

**Safety data sheet**  
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**SECTION 1: Identification of the substance/mixture and of the company/undertaking****1.1 Product identifier****Trade name:** O'Meara's reagent, for microbiology**Article number:** RE0060**1.2 Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against**

No further relevant information available.

**Application of the substance / the preparation:** Laboratory reagent**1.3 Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet****Manufacturer/Supplier:**

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**SECTION 2: Hazards identification****2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture****Classification according to Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008**

GHS05 corrosion

Skin Corr. 1A H314 Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.

Eye Dam. 1 H318 Causes serious eye damage.



GHS07

Acute Tox. 4 H302 Harmful if swallowed.

**2.2 Label elements****Labelling according to Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008**

The product is classified and labelled according to the CLP regulation.

**Hazard pictograms**

GHS05 GHS07

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- **Signal word** Danger
- **Hazard-determining components of labelling:**  
potassium hydroxide
- **Hazard statements**  
H302 Harmful if swallowed.  
H314 Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.
- **Precautionary statements**  
P303+P361+P353 IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water [or shower].  
P305+P351+P338 IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.  
P310 Immediately call a POISON CENTER/doctor.  
P321 Specific treatment (see on this label).  
P405 Store locked up.  
P501 Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local/regional/national/international regulations.
- **2.3 Other hazards**
- **Results of PBT and vPvB assessment**
- **PBT:** Not applicable.
- **vPvB:** Not applicable.

**SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients**

- **3.2 Chemical characterisation: Mixtures**
- **Description:** Mixture of substances listed below with nonhazardous additions.
- **Dangerous components:**

CAS: 1310-58-3	potassium hydroxide	25-50%
EINECS: 215-181-3	⚠ Skin Corr. 1A, H314; ⚠ Acute Tox. 4, H302	
Reg.nr.: 01-2119487136-33-XXXX		
- **Additional information:** For the wording of the listed hazard phrases refer to section 16.

**SECTION 4: First aid measures**

- **4.1 Description of first aid measures**
- **General information:**  
Immediately remove any clothing soiled by the product.  
Symptoms of poisoning may even occur after several hours; therefore medical observation for at least 48 hours after the accident.
- **After inhalation:** In case of unconsciousness place patient stably in side position for transportation.
- **After skin contact:** Immediately wash with water and soap and rinse thoroughly.
- **After eye contact:**  
Rinse opened eye for several minutes under running water. Then consult a doctor.
- **After swallowing:**  
Call for a doctor immediately.  
Drink plenty of water and provide fresh air. Call for a doctor immediately.
- **4.2 Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed**  
No further relevant information available.
- **4.3 Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed**  
No further relevant information available.

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### SECTION 5: Firefighting measures

- **5.1 Extinguishing media**
- **Suitable extinguishing agents:**  
CO<sub>2</sub>, powder or water spray. Fight larger fires with water spray or alcohol resistant foam.
- **5.2 Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture**  
No further relevant information available.
- **5.3 Advice for firefighters**
- **Protective equipment:** No special measures required.

### SECTION 6: Accidental release measures

- **6.1 Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures**  
Wear protective equipment. Keep unprotected persons away.
- **6.2 Environmental precautions:**  
Dilute with plenty of water.  
Do not allow to enter sewers/ surface or ground water.
- **6.3 Methods and material for containment and cleaning up:**  
Absorb with liquid-binding material (sand, diatomite, acid binders, universal binders, sawdust).  
Use neutralising agent.  
Dispose contaminated material as waste according to item 13.  
Ensure adequate ventilation.
- **6.4 Reference to other sections**  
See Section 7 for information on safe handling.  
See Section 8 for information on personal protection equipment.  
See Section 13 for disposal information.

### SECTION 7: Handling and storage

- **7.1 Precautions for safe handling**  
Ensure good ventilation/exhaustion at the workplace.  
Prevent formation of aerosols.
- **Information about fire - and explosion protection:** No special measures required.
- **7.2 Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities**
- **Storage:**
- **Requirements to be met by storerooms and receptacles:** No special requirements.
- **Information about storage in one common storage facility:** Not required.
- **Further information about storage conditions:** Keep container tightly sealed.
- **7.3 Specific end use(s)** No further relevant information available.

### SECTION 8: Exposure controls/personal protection

- **8.1 Control parameters**
- **Additional information about design of technical facilities:** No further data; see item 7.
- **Ingredients with limit values that require monitoring at the workplace:**  

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**1310-58-3 potassium hydroxide**  
WEL Short-term value: 2 mg/m<sup>3</sup>
- **Additional information:** The lists valid during the making were used as basis.
- **8.2 Exposure controls**
- **Personal protective equipment:**
- **General protective and hygienic measures:**  
Keep away from foodstuffs, beverages and feed.

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Immediately remove all soiled and contaminated clothing  
Wash hands before breaks and at the end of work.  
Avoid contact with the eyes and skin.

• **Respiratory protection:**

In case of brief exposure or low pollution use respiratory filter device. In case of intensive or longer exposure use self-contained respiratory protective device.

• **Protection of hands:**



Protective gloves

The glove material has to be impermeable and resistant to the product/ the substance/ the preparation.

Due to missing tests no recommendation to the glove material can be given for the product/ the preparation/ the chemical mixture.

Selection of the glove material on consideration of the penetration times, rates of diffusion and the degradation

• **Material of gloves**

The selection of the suitable gloves does not only depend on the material, but also on further marks of quality and varies from manufacturer to manufacturer. As the product is a preparation of several substances, the resistance of the glove material can not be calculated in advance and has therefore to be checked prior to the application.

• **Penetration time of glove material**

The exact break through time has to be found out by the manufacturer of the protective gloves and has to be observed.

• **Eye protection:**



Tightly sealed goggles

## SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties

• **9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties**

• **General Information**

• **Appearance:**

**Form:**

Fluid

**Colour:**

Colourless

• **Odour:**

Odourless

• **Odour threshold:**

Not determined.

• **pH-value:**

Not determined.

• **Change in condition**

**Melting point/freezing point:**

Undetermined.

**Initial boiling point and boiling range:** 100 °C

• **Flash point:**

Not applicable.

• **Flammability (solid, gas):**

Not applicable.

• **Decomposition temperature:**

Not determined.

• **Auto-ignition temperature:**

Product is not selfigniting.

• **Explosive properties:**

Product does not present an explosion hazard.

• **Explosion limits:**

**Lower:**

Not determined.

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<b>Upper:</b>	Not determined.
• <b>Vapour pressure at 20 °C:</b>	23 hPa
• <b>Density:</b>	Not determined.
• <b>Relative density</b>	Not determined.
• <b>Vapour density</b>	Not determined.
• <b>Evaporation rate</b>	Not determined.
• <b>Solubility in / Miscibility with water:</b>	Fully miscible.
• <b>Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water:</b>	Not determined.
• <b>Viscosity:</b>	
<b>Dynamic:</b>	Not determined.
<b>Kinematic:</b>	Not determined.
• <b>Solvent content:</b>	
<b>Water:</b>	71.3 %
<b>Solids content:</b>	28.7 %
• <b>9.2 Other information</b>	No further relevant information available.

**SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity**

- **10.1 Reactivity** No further relevant information available.
- **10.2 Chemical stability**
- **Thermal decomposition / conditions to be avoided:**  
No decomposition if used according to specifications.
- **10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions** No dangerous reactions known.
- **10.4 Conditions to avoid** No further relevant information available.
- **10.5 Incompatible materials:** No further relevant information available.
- **10.6 Hazardous decomposition products:** No dangerous decomposition products known.

**SECTION 11: Toxicological information**

- **11.1 Information on toxicological effects**
- **Acute toxicity**  
Harmful if swallowed.
- **LD/LC50 values relevant for classification:**  
**1310-58-3 potassium hydroxide**  
Oral LD50 333 mg/kg (rat)
- **Primary irritant effect:**
- **Skin corrosion/irritation**  
Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.
- **Serious eye damage/irritation**  
Causes serious eye damage.
- **Respiratory or skin sensitisation** Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.
- **Additional toxicological information:**
- **CMR effects (carcinogenicity, mutagenicity and toxicity for reproduction)**
- **Germ cell mutagenicity** Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.
- **Carcinogenicity** Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.
- **Reproductive toxicity** Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.
- **STOT-single exposure** Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.
- **STOT-repeated exposure** Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.

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- **Aspiration hazard** Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.


### SECTION 12: Ecological information

- **12.1 Toxicity**
- **Aquatic toxicity:** No further relevant information available.
- **12.2 Persistence and degradability** No further relevant information available.
- **12.3 Bioaccumulative potential** No further relevant information available.
- **12.4 Mobility in soil** No further relevant information available.
- **Additional ecological information:**
- **General notes:**  
Water hazard class 1 (German Regulation) (Self-assessment): slightly hazardous for water  
Do not allow undiluted product or large quantities of it to reach ground water, water course or sewage system.  
Must not reach sewage water or drainage ditch undiluted or unneutralised.
- **12.5 Results of PBT and vPvB assessment**
- **PBT:** Not applicable.
- **vPvB:** Not applicable.
- **12.6 Other adverse effects** No further relevant information available.

### SECTION 13: Disposal considerations

- **13.1 Waste treatment methods**
- **Recommendation**  
Must not be disposed together with household garbage. Do not allow product to reach sewage system.
- **Uncleaned packaging:**
- **Recommendation:** Disposal must be made according to official regulations.
- **Recommended cleansing agents:** Water, if necessary together with cleansing agents.

### SECTION 14: Transport information

- **14.1 UN-Number** UN1814
- **ADR, IMDG, IATA**
- **14.2 UN proper shipping name** 1814 POTASSIUM HYDROXIDE SOLUTION mixture
- **ADR** POTASSIUM HYDROXIDE SOLUTION mixture
- **IMDG, IATA**
- **14.3 Transport hazard class(es)**
- **ADR, IMDG, IATA**
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- **Class** 8 Corrosive substances.
- **Label** 8
- **14.4 Packing group** II
- **ADR, IMDG, IATA**
- **14.5 Environmental hazards:**
- **Marine pollutant:** No
- **14.6 Special precautions for user** Warning: Corrosive substances.
- **Hazard identification number (Kemler code):** 80

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- **EMS Number:** F-A,S-B
  - **Segregation groups** Alkalis
  - **Stowage Category** A
  - **Segregation Code** SG35 Stow "separated from" SGG1-acids
  - **14.7 Transport in bulk according to Annex II of Marpol and the IBC Code** Not applicable.
  - **Transport/Additional information:**
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- **ADR**
  - **Limited quantities (LQ)** 1L
  - **Transport category** 2
  - **Tunnel restriction code** E
  - **UN "Model Regulation":** UN 1814 POTASSIUM HYDROXIDE SOLUTION MIXTURE, 8, II

### SECTION 15: Regulatory information

- **15.1 Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture**
- **Directive 2012/18/EU**
- **Named dangerous substances - ANNEX I** None of the ingredients is listed.
- **REGULATION (EC) No 1907/2006 ANNEX XVII** Conditions of restriction: 3
- **DIRECTIVE 2011/65/EU on the restriction of the use of certain hazardous substances in electrical and electronic equipment – Annex II**  
None of the ingredients is listed.
- **15.2 Chemical safety assessment:** A Chemical Safety Assessment has not been carried out.

### SECTION 16: Other information

This information is based on our present knowledge. However, this shall not constitute a guarantee for any specific product features and shall not establish a legally valid contractual relationship.

- **Relevant phrases**  
H302 Harmful if swallowed.  
H314 Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.
- **Classification according to Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008**  
The classification of the mixture is generally based on the calculation method using substance data according to Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008.
- **Department issuing SDS:** product safety department
- **Contact:** msds@scharlab.com
- **Abbreviations and acronyms:**  
RID: Règlement international concernant le transport des marchandises dangereuses par chemin de fer (Regulations Concerning the International Transport of Dangerous Goods by Rail)  
ICAO: International Civil Aviation Organisation  
ADR: Accord relatif au transport international des marchandises dangereuses par route (European Agreement Concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road)  
IMDG: International Maritime Code for Dangerous Goods  
IATA: International Air Transport Association  
GHS: Globally Harmonised System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals  
EINECS: European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances  
ELINCS: European List of Notified Chemical Substances  
CAS: Chemical Abstracts Service (division of the American Chemical Society)  
LC50: Lethal concentration, 50 percent  
LD50: Lethal dose, 50 percent  
PBT: Persistent, Bioaccumulative and Toxic  
vPvB: very Persistent and very Bioaccumulative  
Acute Tox. 4: Acute toxicity – Category 4  
Skin Corr. 1A: Skin corrosion/irritation – Category 1A

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Eye Dam. 1: Serious eye damage/eye irritation – Category 1

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**Annex: Exposure scenario****Description of the activities / processes covered in the Exposure Scenario**

See section 1 of the annex to the Safety Data Sheet.

**2 - Conditions of use****Duration and frequency** 5 workdays/week.**Physical parameters****Physical state** Fluid**Concentration of the substance in the mixture** The substance is main component.**Other operational conditions****Other operational conditions affecting environmental exposure** No special measures required.**Other operational conditions affecting worker exposure**

Avoid contact with eyes.

Avoid contact with the skin.

**Other operational conditions affecting consumer exposure** No special measures required.**Other operational conditions affecting consumer exposure during the use of the product**

Not applicable.

**Risk management measures****Worker protection****Organisational protective measures** No special measures required.**Technical protective measures**

Ensure that suitable extractors are available on processing machines

**Personal protective measures**

Do not inhale gases / fumes / aerosols.

Avoid contact with the skin.

Avoid contact with the eyes.

Tightly sealed goggles

Protective gloves

The glove material has to be impermeable and resistant to the product/ the substance/ the preparation.

Due to missing tests no recommendation to the glove material can be given for the product/ the preparation/ the chemical mixture.

Selection of the glove material on consideration of the penetration times, rates of diffusion and the degradation

**Measures for consumer protection** Ensure adequate labelling.**Environmental protection measures****Water**

Generally, prior to the introduction of wastewater into wastewater treatment plants a neutralisation is required.

**Disposal measures**

Disposal must be made according to official regulations.

Ensure that waste is collected and contained.

**Disposal procedures**

Must not be disposed together with household garbage. Do not allow product to reach sewage system.

**Waste type** Partially emptied and uncleaned packaging**3 - Exposure estimation****Consumer** Not relevant for this Exposure Scenario.**4 - Guidance for downstream users** No further relevant information available.