



SAFETY DATA SHEET
BIOHUMATE

SECTION 1: Identification of the substance/mixture and of the company/undertaking

1.1. Product identifier

Product name BIOHUMATE
Product number 5

1.2. Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against

Identified uses Agriculture

1.3. Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

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1.4. Emergency telephone number

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SECTION 2: Hazards identification

2.1. Classification of the substance or mixture

Classification

Physical hazards

Not Classified

Health hazards

Skin Irrit. 2 - H315 Eye Irrit. 2 - H319

Environmental hazards

Not Classified

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2.2. Label elements

Pictogram



Signal word

Warning

Hazard statements

H315 Causes skin irritation.

H319 Causes serious eye irritation.

Precautionary statements

P264 Wash contaminated skin thoroughly after handling.

P280 Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection.

P302+P352 IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of water.

P305+P351+P338 IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.

P321 Specific treatment (see medical advice on this label).

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

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

P362+P364 Take off contaminated clothing and wash it before reuse.

2.3. Other hazards

SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients

3.2. Mixtures

POTASSIUM HYDROXIDE		1-5%
CAS number: 1310-58-3 EC number: 215-181-3		
Classification	Classification (67/548/EEC or 1999/45/EC)	
Met. Corr. 1 - H290	Xn; R22. C; R35	
Acute Tox. 4 - H302		
Skin Corr. 1A - H314		
Eye Dam. 1 - H318		

The Full Text for all R-Phrases and Hazard Statements are Displayed in Section 16.

SECTION 4: First aid measures

4.1. Description of first aid measures

Inhalation

Move affected person to fresh air at once. Get medical attention if any discomfort continues.

Ingestion

Rinse mouth thoroughly with water. Give plenty of water to drink. Get medical attention immediately.

Skin contact

Remove contaminated clothing immediately and wash skin with soap and water. Get medical attention if symptoms are severe or persist after washing.

Eye contact

Remove any contact lenses and open eyelids wide apart. Rinse immediately with plenty of water. Continue to rinse for at least 15 minutes. Get medical attention if any discomfort continues.

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

General information

Persons suffering from asthma, eczema or skin problems should avoid contact, including dermal contact, with this product. See Section 11 for additional information on health hazards.

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

Notes for the doctor

No specific recommendations.

SECTION 5: Firefighting measures

5.1. Extinguishing media

Suitable extinguishing media

Extinguish with the following media: Water spray, foam, dry powder or carbon dioxide.

5.2. Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture

Specific hazards

Toxic gases or vapours.

5.3. Advice for firefighters

Protective actions during firefighting

Containers close to fire should be removed or cooled with water.

Special protective equipment for firefighters

Wear positive-pressure self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) and appropriate protective clothing.

SECTION 6: Accidental release measures

6.1. Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

Personal precautions

Wear suitable protective equipment, including gloves, goggles/face shield, respirator, boots, clothing or apron, as appropriate. No smoking, sparks, flames or other sources of ignition near spillage.

6.2. Environmental precautions

Environmental precautions

Do not discharge into drains or watercourses or onto the ground.

6.3. Methods and material for containment and cleaning up

Methods for cleaning up

Keep combustible materials away from spillage. Eliminate all sources of ignition. Provide adequate ventilation. Contain and absorb spillage with sand, earth or other non-combustible material. The contaminated absorbent may pose the same hazard as the spilled material. Collect and place in suitable waste disposal containers and seal securely. Label the containers containing waste and contaminated materials and remove from the area as soon as possible. Wash thoroughly after dealing with a spillage.

6.4. Reference to other sections

SECTION 7: Handling and storage

7.1. Precautions for safe handling

Usage precautions

Wear protective clothing as described in Section 8 of this safety data sheet. Avoid contact with skin, eyes and clothing.

Advice on general occupational hygiene

Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. Wash at the end of each work shift and before eating, smoking and using the toilet.

7.2. Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Storage precautions

Store in tightly-closed, original container in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place. Keep away from heat, sparks and open flame. Protect from freezing and direct sunlight.

7.3. Specific end use(s)

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SECTION 8: Exposure Controls/personal protection

8.1. Control parameters

Occupational exposure limits

POTASSIUM HYDROXIDE

Long-term exposure limit (8-hour TWA): WEL

Short-term exposure limit (15-minute): WEL 2 mg/m³

WEL = Workplace Exposure Limit

8.2. Exposure controls

Protective equipment



Appropriate engineering controls

Provide adequate ventilation.

Eye/face protection

Eyewear complying with an approved standard should be worn if a risk assessment indicates eye contact is possible. The following protection should be worn: Chemical splash goggles or face shield.

Hand protection

Chemical-resistant, impervious gloves complying with an approved standard should be worn if a risk assessment indicates skin contact is possible.

Other skin and body protection

Wear appropriate clothing to prevent any possibility of skin contact. Wear apron or protective clothing in case of contact.

Hygiene measures

No specific hygiene procedures recommended but good personal hygiene practices should always be observed when working with chemical products.

Respiratory protection

No specific recommendations. Respiratory protection may be required if excessive airborne contamination occurs.

Environmental exposure controls

Residues and empty containers should be taken care of as hazardous waste according to local and national provisions.

SECTION 9: Physical and Chemical Properties

9.1. Information on basic physical and chemical properties

Appearance

Liquid.

Colour

Dark brown.

pH

pH (concentrated solution): ~10

Solubility(ies)

Soluble in water.

9.2. Other information

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SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity

10.1. Reactivity

10.2. Chemical stability

Stability

Stable at normal ambient temperatures.

10.3. Possibility of hazardous reactions

Will not polymerise.

10.4. Conditions to avoid

Avoid heat, flames and other sources of ignition.

10.5. Incompatible materials

Materials to avoid

Strong oxidising agents. Strong acids. Strong alkalis.

10.6. Hazardous decomposition products

Thermal decomposition or combustion may liberate carbon oxides and other toxic gases or vapours.

SECTION 11: Toxicological information

11.1. Information on toxicological effects

Acute toxicity - oral

ATE oral (mg/kg)

19,028.57142857

Skin contact

Irritating to skin.

Eye contact

Irritating to eyes.

SECTION 12: Ecological Information

Ecotoxicity

The product is not expected to be hazardous to the environment.

12.1. Toxicity

12.2. Persistence and degradability

Persistence and degradability

The product is expected to be biodegradable.

12.3. Bioaccumulative potential

The product is not bioaccumulating.

12.4. Mobility in soil

Mobility

The product is soluble in water.

12.5. Results of PBT and vPvB assessment

This product does not contain any substances classified as PBT or vPvB.

12.6. Other adverse effects

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SECTION 13: Disposal considerations

13.1. Waste treatment methods

Disposal methods

Dispose of waste product or used containers in accordance with local regulations

SECTION 14: Transport information

General

The product is not covered by international regulations on the transport of dangerous goods (IMDG, IATA, ADR/RID).

14.1. UN number

Not applicable.

14.2. UN proper shipping name

Not applicable.

14.3. Transport hazard class(es)

No transport warning sign required.

14.4. Packing group

Not applicable.

14.5. Environmental hazards

Environmentally hazardous substance/marine pollutant

No.

14.6. Special precautions for user

Not applicable.

14.7. Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL73/78 and the IBC Code

Not applicable.

SECTION 15: Regulatory information

15.1. Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture

EU legislation

Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 December 2008 on classification, labelling and packaging of substances and mixtures (as amended). Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 December 2006 concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH) (as amended).

Guidance

Workplace Exposure Limits EH40.

15.2. Chemical safety assessment

BIOHUMATE**SECTION 16: Other information****Key literature references and sources for data**

European Chemicals Agency, <http://echa.europa.eu/>

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Risk phrases in full

R22 Harmful if swallowed.
R35 Causes severe burns.

Hazard statements in full

H290 May be corrosive to metals.
H302 Harmful if swallowed.
H314 Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.
H315 Causes skin irritation.
H318 Causes serious eye damage.
H319 Causes serious eye irritation.

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