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## Section 1. Identification

### 1.1 Product Identifier 1780

Product Name POTASSIUM HYDROXIDE 0.1M (N/10)  
CAS Number Mixture  
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.

### 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.

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## Section 2. Hazards Identification

### 2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture

#### Classification according to regulation 1272/2008/EC

Skin corrosion/irritation, category 2 H315: Causes skin irritation.  
Serious eye damage/irritation, category 2 H319: Causes serious eye irritation.

### 2.2 Label elements

#### Labelling according to regulation 1272/2008/EC

Signal word Warning

Hazard Pictograms



Hazard Statements Causes skin irritation. Causes serious eye irritation.

Precautionary Statements Wash thoroughly after handling. Wear protective gloves / protective clothing / eye protection. IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses if present and easy to do and continue rinsing. If eye irritation persists: Get medical advice/attention. If skin irritation occurs: Get medical advice/attention.

## Section 3. Composition

### 3.2 Mixtures

Component	CAS No.	EEC No.	REACH No.	Conc w/w	CLP Classification (1272/2008/CE)
Potassium hydroxide				0.6%	Skin Irrit. 2, Eye Irrit. 2

## 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. If irritation persists or there is any sign of skin damage, seek IMMEDIATE MEDICAL ASSISTANCE
Inhalation	Remove from exposure.
Ingestion	If conscious give plenty of water to drink. Do not induce vomiting. OBTAIN MEDICAL ATTENTION URGENTLY.
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	Presents no specific fire danger.
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### 5.3 Advice for firefighters

Advice for firefighters	Consider all other materials in the vicinity.
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## Section 6. Accidental Release Measures

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

Personal Protection	Use approved personal protective equipment.
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### 6.2 Environmental precautions

Environmental	Keep non-neutralised 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	Contain spill with inert material. Neutralise with 5M hydrochloric acid. 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 vapours. Do not allow to contaminate clothing.

Ensure Local Exhaust Ventilation maintains vapour concentrations below the recommended limits.

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

Store in a dry place protected against moisture and water. Keep well separated from acids, metals, explosives, organic peroxides and ignitable materials.

### 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 hydroxide		0.6%	-	-	-	-

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 vapour concentrations to a minimum. If not, use a well maintained chemical cartridge respirator, or use self contained breathing apparatus.
Hand Protection	Use nitrile gloves or PVC gauntlets.
Eye Protection	Use tightly fitting chemical splash proof glasses or goggles.
Skin Protection	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	Clear colourless liquid.
Odour	Odourless.
pH	14 @ 20°C
Boiling Point	Aqueous solution
Melting Point	Not applicable
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	1.0032
Water Solubility	Completely soluble in water.

### 9.2 Other information

No data available.

## Section 10. Stability & Reactivity

10.1 Reactivity No data available.

<b>10.2</b>	Chemical Stability	Stable under normal conditions
<b>10.3</b>	Possibility of hazardous reactions	No data available.
<b>10.4</b>	Conditions to Avoid	No specific conditions.
<b>10.5</b>	Incompatible Materials	Acids. Reacts with aluminium and zinc to produce extremely flammable hydrogen gas.
<b>10.6</b>	Hazardous Decomposition Products	None unusual.

## Section 11. Toxicological Information

### 11.1 Information on toxicological effects

Eyes	The liquid will irritate the eyes and can cause conjunctivitis.
Skin	The liquid will be irritating to the skin.
LD50 Skin	Not available
Ingestion	Ingestion of large amounts may cause nausea, abdominal discomfort, vomiting and diarrhoea.
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

<b>12.1</b>	Toxicity	No data available.
	LC50 Algal	Not available
	LC50 Crustacea	Not available
	LC50 Fish	Not available
<b>12.2</b>	Persistence and degradability	No data available.
<b>12.3</b>	Bioaccumulative potential	No data available.
<b>12.4</b>	Mobility in soil	No data available.
<b>12.5</b>	Results of PBT & vPvB assessment	Assessment not required.
<b>12.6</b>	Other adverse effects	None known at present.

## Section 13. Disposal Considerations

### 13.1 Waste treatment methods

## Section 14. Transport Information

<b>14.1 UN Number</b>	Non-restricted
<b>14.2 Proper Shipping Name</b>	Non-restricted
<b>14.3 Transport classes</b>	
UN classification	None
Subsidiary hazard(s)	None
Transport category	None
ADR Hazard ID	Non-restricted
Tunnel Restriction Code	Non-restricted
<b>14.4 Packing Group</b>	None
<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)

Classification Skin corrosion/irritation, category 2; Serious eye damage/irritation, category 2

Signal word Warning

Hazard Pictograms



Hazard Statements H315, H319  
Causes skin irritation. Causes serious eye irritation.

Precautionary Statements P264, P280, P305+P351+P338, P337+P313, P332+P313  
Wash thoroughly after handling. Wear protective gloves / protective clothing / eye protection. IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses if present and easy to do and continue rinsing. If eye irritation persists: Get medical advice/attention. If skin irritation occurs: Get medical advice/attention.

### 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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