and may explode in combination with these at temperatures exceeding 800 °c
Solubility in organic solvents	Not soluble in acetone or alcohol
Ph of 10% solution	3-4
Bulk Density	1.20 tonne/m ³



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INGREDIENTS		
Major		
Chemical Entity	Proportion (%wt/wt)	C.A.S. No.
Dipotassium Sulphate	96.0%	7778-80-5
Potassium chloride	<4%	7447-40-7

HEALTH HAZARD INFORMATION

HEALTH EFFECTS – ACUTE – Sulphate 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 6,600mg/ 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 Sulphate 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 Sulphate 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	Sulphate 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	Store away from oxidisers, acids and food and drink. Violent explosions can occur when sulphate of potash is melted with aluminium.
Dangerous Goods class	No Dangerous Goods Class Allocated
Subsidiary Risk	No Subsidiary Risk Allocated
Special Transport Requirements	Keep away from oxidizing agent, acids and food products.

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	Sulphate of potash is a relatively inert product. Ensure good house keeping and storage practices are followed. Keep away from moisture as it can cause handling problems.
Dangerous Decomposition or Combustion Products	If Sulphate of Potash is heated above 1066 degrees Celsius it may emit toxic oxides of sulphur.
Fire Fighting recommendations	Sulphate of Potash is not combustible.
Types of Extinguishers	Sulphate of Potash is not combustible.
Fire Fighting Agents	Sulphate of Potash is not combustible.
Hazchem Code	No Hazchem Code allocated for Sulphate 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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