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## Material Safety Data Sheet Nessler Reagent MSDS

### Section 1: Chemical Product and Company Identification

**Product Name:** Nessler Reagent

**Catalog Codes:** SLN1366

**CAS#:** Mixture.

**RTECS:** OU9670000

**TSCA:** TSCA 8(b) inventory: Mercuric iodide; Potassium iodide; Sodium hydroxide; Water

**CI#:** Not applicable.

**Synonym:**

**Chemical Name:** Not applicable.

**Chemical Formula:** Not applicable.

**Contact Information:**

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### Section 2: Composition and Information on Ingredients

**Composition:**

Name	CAS #	% by Weight
Mercuric iodide	7774-29-0	10
Potassium iodide	7681-11-0	7
Sodium hydroxide	1310-73-2	16
Water	7732-18-5	67

**Toxicological Data on Ingredients:** Mercuric iodide: ORAL (LD50): Acute: 18 mg/kg [Rat]. 17 mg/kg [Mouse]. DERMAL (LD50): Acute: 75 mg/kg [Rat]. Potassium iodide LD50: Not available. LC50: Not available. Sodium hydroxide LD50: Not available. LC50: Not available.

### Section 3: Hazards Identification

**Potential Acute Health Effects:**

Very hazardous in case of skin contact (corrosive, irritant), of eye contact (irritant), of ingestion. Hazardous in case of inhalation. Liquid or spray mist may produce tissue damage particularly on mucous membranes of eyes, mouth and respiratory tract. Skin contact may produce burns. Inhalation of the spray mist may produce severe irritation of respiratory tract, characterized by coughing, choking, or shortness of breath. Severe over-exposure can result in death. Inflammation of the eye is characterized by redness, watering, and itching. Skin inflammation is characterized by itching, scaling, reddening, or, occasionally, blistering.

**Potential Chronic Health Effects:**

Very hazardous in case of eye contact (irritant), of ingestion.

Hazardous in case of skin contact (irritant), of inhalation.

Non-corrosive for skin. Non-sensitizer for skin. Non-permeator by skin.

CARCINOGENIC EFFECTS: Not available.

MUTAGENIC EFFECTS: Not available.

TERATOGENIC EFFECTS: Not available.

DEVELOPMENTAL TOXICITY: Not available.

The substance is toxic to kidneys, the nervous system, mucous membranes, lungs.

Repeated or prolonged exposure to the substance can produce target organs damage. Repeated or prolonged

contact with spray mist may produce chronic eye irritation and severe skin irritation. Repeated or prolonged

exposure to spray mist may produce respiratory tract irritation leading to frequent attacks of bronchial infection.

Repeated exposure to an highly toxic material may produce general deterioration of health by an accumulation in one or many human organs.

**Section 4: First Aid Measures****Eye Contact:**

Check for and remove any contact lenses. Immediately flush eyes with running water for at least 15 minutes, keeping eyelids open. Cold water may be used. Do not use an eye ointment. Seek medical attention.

**Skin Contact:**

If the chemical got onto the clothed portion of the body, remove the contaminated clothes as quickly as possible, protecting your own hands and body. Place the victim under a deluge shower. If the chemical got on the victim's exposed skin, such as the hands : Gently and thoroughly wash the contaminated skin with running water and non-abrasive soap. Be particularly careful to clean folds, crevices, creases and groin. Cold water may be used. If irritation persists, seek medical attention. Wash contaminated clothing before reusing.

**Serious Skin Contact:**

Wash with a disinfectant soap and cover the contaminated skin with an anti-bacterial cream. Seek immediate medical attention.

**Inhalation:** Allow the victim to rest in a well ventilated area. Seek immediate medical attention.

**Serious Inhalation:**

Evacuate the victim to a safe area as soon as possible. Loosen tight clothing such as a collar, tie, belt or waistband. If breathing is difficult, administer oxygen. If the victim is not breathing, perform mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. **WARNING:** It may be hazardous to the person providing aid to give mouth-to-mouth resuscitation when the inhaled material is toxic, infectious or corrosive. Seek immediate medical attention.

**Ingestion:**

Do not induce vomiting. Examine the lips and mouth to ascertain whether the tissues are damaged, a possible indication that the toxic material was ingested; the absence of such signs, however, is not conclusive. Loosen tight clothing such as a collar, tie, belt or waistband. If the victim is not breathing, perform mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. Seek immediate medical attention.

**Serious Ingestion:** Not available.

**Section 5: Fire and Explosion Data**

**Flammability of the Product:** Non-flammable.

**Auto-Ignition Temperature:** Not applicable.

**Flash Points:** Not applicable.

**Flammable Limits:** Not applicable.

**Products of Combustion:** Not available.

**Fire Hazards in Presence of Various Substances:** Not applicable.

**Explosion Hazards in Presence of Various Substances:**

Risks of explosion of the product in presence of mechanical impact: Not available.

Risks of explosion of the product in presence of static discharge: Not available.

**Fire Fighting Media and Instructions:** Not applicable.

**Special Remarks on Fire Hazards:** Not available.

**Special Remarks on Explosion Hazards:** Not available.

## Section 6: Accidental Release Measures

**Small Spill:**

Dilute with water and mop up, or absorb with an inert dry material and place in an appropriate waste disposal container. If necessary: Neutralize the residue with a dilute solution of acetic acid.

**Large Spill:**

Corrosive liquid.

Stop leak if without risk. Absorb with DRY earth, sand or other non-combustible material. Do not get water inside container. Do not touch spilled material. Use water spray curtain to divert vapor drift. Prevent entry into sewers, basements or confined areas; dike if needed. Call for assistance on disposal. Neutralize the residue with a dilute solution of acetic acid. Be careful that the product is not present at a concentration level above TLV. Check TLV on the MSDS and with local authorities.

## Section 7: Handling and Storage

**Precautions:**

Keep locked up Keep container dry. Do not ingest. Do not breathe gas/fumes/ vapour/spray. Never add water to this product In case of insufficient ventilation, wear suitable respiratory equipment If ingested, seek medical advice immediately and show the container or the label. Avoid contact with skin and eyes Keep away from incompatibles such as oxidizing agents, acids, moisture.

**Storage:**

May corrode metallic surfaces. Store in a metallic or coated fiberboard drum using a strong polyethylene inner package. Corrosive materials should be stored in a separate safety storage cabinet or room.

## Section 8: Exposure Controls/Personal Protection

**Engineering Controls:**

Provide exhaust ventilation or other engineering controls to keep the airborne concentrations of vapors below their respective threshold limit value. Ensure that eyewash stations and safety showers are proximal to the work-station location.

**Personal Protection:**

Face shield. Full suit. Vapor respirator. Be sure to use an approved/certified respirator or equivalent. Gloves. Boots.

**Personal Protection in Case of a Large Spill:**

Splash goggles. Full suit. Vapor respirator. Boots. Gloves. A self contained breathing apparatus should be used to avoid inhalation of the product. Suggested protective clothing might not be sufficient; consult a specialist BEFORE handling this product.

**Exposure Limits:**

Mercuric iodide

TWA: 0.01 (mg/m<sup>3</sup>) from OSHA (PEL)

TWA: 0.05 CEIL: 0.15 (mg/m<sup>3</sup>) from ACGIH

Sodium hydroxide  
CEIL: 2 (mg/m<sup>3</sup>) from ACGIH [1995]  
Consult local authorities for acceptable exposure limits.

### Section 9: Physical and Chemical Properties

**Physical state and appearance:** Liquid.

**Odor:** Not available.

**Taste:** Not available.

**Molecular Weight:** Not applicable.

**Color:** Not available.

**pH (1% soln/water):** Basic.

**Boiling Point:** The lowest known value is 100°C (212°F) (Water).

**Melting Point:** Not available.

**Critical Temperature:** Not available.

**Specific Gravity:** Weighted average: 1.28 (Water = 1)

**Vapor Pressure:** The highest known value is 17.535 mm of Hg (@ 20°C) (Water).

**Vapor Density:** The highest known value is 0.62 (Air = 1) (Water).

**Volatility:** Not available.

**Odor Threshold:** Not available.

**Water/Oil Dist. Coeff.:** Not available.

**Ionicity (in Water):** Not available.

**Dispersion Properties:** See solubility in water, methanol, acetone.

**Solubility:**

Easily soluble in cold water, hot water.

Partially soluble in methanol, acetone.

### Section 10: Stability and Reactivity Data

**Stability:** The product is stable.

**Instability Temperature:** Not available.

**Conditions of Instability:** Not available.

**Incompatibility with various substances:**

Reactive with oxidizing agents, acids.

Slightly reactive to reactive with metals.

**Corrosivity:**

Extremely corrosive in presence of aluminum.

Slightly corrosive to corrosive in presence of glass, of zinc, of copper.

Non-corrosive in presence of stainless steel(304), of stainless steel(316).

**Special Remarks on Reactivity:** Not available.

**Special Remarks on Corrosivity:** Not available.

**Polymerization:** No.

### Section 11: Toxicological Information

**Routes of Entry:** Eye contact. Inhalation. Ingestion.

**Toxicity to Animals:**

Acute oral toxicity (LD50): 17 mg/kg [Mouse]. (Mercuric iodide).

Acute dermal toxicity (LD50): 75 mg/kg [Rat]. (Mercuric iodide).

**Chronic Effects on Humans:** The substance is toxic to kidneys, the nervous system, mucous membranes, lungs.

**Other Toxic Effects on Humans:**

Very hazardous in case of skin contact (corrosive, irritant), of ingestion.

Hazardous in case of inhalation.

**Special Remarks on Toxicity to Animals:** Not available.

**Special Remarks on Chronic Effects on Humans:** Not available.

**Special Remarks on other Toxic Effects on Humans:** Not available.

### Section 12: Ecological Information

**Ecotoxicity:** Not available.

**BOD5 and COD:** Not available.

**Products of Biodegradation:**

Possibly hazardous short term degradation products are not likely. However, long term degradation products may arise.

**Toxicity of the Products of Biodegradation:** The products of degradation are less toxic than the product itself.

**Special Remarks on the Products of Biodegradation:** May decompose in the presence of light.

### Section 13: Disposal Considerations

**Waste Disposal:**

### Section 14: Transport Information

**DOT Classification:** CLASS 8: Corrosive liquid.

**Identification:** : Corrosive liquid, n.o.s. (Sodium hydroxide; Mercuric iodide, solution) (Sodium hydroxide) : UN2922 PG: II

**Special Provisions for Transport:** Marine Pollutant

### Section 15: Other Regulatory Information

**Federal and State Regulations:**

California prop. 65: This product contains the following ingredients for which the State of California has found to

cause cancer, birth defects or other reproductive harm, which would require a warning under the statute: Mercuric iodide

California prop. 65: This product contains the following ingredients for which the State of California has found to cause birth defects which would require a warning under the statute: Mercuric iodide

Pennsylvania RTK: Mercuric iodide; Sodium hydroxide

Massachusetts RTK: Mercuric iodide; Sodium hydroxide

TSCA 8(b) inventory: Mercuric iodide; Potassium Iodide; Sodium hydroxide; Water

SARA 313 toxic chemical notification and release reporting: Mercuric iodide

CERCLA: Hazardous substances.: Mercuric iodide;

**Other Regulations:** OSHA: Hazardous by definition of Hazard Communication Standard (29 CFR 1910.1200).

**Other Classifications:**

**WHMIS (Canada):**

CLASS D-1A: Material causing immediate and serious toxic effects (VERY TOXIC).

CLASS D-2A: Material causing other toxic effects (VERY TOXIC).

CLASS E: Corrosive liquid.

**DSCL (EEC):**

R21- Harmful in contact with skin.

R28- Very toxic if swallowed.

R35- Causes severe burns.

**HMIS (U.S.A.):**

**Health Hazard:** 2

**Fire Hazard:** 0

**Reactivity:** 2

**Personal Protection:**

**National Fire Protection Association (U.S.A.):**

**Health:** 2

**Flammability:** 0

**Reactivity:** 1

**Specific hazard:**

**Protective Equipment:**

Gloves.

Full suit.

Vapor respirator. Be sure to use an approved/certified respirator or equivalent. Wear appropriate respirator when ventilation is inadequate.

Face shield.

## Section 16: Other Information

**References:** Not available.

**Other Special Considerations:** Not available.

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