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## Section 1. Identification

### 1.1 Product Identifier 2498

Product Name POTASSIUM SULPHIDE (poly)

CAS Number 37199-66-9

REACH Registration No A registration number is not available as the substance or its uses are exempt, the annual tonnage does not require a registration or the registration is envisaged for a later date.

Molecular Formula  $K_2S$

### 1.2 Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture & uses advised against

Uses of Material Chemical for industrial and laboratory use. Not suitable for domestic use.

### 1.3 Supplier Vickers Laboratories Ltd



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## Section 2. Hazards Identification

### 2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture

Classification according to regulation (EC) 1272/2008 as amended by GB-CLP Regulation, UK SI 2019/720 & UK SI 2020/1567

Self heating, category 2 H252: Self-heating in large quantities; may catch fire.  
Skin corrosion/irritation, category 1B H314: Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.  
Hazard to aquatic environment, category 1 H400: Very toxic to aquatic life.

### 2.2 Label elements

Labelling according to regulation (EC) 1272/2008 as amended by GB-CLP Regulation, UK SI 2019/720 & UK SI 2020/1567

Signal word Danger

Hazard Pictograms



Hazard Statements	Self-heating in large quantities; may catch fire. Causes severe skin burns and eye damage. Very toxic to aquatic life.
Precautionary Statements	Keep cool. Wear protective gloves / protective clothing / eye protection. Wash thoroughly after handling. Wash contaminated clothing before reuse. IF SWALLOWED: Rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting. IF ON SKIN (or hair): Remove/Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/shower. IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses if present and easy to do and continue rinsing.
Supplemental Hazard Information (EU)	Contact with acids liberates toxic gas.

## Section 3. Composition

### 3.1 Substances

Component	CAS No.	EC No.	REACH No.	Conc w/w	CLP Classification (1272/2008/CE)
Potassium Poly Sulphide	37199-66-9	253-390-1		>99%	Self-heat. 2, Skin Corr. 1B, Aquatic Acute 1

## Section 4. First Aid

### 4.1 Description of first aid measures

Eyes	Irrigate thoroughly with plenty of water for at least 10 minutes, holding the eye open. OBTAIN MEDICAL ATTENTION.
Skin	Wash off skin thoroughly with water. Remove contaminated clothing immediately and wash before re-use. Unless contact has been slight OBTAIN MEDICAL ATTENTION
Inhalation	Remove from exposure. If material has reacted with an acid to form, sulphur dioxide, seek immediate medical assistance.
Ingestion	Wash out the patients mouth thoroughly with water. OBTAIN MEDICAL ATTENTION.
Personal protection for first aiders	Wear protective gloves / eye protection.

### 4.2 Most important symptoms and effects, both acute & delayed.

No further relevant information available.

### 4.3 Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed.

No further relevant information available.

## Section 5. Fire Fighting

### 5.1 Extinguishing media

Extinguishing Media	Consider what other flammable materials are present and act accordingly.
Unsuitable Media	Nothing specified.

### 5.2 Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture

Hazards	May evolve toxic fumes if involved in a fire.
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### 5.3 Advice for firefighters

Advice for firefighters	Evacuate area immediately. Keep up wind. Avoid exposure to toxic vapours and fumes. Fire-fighters should wear protective clothing and breathing apparatus.
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## Section 6. Accidental Release Measures

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

Personal Protection	Evacuate area immediately. If contact with acid is possible, use full protective clothing and breathing apparatus.
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### 6.2 Environmental precautions

Environmental	Keep material out of sewers, storm drains, surface waters and soil. Notify the Environmental Agency and local Environmental Health Officer if major spillage occurs.
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### 6.3 Methods and material for containment and cleaning up

Major Spillage	Shovel/sweep up into container for removal Wash area down with copious amounts of water.
Minor Spillage	Wash area down with copious amounts of water.

### 6.4 Reference to other sections

See section 8.2 for information on protective equipment and section 13 for information on disposal.

## Section 7. Storage & Handling

### 7.1 Precautions for safe handling

Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Do not breath dust. Do not allow to contaminate clothing.

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

Well ventilated, cool, dry storage . Keep well separated from acids.

### 7.3 Specific end use(s)

See section 1.2.

## Section 8. Workplace Exposure & Personal Protection

### 8.1 Control parameters

Component	CAS No	Concentration	Workplace Exposure Limits	
			Long Term (8hr TWA)	Short Term 15min period
Potassium Poly Sulphide	37199-66-9	>99%	-	-

Exposure data source(s) No occupational exposure data currently available.

### 8.2 Exposure controls

Respiratory Protection	Use L.E.V. or natural ventilation to reduce dust concentrations to a minimum.
Hand Protection	Wear gloves.
Eye Protection	Use tightly fitting chemical splash proof glasses or goggles.
Skin Protection	Avoid contact with skin. If skin contact or contamination of clothing is likely, protective clothing must be worn.
Special Hazards	No special precautions required.

## Section 9. Physical & Chemical Properties

### 9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties

Appearance	Yellowish brown crystalline solid.
Odour	Characteristic.
pH	13 @ 20°C
Boiling Point	>460°C (Decomposes)
Melting Point	400°C
Flash Point	Not applicable
Upper Flammable Limit	Not applicable
Lower Flammable Limit	Not applicable
Auto Ignition	Not applicable
Explosive Properties	No.
Oxidising Properties	No.
Vapour Pressure	Not applicable
Relative Density	1.0
Water Solubility	Very soluble in water.

### 9.2 Other information

No data available.

## Section 10. Stability & Reactivity

10.1	Reactivity	No data available.
10.2	Chemical Stability	Stable under normal conditions
10.3	Possibility of hazardous reactions	No data available.
10.4	Conditions to Avoid	Avoid contact with acids.
10.5	Incompatible materials	Acids. Strong oxidising agents. Flammable material. oxygen.
10.6	Hazardous Decomposition Products	In a fire will decompose to emit toxic and irritant fumes of sulphur dioxide.

## Section 11. Toxicological Information

### 11.1 Information on toxicological effects

Eyes	Contact with the solid or dust may cause burns.
Skin	Contact with the solid or dust may cause burns.
LD50 Skin	Not available
Ingestion	Ingestion may result in formation of toxic sulphur dioxide.
LD50 Oral	Not available
Inhalation	Presents no significant health hazard by inhalation.
LD50 Inhalation	Not available
TCLo	Not available
Carcinogenicity	Not considered to be a carcinogen.
Mutagenicity	Not considered to be a mutagen.
Reproductive Effects	None identified.

## Section 12. Ecological

12.1	Toxicity	Data for soluble sulphides in general: Toxic to aquatic organisms : LD <sub>50</sub> for fish 3mg/l. Toxic hydrogen sulphide may form even in dilute acidic environments. Very Toxic to aquatic organisms and may cause long term adverse effects in the aquatic environment.
	LC50 Algal	Not available
	LC50 Crustacea	Not available
	LC50 Fish	Not available
12.2	Persistence and degradability	No data available.
12.3	Bioaccumulative potential	No data available.
12.4	Mobility in soil	No data available.
12.5	Results of PBT & vPvB assessment	Assessment not required.
12.6	Other adverse effects	None known at present.

## Section 13. Disposal Considerations

### 13.1 Waste treatment methods

Disposal Methods	Do not dispose of as domestic waste.
Contaminated Packaging	Wash out containers with water.

## Section 14. Transport Information

<b>14.1 UN Number</b>	1847
<b>14.2 Proper Shipping Name</b>	Potassium sulphide,hydrated
<b>14.3 Transport classes</b>	
UN classification	8
Subsidiary hazard(s)	None
Transport category	2
ADR Hazard ID	80
Tunnel Restriction Code	E
<b>14.4 Packing Group</b>	II
<b>14.5 Environment hazards</b>	See section 12.
<b>14.6 Special precautions for user</b>	No special precautions required.
<b>14.7 Transport in bulk</b>	Not transported in bulk.



## Section 15. Regulatory Information

### 15.1 Safety, health and environment regulations specific for substance/mixture.

**Classification, Labeling & Packaging of Substances & Mixtures Regulations (1272/2008/CE) as amended by GB-CLP Regulation, UK SI 2019/720 & UK SI 2020/1567**

Classification Self heating, category 2; Skin corrosion/irritation, category 1B; Hazard to aquatic environment, category 1

Signal word Danger

Hazard Pictograms



Hazard Statements H252, H314, H400  
Self-heating in large quantities; may catch fire. Causes severe skin burns and eye damage. Very toxic to aquatic life.

Precautionary Statements P235, P280, P264, P363, P301+P330+P331, P303+P361+P353, P305+P351+P338  
Keep cool. Wear protective gloves / protective clothing / eye protection. Wash thoroughly after handling. Wash contaminated clothing before reuse. IF SWALLOWED: Rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting. IF ON SKIN (or hair): Remove/Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/shower. IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses if present and easy to do and continue rinsing.

Supplemental Hazard Information (EU) EUH031  
Contact with acids liberates toxic gas.

### 15.2 Chemical safety assessment

Assessment not required.

## Section 16. Other Information

The information contained in this document only covers the hazards presented by this material, it DOES NOT constitute a workplace risk assessment. See sections 11 for toxicological information and section 12 for ecological information.

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