

### SECTION 1: Identification

#### 1.1. Identification

Trade name : Potassium Hydroxide Solution  
Product code : 38016SS9B

#### 1.2. Recommended use and restrictions on use

Recommended use : For use with Congo Red, Amyloid Stain Kit  
Restrictions on use : Other uses

#### 1.3. Supplier

Leica Biosystems Richmond, Inc  
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Richmond, IL 60071 - USA  
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[LBSNA-LBS-QA@leicabiosystems.com](mailto:LBSNA-LBS-QA@leicabiosystems.com) - [leicabiosystems.com](http://leicabiosystems.com)

#### 1.4. Emergency telephone number

Organization/Company	Emergency number
ChemTrec	800-424-9300
International Calls (call collect)	+1 703-527-3887
Australia 24 Hr Poisons Information Centre	13 11 26

### SECTION 2: Hazard(s) identification

#### 2.1. Classification of the substance or mixture

##### GHS-US classification

Skin corrosion/irritation Category 1A Causes severe skin burns and eye damage  
Serious eye damage/eye irritation Category 1 Causes serious eye damage

#### 2.2. GHS Label elements, including precautionary statements

##### GHS-US labeling

Hazard pictograms (GHS-US) :



GHS05

Signal word (GHS-US) : Danger  
Hazard statements (GHS-US) : Causes severe skin burns and eye damage  
Causes serious eye damage  
Precautionary statements (GHS-US) : Do not breathe mist/vapours/spray.  
Wash thoroughly after handling  
Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection.  
If swallowed: rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting  
If on skin (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/shower  
If inhaled: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing  
If in eyes: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing  
Immediately call a poison center or doctor/physician

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Wash contaminated clothing before reuse  
Store locked up  
Dispose of contents/container in accordance with all local/regional/national/international regulations

### 2.3. Other hazards which do not result in classification

No additional information available

### 2.4. Unknown acute toxicity (GHS US)

Not applicable

## SECTION 3: Composition/Information on ingredients

### 3.1. Substances

Not applicable

### 3.2. Mixtures

Name	Product identifier	%	GHS-US classification
Potassium Hydroxide	(CAS No) 1310-58-3	< 2	Acute Tox. 4 (Oral), H302 Skin Corr. 1A, H314

Full text of hazard classes and H-statements : see section 16

## SECTION 4: First-aid measures

### 4.1. Description of first aid measures

First-aid measures general : Call a physician immediately.  
First-aid measures after inhalation : Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing.  
First-aid measures after skin contact : Rinse skin with water/shower. Remove/Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Call a physician immediately.  
First-aid measures after eye contact : Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. Call a physician immediately.  
First-aid measures after ingestion : Rinse mouth. Do not induce vomiting. Call a physician immediately.

### 4.2. Most important symptoms and effects (acute and delayed)

Symptoms/effects after skin contact : Burns.  
Symptoms/effects after eye contact : Serious damage to eyes.  
Symptoms/effects after ingestion : Burns.

### 4.3. Immediate medical attention and special treatment, if necessary

Treat symptomatically.

## SECTION 5: Fire-fighting measures

### 5.1. Suitable (and unsuitable) extinguishing media

Suitable extinguishing media : Water spray. Dry powder. Foam. Carbon dioxide.

### 5.2. Specific hazards arising from the chemical

Reactivity : The product is non-reactive under normal conditions of use, storage and transport.

### 5.3. Special protective equipment and precautions for fire-fighters

Protection during firefighting : Do not attempt to take action without suitable protective equipment. Self-contained breathing apparatus. Complete protective clothing.

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### SECTION 6: Accidental release measures

#### 6.1. Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

##### 6.1.1. For non-emergency personnel

Emergency procedures : Ventilate spillage area. Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Do not breathe mist/vapours/spray.

##### 6.1.2. For emergency responders

Protective equipment : Do not attempt to take action without suitable protective equipment. For further information refer to section 8: "Exposure controls/personal protection".

#### 6.2. Environmental precautions

Avoid release to the environment.

#### 6.3. Methods and material for containment and cleaning up

Methods for cleaning up : Take up liquid spill into absorbent material.

Other information : Dispose of materials or solid residues at an authorized site.

#### 6.4. Reference to other sections

For further information refer to section 13.

### SECTION 7: Handling and storage

#### 7.1. Precautions for safe handling

Precautions for safe handling : Ensure good ventilation of the work station. Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Do not breathe mist/vapours/spray. Wear personal protective equipment.

Hygiene measures : Wash contaminated clothing before reuse. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. Always wash hands after handling the product.

#### 7.2. Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Storage conditions : Store locked up. Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep cool.

### SECTION 8: Exposure controls/personal protection

#### 8.1. Control parameters

Potassium Hydroxide (1310-58-3)		
ACGIH	ACGIH Ceiling (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
ACGIH	Remark (ACGIH)	URT, eye, & skin irr

#### 8.2. Appropriate engineering controls

Appropriate engineering controls : Ensure good ventilation of the work station.

Environmental exposure controls : Avoid release to the environment.

#### 8.3. Individual protection measures/Personal protective equipment

##### Hand protection:

Protective gloves

##### Eye protection:

Safety glasses

##### Skin and body protection:

Wear suitable protective clothing

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### Respiratory protection:

In case of insufficient ventilation, wear suitable respiratory equipment

## SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties

### 9.1. Information on basic physical and chemical properties

Physical state	: Liquid
Color	: Colorless
Odor	: odorless
Odor threshold	: No data available
pH	: 13.5
Melting point	: Not applicable
Freezing point	: No data available
Boiling point	: No data available
Flash point	: No data available
Relative evaporation rate (butyl acetate=1)	: No data available
Flammability (solid, gas)	: Not applicable.
Vapor pressure	: No data available
Relative vapor density at 20 °C	: No data available
Relative density	: No data available
Specific gravity / density	: 1.05
Solubility	: No data available
Log Pow	: No data available
Auto-ignition temperature	: No data available
Decomposition temperature	: No data available
Viscosity, kinematic	: No data available
Viscosity, dynamic	: No data available
Explosion limits	: No data available
Explosive properties	: No data available
Oxidizing properties	: No data available

### 9.2. Other information

No additional information available

## SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity

### 10.1. Reactivity

The product is non-reactive under normal conditions of use, storage and transport.

### 10.2. Chemical stability

Stable under normal conditions.

### 10.3. Possibility of hazardous reactions

No dangerous reactions known under normal conditions of use.

### 10.4. Conditions to avoid

None under recommended storage and handling conditions (see section 7).

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### 10.5. Incompatible materials

No additional information available

### 10.6. Hazardous decomposition products

Under normal conditions of storage and use, hazardous decomposition products should not be produced.

## SECTION 11: Toxicological information

### 11.1. Information on toxicological effects

Acute toxicity : Not classified

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ATE US (oral)	500 mg/kg body weight
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Skin corrosion/irritation : Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.  
pH: 13.5

Serious eye damage/irritation : Causes serious eye damage.  
pH: 13.5

Respiratory or skin sensitization : Not classified

Germ cell mutagenicity : Not classified

Carcinogenicity : Not classified

Reproductive toxicity : Not classified

Specific target organ toxicity – single exposure : Not classified

Specific target organ toxicity – repeated exposure : Not classified

Aspiration hazard : Not classified

Symptoms/effects after skin contact : Burns.

Symptoms/effects after eye contact : Serious damage to eyes.

Symptoms/effects after ingestion : Burns.

## SECTION 12: Ecological information

### 12.1. Toxicity

Ecology - general : Before neutralisation, the product may represent a danger to aquatic organisms.

### 12.2. Persistence and degradability

No additional information available

### 12.3. Bioaccumulative potential

No additional information available

### 12.4. Mobility in soil

No additional information available

### 12.5. Other adverse effects

No additional information available

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### SECTION 13: Disposal considerations

#### 13.1. Disposal methods

Waste treatment methods : Dispose of contents/container in accordance with licensed collector's sorting instructions.

### SECTION 14: Transport information

#### Department of Transportation (DOT)

In accordance with DOT

Transport document description : UN1814 Potassium hydroxide, solution, 8, II

UN-No.(DOT) : UN1814

Proper Shipping Name (DOT) : Potassium hydroxide, solution

Class (DOT) : 8 - Class 8 - Corrosive material 49 CFR 173.136

Packing group (DOT) : II - Medium Danger

Hazard labels (DOT) : 8 - Corrosive



DOT Quantity Limitations Passenger aircraft/rail (49 CFR 173.27) : 1 L

DOT Quantity Limitations Cargo aircraft only (49 CFR 175.75) : 30 L

#### Transport by sea

Transport document description (IMDG) : UN 1814 POTASSIUM HYDROXIDE SOLUTION, 8, II

UN-No. (IMDG) : 1814

Proper Shipping Name (IMDG) : POTASSIUM HYDROXIDE SOLUTION

Class (IMDG) : 8 - Corrosive substances

Packing group (IMDG) : II - substances presenting medium danger

Limited quantities (IMDG) : 1 L

#### Air transport

Transport document description (IATA) : UN 1814 Potassium hydroxide solution, 8, II

UN-No. (IATA) : 1814

Proper Shipping Name (IATA) : Potassium hydroxide solution

Class (IATA) : 8 - Corrosives

Packing group (IATA) : II - Medium Danger

### SECTION 15: Regulatory information

#### 15.1. US Federal regulations

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Listed on the United States TSCA (Toxic Substances Control Act) inventory  
Not subject to reporting requirements of the United States SARA Section 313

CERCLA RQ	1000 lb
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## 15.2. International regulations

### CANADA

#### Potassium Hydroxide (1310-58-3)

Listed on the Canadian DSL (Domestic Substances List)

### EU-Regulations

No additional information available

### National regulations

No additional information available

## 15.3. US State regulations

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U.S. - New Jersey - Right to Know Hazardous Substance List

U.S. - Pennsylvania - RTK (Right to Know) List

## SECTION 16: Other information

Full text of H-phrases:

H302	Harmful if swallowed
H314	Causes severe skin burns and eye damage

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