

## SAFETY DATA SHEET

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### 1. Identification

**Product Name** Potassium carbonate sesquihydrate, reagent ACS

**Cat No. :** P179-500

**CAS-No** 6381-79-9  
**Synonyms** Potash sesqui; Dipotassium salt of carbonic acid sesquihydrate; Pearl ash sesquihydrate

**Recommended Use** Laboratory chemicals.  
**Uses advised against** Not for food, drug, pesticide or biocidal product use

#### Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

##### Company

##### **Importer/Distributor**

Fisher Scientific  
112 Colonnade Road,  
Ottawa, ON K2E 7L6,  
Canada  
Tel: 1-800-234-7437

##### **Manufacturer**

Fisher Scientific  
One Reagent Lane  
Fair Lawn, NJ 07410  
Tel: (201) 796-7100

##### **Emergency Telephone Number**

CHEMTREC®, Inside the USA: 800-424-9300  
CHEMTREC®, Outside the USA: 001-703-527-3887

### 2. Hazard(s) identification

#### Classification

**WHMIS 2015 Classification** Classified as hazardous under the Hazardous Products Regulations (SOR/2015-17)

<b>Acute oral toxicity</b>	Category 4
<b>Skin Corrosion/Irritation</b>	Category 2
<b>Serious Eye Damage/Eye Irritation</b>	Category 2
<b>Specific target organ toxicity (single exposure)</b>	Category 3
Target Organs - Respiratory system.	

#### Label Elements

##### **Signal Word**

Warning

##### **Hazard Statements**

Harmful if swallowed  
Causes skin irritation  
Causes serious eye irritation  
May cause respiratory irritation

**Precautionary Statements****Prevention**

Avoid breathing dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray  
 Wash face, hands and any exposed skin thoroughly after handling  
 Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product  
 Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area  
 Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection

**Response**

IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water  
 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  
 Call a POISON CENTER/ doctor if you feel unwell  
 Rinse mouth  
 Take off contaminated clothing

**Storage**

Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed  
 Store locked up

**Disposal**

Dispose of contents/container to an approved waste disposal plant

### 3. Composition/Information on Ingredients

Component	CAS-No	Weight %
Carbonic acid, dipotassium salt, sesquihydrate	6381-79-9	98.5

### 4. First-aid measures

<b>Eye Contact</b>	Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids, for at least 15 minutes. Get medical attention.
<b>Skin Contact</b>	Wash off immediately with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Obtain medical attention.
<b>Inhalation</b>	Move to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. Do not use mouth-to-mouth method if victim ingested or inhaled the substance; give artificial respiration with the aid of a pocket mask equipped with a one-way valve or other proper respiratory medical device. Obtain medical attention.
<b>Ingestion</b>	Do not induce vomiting. Call a physician or Poison Control Center immediately.
<b>Most important symptoms/effects</b>	Causes burns by all exposure routes. Ingestion causes severe swelling, severe damage to the delicate tissue and danger of perforation
<b>Notes to Physician</b>	Treat symptomatically

### 5. Fire-fighting measures

<b>Suitable Extinguishing Media</b>	Water spray. Carbon dioxide (CO <sub>2</sub> ). Dry chemical. Chemical foam.
<b>Unsuitable Extinguishing Media</b>	No information available

**Flash Point** No information available  
**Method -** No information available

**Autoignition Temperature** Not applicable  
**Explosion Limits**  
**Upper** No data available  
**Lower** No data available  
**Sensitivity to Mechanical Impact** No information available  
**Sensitivity to Static Discharge** No information available

**Specific Hazards Arising from the Chemical**

Keep product and empty container away from heat and sources of ignition.

**Hazardous Combustion Products**

None known

**Protective Equipment and Precautions for Firefighters**

As in any fire, wear self-contained breathing apparatus pressure-demand, MSHA/NIOSH (approved or equivalent) and full protective gear.

**NFPA**

Health	Flammability	Instability	Physical hazards
2	0	1	N/A

**6. Accidental release measures**

**Personal Precautions** Use personal protective equipment. Ensure adequate ventilation.  
**Environmental Precautions** Should not be released into the environment.

**Methods for Containment and Clean Up** Provide adequate ventilation. Sweep up or vacuum up spillage and collect in suitable container for disposal. Avoid dust formation.

**7. Handling and storage**

**Handling** Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Do not breathe dust. Do not ingest. Wash hands before breaks and immediately after handling the product.

**Storage** Keep in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed. Keep containers tightly closed in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place. Corrosives area.

**8. Exposure controls / personal protection**

**Exposure Guidelines** This product does not contain any hazardous materials with occupational exposure limits established by the region specific regulatory bodies.

**Engineering Measures**

Ensure adequate ventilation, especially in confined areas. Ensure that eyewash stations and safety showers are close to the workstation location.

Wherever possible, engineering control measures such as the isolation or enclosure of the process, the introduction of process or equipment changes to minimise release or contact, and the use of properly designed ventilation systems, should be adopted to control hazardous materials at source

**Personal protective equipment**

**Eye Protection** Goggles  
**Hand Protection** Protective gloves

Glove material	Breakthrough time	Glove thickness	Glove comments
Natural rubber Nitrile rubber	See manufacturers recommendations		Splash protection only

Neoprene  
PVC

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Inspect gloves before use. observe the instructions regarding permeability and breakthrough time which are provided by the supplier of the gloves. (Refer to manufacturer/supplier for information) gloves are suitable for the task: Chemical compatability, Dexterity, Operational conditions, User susceptibility, e.g. sensitisation effects, also take into consideration the specific local conditions under which the product is used, such as the danger of cuts, abrasion. gloves with care avoiding skin contamination.

#### Respiratory Protection

When workers are facing concentrations above the exposure limit they must use appropriate certified respirators. Follow the OSHA respirator regulations found in 29 CFR 1910.134 or European Standard EN 149. Use a NIOSH/MSHA or European Standard EN 149 approved respirator if exposure limits are exceeded or if irritation or other symptoms are experienced.

To protect the wearer, respiratory protective equipment must be the correct fit and be used and maintained properly

**Recommended Filter type:** Particulates filter conforming to EN 143

When RPE is used a face piece Fit Test should be conducted

#### Environmental exposure controls

No information available.

#### Hygiene Measures

Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice. Keep away from food, drink and animal feeding stuffs. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. Remove and wash contaminated clothing before re-use. Wash hands before breaks and at the end of workday.

## 9. Physical and chemical properties

<b>Physical State</b>	Powder Solid
<b>Appearance</b>	White
<b>Odor</b>	Odorless
<b>Odor Threshold</b>	No information available
<b>pH</b>	11.6
<b>Melting Point/Range</b>	891 °C / 1635.8 °F
<b>Boiling Point/Range</b>	No information available
<b>Flash Point</b>	No information available
<b>Evaporation Rate</b>	Not applicable
<b>Flammability (solid,gas)</b>	No information available
<b>Flammability or explosive limits</b>	
<b>Upper</b>	No data available
<b>Lower</b>	No data available
<b>Vapor Pressure</b>	No information available
<b>Vapor Density</b>	Not applicable
<b>Specific Gravity</b>	2.155
<b>Solubility</b>	No information available
<b>Partition coefficient; n-octanol/water</b>	No data available
<b>Autoignition Temperature</b>	Not applicable
<b>Decomposition Temperature</b>	No information available
<b>Viscosity</b>	Not applicable
<b>Molecular Formula</b>	C <sub>2</sub> K <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> . 1.5 H <sub>2</sub> O
<b>Molecular Weight</b>	165.24

## 10. Stability and reactivity

<b>Reactive Hazard</b>	None known, based on information available
<b>Stability</b>	Hygroscopic.
<b>Conditions to Avoid</b>	Incompatible products. Exposure to moist air or water.
<b>Incompatible Materials</b>	Acids, Strong oxidizing agents

**Hazardous Decomposition Products** None under normal use conditions

**Hazardous Polymerization** No information available.

**Hazardous Reactions** None under normal processing.

## 11. Toxicological information

### Acute Toxicity

#### Product Information

#### Component Information

**Toxicologically Synergistic Products** No information available

#### Delayed and immediate effects as well as chronic effects from short and long-term exposure

**Irritation** Irritating to eyes, respiratory system and skin

**Sensitization** No information available

**Carcinogenicity** The table below indicates whether each agency has listed any ingredient as a carcinogen.

Component	CAS-No	IARC	NTP	ACGIH	OSHA	Mexico
Carbonic acid, dipotassium salt, sesquihydrate	6381-79-9	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed

**Mutagenic Effects** No information available

**Reproductive Effects** No information available.

**Developmental Effects** No information available.

**Teratogenicity** No information available.

**STOT - single exposure** Respiratory system

**STOT - repeated exposure** None known

**Aspiration hazard** No information available

**Symptoms / effects, both acute and delayed** Ingestion causes severe swelling, severe damage to the delicate tissue and danger of perforation

**Endocrine Disruptor Information** No information available

**Other Adverse Effects** The toxicological properties have not been fully investigated.

## 12. Ecological information

### Ecotoxicity

Do not empty into drains.

**Persistence and Degradability** Soluble in water Persistence is unlikely based on information available.

**Bioaccumulation/ Accumulation** No information available.

**Mobility** Will likely be mobile in the environment due to its water solubility.

## 13. Disposal considerations

**Waste Disposal Methods** Chemical waste generators must determine whether a discarded chemical is classified as a hazardous waste. Chemical waste generators must also consult local, regional, and national hazardous waste regulations to ensure complete and accurate classification.

## 14. Transport information

<u>DOT</u>	Not regulated
<u>TDG</u>	Not regulated
<u>IATA</u>	Not regulated
<u>IMDG/IMO</u>	Not regulated

## 15. Regulatory information

### International Inventories

Component	DSL	NDSL	TSCA	EINECS	ELINCS	NLP	PICCS	ENCS	AICS	IECSC	KECL
Carbonic acid, dipotassium salt, sesquihydrate	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	X	-	-

### Canada

SDS in compliance with provisions of information as set out in Canadian Standard - Part 4, Schedule 1 and 2 of the Hazardous Products Regulations (HPR) and meets the requirements of the HPR (Paragraph 13(1)(a) of the Hazardous Products Act (HPA)).

## 16. Other information

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