

SDS H261 Nessler's Reagent

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**1. IDENTIFICATION OF THE MATERIAL AND SUPPLIER**

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Product	Nessler's Reagent				Code	H261
CAS#	HSNO#	UN #	DG Class/es	Packing group #	Tracking?	Handlers Certificate?
1310-58-3 7783-33-7	NA	2922	8 (6.1)	II	6.1A, 9.3A	6.1A, 9.3A

**Recommended use:** Laboratory Investigations

**2. Hazards identification**

2.1 GHS Classification

- Acute toxicity, Oral (Category B)
- Acute toxicity, Inhalation (Category B)
- Acute toxicity, Dermal (Category C)
- Skin irritation (Category A)
- Eye irritation (Category A)
- Specific Target Organ Toxicity (Category B)
- Aquatic toxicity (Acute or Chronic) (Category B)

2.2 GHS Label elements, including precautionary statements



Pictogram

Signal word **Danger**

Hazard statement(s)

- H300 Fatal if swallowed.
- H311 Toxic in contact with skin.
- H315 Causes skin irritation.
- H319 Causes serious eye irritation.
- H330 Fatal if inhaled.
- H373 May cause damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure.
- H411 Toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects.

Precautionary statement(s)

Prevention

- P260 Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/vapours/spray.
- P264 Wash skin thoroughly after handling.
- P270 Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.
- P271 Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area.
- P273 Avoid release to the environment.
- P280 Wear protective gloves.
- P284 Wear respiratory protection.

Response

- P301 + P310 IF SWALLOWED: Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician.
- P302 + P352 IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water.

P304 + P340 IF INHALED: Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing.

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 or doctor/ physician.

P330 Rinse mouth.

P332 + P313 If skin irritation occurs: Get medical advice/attention.

P337 + P313 If eye irritation persists: Get medical advice/attention.

P361 Remove/take off immediately all contaminated clothing.

P391 Collect spillage.

Storage

P403 + P233 Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed.

P405 Store locked up.

Disposal

P501 Dispose of contents/container to an approved waste disposal plant.

2.3 Other hazards

None

### 3. Composition/information on ingredients

3.1 Mixtures

Synonyms: Potassium tetraiodomercurate – Potassium hydroxide

Component	Classification	Concentration
Potassium hydroxide		
CAS No. 1310-58-3	6.1 C; 6.3 A; 6.4 A; 9.1 D; H301, H315, H319, H402	10-30%
Dipotassium tetraiodomercurate		
CAS No. 7783-33-7	6.1 B; 6.9 B; 9.1 A; H300, H310, H330, H373, H410	10-30%

### 4. First aid measures

4.1 Description of first aid measures

General advice

Consult a physician. Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance.

If inhaled

If breathed in, move person into fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. Consult a physician.

In case of skin contact

Wash off with soap and plenty of water. Take victim immediately to hospital. Consult a physician.

In case of eye contact

Rinse thoroughly with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes and consult a physician.

If swallowed

Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Rinse mouth with water. Consult a physician.

4.2 Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed

Material is extremely destructive to tissue of the mucous membranes and upper respiratory tract, eyes, and skin. Spasm, inflammation and oedema of the larynx, spasm, inflammation and oedema of the bronchi, pneumonitis, pulmonary oedema, burning sensation, cough, wheezing, laryngitis, shortness of breath, headache, nausea.

### 5. Firefighting measures

5.1 Extinguishing media

Suitable extinguishing media

Use water spray, alcohol-resistant foam, dry chemical or carbon dioxide.

5.2 Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture

Hydrogen iodide, potassium oxides, mercury/mercury oxides.

5.3 Advice for firefighters

Wear self-contained breathing apparatus for firefighting if necessary.

## 6. Accidental release measures

6.1 Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

Wear respiratory protection. Avoid breathing vapors, mist or gas. Ensure adequate ventilation.

Evacuate personnel to safe areas.

6.2 Environmental precautions

Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so. Do not let product enter drains. Discharge into the environment must be avoided.

6.3 Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up

Soak up with inert absorbent material and dispose of as hazardous waste. Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal.

## 7. Handling and storage

7.1 Precautions for safe handling

Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Avoid inhalation of vapour or mist.

7.2 Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Store in cool place. Keep container tightly closed in a dry and well-ventilated place. Containers which are opened must be carefully resealed and kept upright to prevent leakage. Light sensitive.

## 8. Exposure controls/personal protection

8.1 Control parameters

Occupational Exposure Limits Table

Component	CAS No	Value	Control parameters	Basis
Potassium hydroxide	1310-58-3	WES-Ceiling	2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	New Zealand. Workplace Exposure Standards for Atmospheric Contaminants
Dipotassium tetraiodomercurate	7783-33-7	WES-TWA	0.025 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	New Zealand. Workplace Exposure Standards for Atmospheric Contaminants

8.2 Exposure controls

Appropriate engineering controls

Avoid contact with skin, eyes and clothing. Wash hands before breaks and immediately after handling the product.

Personal protective equipment

Eye/face protection

Face shield and safety glasses. Use equipment for eye protection tested and approved under appropriate government standards.

Skin protection

Handle with gloves. Gloves must be inspected prior to use. Use proper glove removal technique (without touching glove's outer surface) to avoid skin contact with this product. Dispose of contaminated gloves after use in accordance with applicable laws and good laboratory practices. Wash and dry hands.

Body Protection

Complete suit protecting against chemicals. The type of protective equipment must be selected according to the concentration and amount of the dangerous substance at the specific workplace.

Respiratory protection

Where risk assessment shows air-purifying respirators are appropriate use a full-face particle respirator type or respirator cartridges as a backup to engineering controls. If the respirator is the sole means of protection, use a full-face supplied air respirator. Use respirators and components tested and approved under appropriate government standards.

## 9. Physical and chemical properties

### 9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties

#### a) Appearance

Form: liquid

#### b) Relative density

1.150 g/cm<sup>3</sup> at 20 °C

## 10. Toxicological information

### 10.1 Information on toxicological effects

#### Carcinogenicity

IARC: 3 - Group 3: Not classifiable as to its carcinogenicity to humans

#### Potential health effects

##### Inhalation

May be fatal if inhaled. Causes respiratory tract irritation.

##### Ingestion

May be fatal if swallowed.

##### Skin

Toxic if absorbed through skin. Causes skin irritation.

##### Eyes

Causes serious eye irritation.

#### Signs and Symptoms of Exposure

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## 11. Ecological information

Very toxic to aquatic life.

## 12. Disposal considerations

### 12.1 Waste treatment methods

#### Product

Offer surplus and non-recyclable solutions to a licensed disposal company.

#### Contaminated packaging

Dispose of as unused product.

## 13. Transport Information Table

		ADR/RID – European packaging certification	IMDG International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code	IATA – DGR International Air Travel Association – Dangerous Goods Regulations
14.1	UN Number	2922	2922	2922
14.2	UN Proper Shipping name	CORROSIVE LIQUID, TOXIC, N.O.S.	CORROSIVE LIQUID, TOXIC, N.O.S.	Corrosive liquid, toxic, n.o.s.
14.3	Transport Hazard Class	8 (6.1)	8 (6.1)	8 (6.1)

14.4	Packaging group	II	II	II
14.5	Environmental Hazards	Yes	Yes	No
14.6	Special precautions for user	None.		

**15. Regulatory information**

15.1 Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture  
National regulatory information  
HSNO Group Standard Approval: Outside of Group Standard  
Tracking Required: 6.1A, 9.3A  
Approved Handler Cert.: 6.1A, 9.3A

**16. Disclaimer**

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