# **Safety Data Sheet**



#### **Advanced Nutrients pH-Up**

#### Section 1. Identification

use

GHS product identifier : Advanced Nutrients pH-Up

Other means of : Product Code: 3850 identification Formula Code: 001A

**Recommended use of the**: A solution used to maintain optimum pH level for proper chemical and restriction on plant growth when the pH of the nutrient solution or

growing medium gets too low. Not to be used as food or

feed in any forms.

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#### Section 2. Hazard Identification

GHS classification of the : Acute Toxic – Category 4
substance/mixture : Skin Corrosion -1A

GHS label elements

Pictogram symbol :

Signal word : Warning Danger
Hazard statement : Harmful if swallowed or inhaled.

Causes severe skin burn or eye damage.

**Precautionary statement** 

**General** : Read label before use.

Keep out of reach of children.

If medical advice is needed, have product

container/label at hand.

**Prevention**: Wash hands thoroughly after handling.

Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.



Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye

protection /face protection.

Avoid breathing fume/gas/mist/vapours spray. Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area.

**Response** : If swallowed: call a poison center or doctor if you feel

unwell. Rinse mouth thoroughly. Do not induce

vomiting.

If on skin (hair): take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with plenty of water. Wash contaminated clothings before use. Call

a poison center or doctor if you feel unwell.

If inhaled: Remove person to fresh air and kept comfortable for breathing. Immediately poison

center or doctor if you feel unwell.

If in eyes: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy

to do. Continue rinsing.

**Storage** : Store in cool and dry place. Store locked up.

**Disposal**: Dispose of contents and container in accordance with

local, regional, national and international

regulations.

Other hazards (not covered

the GHS

: Not applicable.

## Section 3. Composition/Information on Ingredients

**Substance/Mixture**: Mixture

Chemical identityCommon name/synonymCAS number and otherNot applicableNot applicable

unique identifiers

**Impurities and stabilizing** : Not applicable

additives

Ingredient name	CAS number	% (w/w)	Classification according to OSHA Law and Regulations
Potassium Hydroxide	1310-58-3	35-50	N/A

The chemical identity of the remaining ingredients and their exact proportions used in the mixture are a proprietary trade secret (protected by the Confidential Business Information –CBI) and, within the current knowledge of the manufacturer and in the concentration applicable, they are not hazardous to health or the environment.



### Section 4. First-aid Measures

#### **Description of necessary measures**

Self-protection of first-

aiders

: No action shall be taken involving any personal risk or without suitable training. If it is suspected that fumes are still present, the rescuer should wear an appropriate mask or self-

contained breathing apparatus.

General information : Remove contaminated clothing immediately. In case of

accident or unwellness, seek medical attention immediately.

Inhalation : Remove victim to fresh air. Give artificial respiration only if

breathing has stopped. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen.

Seek immediate medical attention.

**Skin contact**: Remove contaminated clothing. Wash affected area with soap

and water. Seek medical attention if irritation occurs or

persists.

**Eye contact**: Check for and remove any contact lenses. Flush immediately

with water for at least 20 minutes. Forcibly hold eyelids apart to ensure complete irrigation of eye tissue. Seek immediate

medical attention.

**Ingestion** : Do not induce vomiting. If vomiting occurs, lean victim

forward to prevent breathing in vomit. Give a cup of water to dilute. Do not give anything by mouth to an unconscious or  $\frac{1}{2}$ 

convulsing person. Seek immediate medical attention.

Most important symptoms/effects, acute and delayed:

Inhalation : Exposure to decomposition products may cause a health

hazard. Serious effects may be delayed following exposure.

**Skin contact**: Immediate severe skin burn due to skin contact.

Eye contact : If in eyes it causes sever eye irritation.

Ingestion : Irritating to mouth, throat and stomach.

Indication of immediate medical attention and special treatment needed:

Notes to physician : Probable mucosal damage may contraindicate the use of

gastric lavage.

**Specific treatments** : No specific treatment.

See also toxicological information (Section 11).

## **Section 5. Fire-fighting Methods**



Suitable extinguishing media

: Where fire is involved use any fire fighting agent that is appropriate extinguishing media for material that is supplying

the fuel to the fire.

: Not known.

Unsuitable extinguishing

media
Specific bazards arising from

Specific hazards arising from the chemical

Special protective equipment for fire-fighters

: The product may react with metals such as aluminum, tin, zinc

to form flammable and explosive hydrogen gas.

: Fire-fighters should wear appropriate protective equipment and self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) with a full

face-piece operated in positive pressure mode.

Special protective

precautions for fire-fighters

: No special protection is required.

#### Section 6. Accidental Release Measures

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

For non-emergency personnel

: Avoid breathing vapor or mist. Provide adequate ventilation. Wear appropriate respirator when ventilation is inadequate. Put on appropriate personal protective equipment.

For emergency personnel

: If specialized clothing is required to deal with the spillage, take note of any information in Section 8 on suitable and unsuitable materials. See also the information in "For non-emergency personnel".

**Environmental precautions** 

: Avoid dispersal of spilled material and runoff and contact with soil, waterways, drains and sewers. Inform the relevant authorities if the product has caused environmental pollution (sewers, waterways, soil or air).

#### Methods and materials for containment and clean up

**Small spill** 

: Stop leak if without risk. Move containers from spill area. Use spark-proof tools and explosion-proof equipment. Dilute with water and mop up if water-soluble. Do not absorb in sawdust or other combustible material. It may lead to a fire risk when it dries out. Alternatively, or if water-insoluble, absorb with an inert dry material and place in an appropriate waste disposal container. Dispose via a licensed waste disposal contractor.

Large spill

: Stop leak if without risk. Move containers from spill area. Use spark-proof tools and explosion-proof equipment. Approach release from upwind. Prevent entry into sewers, water courses, basements or confined areas. Do not absorb in sawdust or other combustible material. It may lead to a fire risk when it dries out. Wash spillages into an effluent treatment plant or proceed as follows. Contain and collect spillage with noncombustible, absorbent material e.g. sand, earth, vermiculite



or diatomaceous earth and place in container for disposal according to local regulations. Dispose via a licensed waste disposal contractor. Contaminated absorbent material may pose the same hazard as the spilled product.

## **Section 7. Handling and Storage**

#### **Precautions for safe handling**

Advice on general hygiene

: Eating, drinking and smoking should be prohibited in areas where this material is handled, stored and processed. Workers should wash hands and face before eating, drinking and smoking. Remove contaminated clothing and protective equipment before entering eating areas. See also Section 8 for additional information on hygiene measures.

**Protective measures** 

: Put on appropriate personal protective equipment (see Section 8). Do not ingest. Avoid contact with eyes, skin and clothing. Avoid breathing vapor or mist. Use only with adequate ventilation. Wear appropriate respirator when ventilation is inadequate. Keep in the original container or an approved alternative made from a compatible material, kept tightly closed when not in use. Empty containers retain product residue and can be hazardous. Do not reuse container.

## Conditions for safe storage and any incompatibilities

: Store in accordance with local regulations. Store in original container protected from direct sunlight in a dry, cool and well-ventilated area, away from incompatible materials (see Section 10) and food and drink. Store locked up. Keep container tightly closed and sealed until ready for use. Containers that have been opened must be carefully resealed and kept upright to prevent leakage. Do not store in unlabeled containers. Use appropriate containment to avoid environmental contamination.

## **Section 8. Exposure Controls/Personal Protection**

#### **Control parameters**

Occupational exposure

limits

Biological limit values

Appropriate engineering

controls

: Potassium hydroxide: Ceiling: 2mg/m³ [ACGIH (TLV) OSHA

(PEL) NIOSH (IDL), Mexico OEL (TWA)]

: None.

: Use only with adequate ventilation. If user operations generate dust, fumes, gas, vapor or mist, use process enclosures, local exhaust ventilation or other engineering



controls

**Environmental exposure** 

controls to keep worker exposure to airborne contaminants below any recommended or statutory limits.

: Emissions from ventilation or work process equipment should be checked to ensure they comply with the requirements of environmental protection legislation.

## **Individual protection measures**

**Hygiene measures** 

Wash hands, forearms and face thoroughly after handling chemical products, before eating, smoking and using the lavatory and at the end of the working period. Ensure that eyewash stations and safety showers are close to the workstation location.

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

: PPE should be used in conjunction with other control measures, including engineering controls, ventilation and isolation. See Section 5 (Fire-fighting measures) of the SDS for specific fire/chemical PPE advice.

Eye/face protection

: Safety eyewear complying with an approved standard should be used when a risk assessment indicates this is necessary to avoid exposure to liquid splashes, mists, gases or dusts.

**Skin protection** 

Chemical-resistant, impervious gloves complying with an approved standard should be worn at all times when handling chemical products if a risk assessment indicates this is necessary. Personal protective equipment for the body should be selected based on the task being performed and the risks involved and should be approved by a specialist before handling this product. Appropriate footwear and any additional skin protection measures should be selected based on the task being performed and the risks involved and should be approved by a specialist before handling this product.

Respiratory protection

: Use a properly fitted, air-purifying or supplied air respirator complying with an approved standard if a risk assessment indicates this is necessary. Respirator selection must be based on known or anticipated exposure levels, the hazards of the product and the safe working limits of the selected respirator.

Thermal hazards : None.

## Section 9. Physical and Chemical Properties

Appearance (physical state) : Colorless.

Odor : Odorless

Odor threshold : Odorless

**pH** : 13.5 (0.1M Solution)

Melting point/Freezing : -29°C (-20.2°F)

point



**Initial boiling point and** : 132.2°C (270°F)

boiling range

Flash point : Not applicable

**Evaporation rate** : Slightly less than water

Flammability (solid, gas) : Not flammable
Upper/lower flammability : Not applicable

or explosive limits

Vapor pressure: 39 mm Hg at 60°CVapor density: Not availableRelative density: 1.450 (at 20°C)Solubility (ies): Miscible in water

octanol/water

Partition coefficient: n-

Auto-ignition temperature : Not applicable

Decomposition temperature : Not available

Viscosity : Not available

## Section 10. Stability and Reactivity

**Reactivity** : No specific test data related to reactivity available for this

product or its ingredients.

Chemical stability : Normally stable. Will absorb carbon dioxide from the air to

form potassium carbonate.

**Possibility of hazardous** 

reactions

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: Under normal conditions of storage and use, hazardous

reactions will not occur.

**Conditions to avoid** : Keep from freezing. Avoid contact with skin, eyes or

ingestion.

: Not available

**Incompatible materials** : Reacts vigorously or violently with many organic and inorganic

chemicals such as: acids, acrolein, acrylonitrile, chlorinated hydrocarbons (ie: 1,2 dichloroethylene, trichloroethylene), chlorine dioxide, maleic anhydride, nitroethane, nitroparaffins, 2-nitrophenol, nitropropane, phosphorus, potassium persulphate, and tetrahydrofuran (containing peroxides). Will react with aluminum, tin, zinc or sodium borohydride forming hydrogen gas. Mixing with water can cause spattering and

release of large amounts of heat.

**Hazardous decomposition** 

products

: Under normal conditions of storage and use, hazardous

decomposition products should not be produced.

## **Section 11. Toxicological Information**



Acute toxicity								
Ingredient	Toxicity		Species	Dose	Remark			
Potassium	Oral LD50		Rat	273 mg/kg bw	,			
Hydroxide	Inhalation LC5	0	Not available	Not available				
Dermal LD50			Not available Not available					
Skin corrosion/	irritation	:	It causes severe sk	in burn.				
Serious eye dar	mage/	:	It causes severe eye damage.					
irritation								
Respiratory or	Respiratory or skin		No data available.					
sensitization								
Germ cell muta	genicity	:	No data available.					
Carcinogenicity	•	:	One study was identified relative to potassium hydroxide and					
			carcinogenicity. Mice painted with a 3 to 6% aqueous					
			potassium hydroxide solution for 46 weeks developed skin					
			tumors. This study	was conducte	d in 1925 and the adequacy			
				_	nown. No conclusions can be			
				•	n hydroxide is not listed on			
			the IARC, OSHA or NTP carcinogen lists.					
Reproductive toxicity :		:	No data available.					
STOT-single exp		:	No data available.					
STOT-repeated	-	:	No data available.					
Aspiration haza		:	No data available.					
=			alth effects and Sy	mptoms related	d to the physical, chemical			
and toxicological characteristics								
Eye contact	t	:	=		The symptoms may include			
irritation, watering and redness.								
Inhalation :		It harmful if inhaled.						
Skin contact :		A study with a 10% solution showed severe tissue damage						
I a contra a			when applied to skin for 4 hours.					
Ingestion		•	It is harmful if ingested. Irritating to mouth, throat and stomach. There is no known health effect.					
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Potent	ial delayed	:	: No data available.					
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Potential Chronic health : No data available.

effect

Numerical measures of toxicity
Acute toxicity estimate

Oral : No data available.

Inhalation of vapors : No data available.

## **Section 12. Ecological Information**

Toxicity
Ingredient Result Species Exposure Reference

name

Potassium Acute LC50 80 mg/L Mosquito Fish 25 hours ClearTech

Hydroxide

Persistence and : No data available.

degradability

Bio accumulative potential : No data available.

Mobility in soil : No data available.

Other adverse effects : May cause shifts in water pH outside the range of pH 5-10. This

change may be toxic to aquatic organisms.

## **Section 13. Disposal Considerations**

Disposal of waste methods: Disposal of all waste must be done in accordance with municipal, provincial and federal regulations. Dispose of surplus and non-recyclable products via a licensed waste disposal contractor. No sewage disposal!!

**Contaminated packaging** : Empty containers should be recycled or disposed of

through an approved waste management facility. Persons conducting disposal, recycling or reclamation activities should follow the information in Section 8 of this SDS.

## **Section 14. Transport Information**

Identification of ingredients according to UN Model Regulations			
UN number	1814		
UN proper shipping name	Potassium Hydroxide Solution		
Transport hazard class(es)	8		



Packing group	II
Special precaution for user	<b>Transport within user's premises:</b> always transport in closed containers that are upright and secure. Ensure that persons transporting the product know what to do in the event of an accident or spillage.
Transport in bulk	Not applicable (≤ 1000L-container).

#### **Environmental hazards**

Ingredient's name	IMDG	UN	ADR	RID	ADN
Potassium Hydroxide	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

## **Section 15. Regulatory Information**

Safety, health and environmental regulations	:	Potassium Hydroxide (1310-58-3) listed
specific for the product in question		in Hazard Class under SARA (311,312)

#### Section 16. Other Information

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**Key Acronyms:** 

**ACGIH** : American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists

ADN : The European Agreement concerning the International

Transport of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterways

ADR : The European Agreement concerning the International

Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road

BW : Body Weight

IATA : International Air Transport Association shipment of

Dangerous Goods Regulation

**IDLH** Immediately Dangerous To Life or Health

**IMDG** : International Maritime Dangerous Goods code

NIOSH : National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health

PEL Permissible exposure limits

RID : The Regulation concerning the International Carriage of

Dangerous Goods by Rail

SARA : Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act

SDS : Safety Data SheetTLV : Treshold Limit ValueTWA : Time-Weighted Average

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