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## SECTION 1: IDENTIFICATION OF THE SUBSTANCE/MIXTURE AND OF THE COMPANY/UNDERTAKING

### 1.1. Product identifier

Product Description: **Buffer solution pH 8 (borate) Traceable to NIST**  
Cat No. : **J/2860/17, J/2860/24, J/2860/08, J/2860/15**

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

Recommended Use Laboratory chemicals.  
Uses advised against No Information available

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

Company **UK entity/business name**  
Fisher Scientific UK  
Bishop Meadow Road, Loughborough,  
Leicestershire LE11 5RG, United Kingdom

**EU entity/business name**  
Acros Organics BVBA  
Janssen Pharmaceuticaaan 3a  
2440 Geel, Belgium

E-mail address [begel.sdsdesk@thermofisher.com](mailto:begel.sdsdesk@thermofisher.com)

### 1.4. Emergency telephone number

Tel: 01509 231166  
Chemtrec US: (800) 424-9300  
Chemtrec EU: 001 (202) 483-7616

## SECTION 2: HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

### 2.1. Classification of the substance or mixture

#### CLP Classification - Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008

##### Physical hazards

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

##### Health hazards

##### Environmental hazards

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

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## 2.2. Label elements

### Hazard Statements

### Precautionary Statements

## 2.3. Other hazards

## SECTION 3: COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

### 3.2. Mixtures

Component	CAS-No	EC-No.	Weight %	CLP Classification - Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008
Water	7732-18-5	231-791-2	> 98	-
Potassium chloride	7447-40-7	231-211-8	< 1	-
Boric acid (H3BO3)	10043-35-3	233-139-2	< 0.5	Repr. 1B (H360FD)
Sodium hydroxide	1310-73-2	215-185-5	< 0.1	Skin Corr. 1A (H314) Eye Dam. 1 (H318)

Component	Specific concentration limits (SCL's)	M-Factor	Component notes
Boric acid (H3BO3)	Repr. 1B :: C>=5.5%	-	-
Sodium hydroxide	Skin Corr. 1A :: C>=5% Skin Corr. 1B :: 2%<=C<5% Eye Irrit. 2 :: 0.5%<=C<2% Skin Irrit. 2 :: 0.5%<=C<2%	-	-

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## SECTION 4: FIRST AID MEASURES

### 4.1. Description of 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>	Get medical attention immediately if symptoms occur. Wash off immediately with soap and plenty of water.
<b>Ingestion</b>	Do NOT induce vomiting. Get medical attention immediately if symptoms occur.
<b>Inhalation</b>	Remove to fresh air. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. Get medical attention immediately if symptoms occur.

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**Self-Protection of the First Aider** No special precautions required.

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

No information available.

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

**Notes to Physician** Treat symptomatically.

## **SECTION 5: FIREFIGHTING MEASURES**

### **5.1. Extinguishing media**

#### **Suitable Extinguishing Media**

Substance is nonflammable; use agent most appropriate to extinguish surrounding fire.

#### **Extinguishing media which must not be used for safety reasons**

No information available.

### **5.2. Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture**

Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating gases and vapors.

#### **Hazardous Combustion Products**

Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating gases and vapors, Burning produces obnoxious and toxic fumes.

### **5.3. Advice for firefighters**

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

## **SECTION 6: ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES**

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

Ensure adequate ventilation. Use personal protective equipment as required.

### **6.2. Environmental precautions**

Should not be released into the environment. See Section 12 for additional Ecological Information.

### **6.3. Methods and material for containment and cleaning up**

Soak up with inert absorbent material. Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal.

### **6.4. Reference to other sections**

Refer to protective measures listed in Sections 8 and 13.

## **SECTION 7: HANDLING AND STORAGE**

### **7.1. Precautions for safe handling**

Wear personal protective equipment/face protection. Ensure adequate ventilation. Avoid contact with skin, eyes or clothing. Avoid

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ingestion and inhalation.

## 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 and gloves, including the inside, before re-use. Wash hands before breaks and after work.

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

Keep containers tightly closed in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place.

**Technical Rules for Hazardous Substances (TRGS) 510 Storage Class (LGK)**  
(Germany)

Class 12

## 7.3. Specific end use(s)

Use in laboratories

## SECTION 8: EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

### 8.1. Control parameters

#### Exposure limits

List source(s): **UK** - EH40/2005 Work Exposure Limits, Third edition. Published 2018. **IRE** - 2018 Code of Practice for the Chemical Agents Regulations, Schedule 1. Published by the Health and Safety Authority

Component	The United Kingdom	European Union	Ireland
Boric acid (H3BO3)			TWA: 2 mg/m <sup>3</sup> 8 hr. STEL: 6 mg/m <sup>3</sup> 15 min
Sodium hydroxide	2 mg/m <sup>3</sup> STEL		STEL: 2 mg/m <sup>3</sup> 15 min

#### Biological limit values

This product, as supplied, does not contain any hazardous materials with biological limits established by the region specific regulatory bodies

#### Monitoring methods

BS EN 14042:2003 Title Identifier: Workplace atmospheres. Guide for the application and use of procedures for the assessment of exposure to chemical and biological agents.

**Derived No Effect Level (DNEL)** No information available

Route of exposure	Acute effects (local)	Acute effects (systemic)	Chronic effects (local)	Chronic effects (systemic)
Oral				
Dermal				
Inhalation				

**Predicted No Effect Concentration (PNEC)** No information available.

### 8.2. Exposure controls

#### Engineering Measures

None under normal use conditions.

#### Personal protective equipment

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**Eye Protection** Wear safety glasses with side shields (or goggles) (European standard - EN 166)

**Hand Protection** Protective gloves

Glove material	Breakthrough time	Glove thickness	EU standard	Glove comments
Natural rubber	See manufacturers	-	EN 374	(minimum requirement)
Nitrile rubber	recommendations			
Neoprene				
PVC				

**Skin and body protection** Wear appropriate protective gloves and clothing to prevent skin exposure

Inspect gloves before use.

Please observe the instructions regarding permeability and breakthrough time which are provided by the supplier of the gloves. (Refer to manufacturer/supplier for information)

Ensure gloves are suitable for the task: Chemical compatibility, 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.

Remove gloves with care avoiding skin contamination.

**Respiratory Protection** No protective equipment is needed under normal use conditions.

**Large scale/emergency use** Use a NIOSH/MSHA or European Standard EN 136 approved respirator if exposure limits are exceeded or if irritation or other symptoms are experienced  
**Recommended Filter type:** Particle filter 2

**Small scale/Laboratory use** Maintain adequate ventilation

**Environmental exposure controls** No information available.

## SECTION 9: PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

### 9.1. Information on basic physical and chemical properties

<b>Physical State</b>	Liquid	
<b>Appearance</b>	Colorless	
<b>Odor</b>	No information available	
<b>Odor Threshold</b>	No data available	
<b>Melting Point/Range</b>	No data available	
<b>Softening Point</b>	No data available	
<b>Boiling Point/Range</b>	No information available	
<b>Flammability (liquid)</b>	No data available	
<b>Flammability (solid,gas)</b>	Not applicable	Liquid
<b>Explosion Limits</b>	No data available	
<b>Flash Point</b>	No data available	<b>Method -</b> No information available
<b>Autoignition Temperature</b>	No data available	
<b>Decomposition Temperature</b>	No data available	
<b>pH</b>	8.0	
<b>Viscosity</b>	No data available	
<b>Water Solubility</b>	Miscible	
<b>Solubility in other solvents</b>	No information available	
<b>Partition Coefficient (n-octanol/water)</b>		
<b>Component</b>	<b>log Pow</b>	
Boric acid (H3BO3)	-0.757	
<b>Vapor Pressure</b>	No data available	
<b>Density / Specific Gravity</b>	1.0	
<b>Bulk Density</b>	Not applicable	Liquid
<b>Vapor Density</b>	No data available	(Air = 1.0)

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**Particle characteristics** Not applicable (liquid)

## 9.2. Other information

## SECTION 10: STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

**10.1. Reactivity** None known, based on information available

**10.2. Chemical stability** Stable under normal conditions.

### 10.3. Possibility of hazardous reactions

**Hazardous Polymerization** Hazardous polymerization does not occur.  
**Hazardous Reactions** None under normal processing.

**10.4. Conditions to avoid** None known.

**10.5. Incompatible materials** No information available.

**10.6. Hazardous decomposition products** Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating gases and vapors. Burning produces obnoxious and toxic fumes.

## SECTION 11: TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### 11.1. Information on hazard classes as defined in Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008

#### Product Information

**(a) acute toxicity;**  
**Oral** Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met  
**Dermal** Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met  
**Inhalation** Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

#### Toxicology data for the components

Component	LD50 Oral	LD50 Dermal	LC50 Inhalation
Water	-	-	-
Potassium chloride	LD50 = 2600 mg/kg ( Rat )	-	-
Boric acid (H3BO3)	2660 mg/kg ( Rat )	> 2000 mg/kg ( Rabbit )	Not listed
Sodium hydroxide	LD50 = 325 mg/kg ( Rat )	LD50 = 1350 mg/kg ( Rabbit )	-

**(b) skin corrosion/irritation;** No data available

**(c) serious eye damage/irritation;** No data available

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**(d) respiratory or skin sensitization;**

Respiratory	No data available
Skin	No data available

**(e) germ cell mutagenicity;** No data available

**(f) carcinogenicity;** No data available

There are no known carcinogenic chemicals in this product

**(g) reproductive toxicity;  
Reproductive Effects**

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met  
SUSPECT REPRODUCTIVE HAZARD - CONTAINS MATERIAL WHICH MAY INJURE  
UNBORN CHILD (CAUSE BIRTH DEFECTS) (BASED ON ANIMAL DATA).

**(h) STOT-single exposure;** No data available

**(i) STOT-repeated exposure;** No data available

Target Organs	No information available.
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**(j) aspiration hazard;** No data available

**Symptoms / effects, both acute and delayed** No information available.

**11.2. Information on other hazards**

**Endocrine Disrupting Properties** Assess endocrine disrupting properties for human health. This product does not contain any known or suspected endocrine disruptors.

**SECTION 12: ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

**12.1. Toxicity**

**Ecotoxicity effects**

Component	Freshwater Fish	Water Flea	Freshwater Algae
Potassium chloride	Lepomis macrochirus: LC50: 1060 mg/L /96h Pimephales promelas: LC50: 750 - 1020 mg/L /96h	EC50: 825 mg/L/48h	EC50: 2500 mg/L/72h
Boric acid (H3BO3)	Gambusia affinis: LC50: 5600 mg/L/96h	EC50: 115 - 153 mg/L, 48h (Daphnia magna)	-
Sodium hydroxide	LC50: = 45.4 mg/L, 96h static (Oncorhynchus mykiss)	EC50 = 40.4 mg/L, 48h (Daphnia sp.)	-

Component	Microtox	M-Factor
Boric acid (H3BO3)	-	
Sodium hydroxide	-	

**12.2. Persistence and degradability**

**Persistence** Miscible with water, Persistence is unlikely, based on information available.

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**12.3. Bioaccumulative potential** Bioaccumulation is unlikely

Component	log Pow	Bioconcentration factor (BCF)
Boric acid (H3BO3)	-0.757	0

**12.4. Mobility in soil** The product is water soluble, and may spread in water systems. Will likely be mobile in the environment due to its water solubility. Highly mobile in soils

**12.5. Results of PBT and vPvB assessment** No data available for assessment.

**12.6. Endocrine disrupting properties**  
**Endocrine Disruptor Information** This product does not contain any known or suspected endocrine disruptors

**12.7. Other adverse effects**  
**Persistent Organic Pollutant** This product does not contain any known or suspected substance  
**Ozone Depletion Potential** This product does not contain any known or suspected substance

## SECTION 13: DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

**13.1. Waste treatment methods**

**Waste from Residues/Unused Products** Chemical waste generators must determine whether a discarded chemical is classified as a hazardous waste. Consult local, regional, and national hazardous waste regulations to ensure complete and accurate classification.

**Contaminated Packaging** Empty remaining contents. Dispose of in accordance with local regulations. Do not re-use empty containers.

**European Waste Catalogue (EWC)** According to the European Waste Catalog, Waste Codes are not product specific, but application specific.

**Other Information** Waste codes should be assigned by the user based on the application for which the product was used.

## SECTION 14: TRANSPORT INFORMATION

**IMDG/IMO** Not regulated

**14.1. UN number**  
**14.2. UN proper shipping name**  
**14.3. Transport hazard class(es)**  
**14.4. Packing group**

**ADR** Not regulated

**14.1. UN number**  
**14.2. UN proper shipping name**  
**14.3. Transport hazard class(es)**  
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**IATA** Not regulated

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## 14.4. Packing group

**14.5. Environmental hazards** No hazards identified

**14.6. Special precautions for user** No special precautions required

**14.7. Maritime transport in bulk according to IMO instruments** Not applicable, packaged goods

## SECTION 15: REGULATORY INFORMATION

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

#### International Inventories

X = listed, Europe (EINECS/ELINCS/NLP), U.S.A. (TSCA), Canada (DSL/NDSL), Philippines (PICCS), China (IECSC), Japan (ENCS), Australia (AICS), Korea (ECL).

Component	EINECS	ELINCS	NLP	TSCA	DSL	NDSL	PICCS	ENCS	IECSC	AICS	KECL
Water	231-791-2	-		X	X	-	X	X	X	X	KE-3540 0
Potassium chloride	231-211-8	-		X	X	-	X	X	X	X	KE-2908 6
Boric acid (H3BO3)	233-139-2	-		X	X	-	X	X	X	X	KE-0349 9
Sodium hydroxide	215-185-5	-		X	X	-	X	X	X	X	KE-3148 7

Component	REACH (1907/2006) - Annex XIV - Substances Subject to Authorization	REACH (1907/2006) - Annex XVII - Restrictions on Certain Dangerous Substances	REACH Regulation (EC 1907/2006) article 59 - Candidate List of Substances of Very High Concern (SVHC)
Boric acid (H3BO3)		Use restricted. See item 30. (see <a href="http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=CELEX:32006R1907:EN:NOT">http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=CELEX:32006R1907:EN:NOT</a> for restriction details)	SVHC Candidate list - 233-139-2 - Toxic for reproduction, Article 57c

#### Regulation (EC) No 649/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 4 July 2012 concerning the export and import of dangerous chemicals

Not applicable

#### National Regulations

##### WGK Classification

Water endangering class = non-hazardous to waters (self classification)

Component	Germany - Water Classification (VwVwS)	Germany - TA-Luft Class
Potassium chloride	WGK1	
Boric acid (H3BO3)	WGK1	
Sodium hydroxide	WGK1	

Component	France - INRS (Tables of occupational diseases)
Potassium chloride	Tableaux des maladies professionnelles (TMP) - RG 67

**UK** - Take note of Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations (COSHH) 2002 and 2005 Amendment

### 15.2. Chemical safety assessment

Chemical Safety Assessment/Reports (CSA/CSR) are not required for mixtures

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## SECTION 16: OTHER INFORMATION

### Full text of H-Statements referred to under sections 2 and 3

H314 - Causes severe skin burns and eye damage

H318 - Causes serious eye damage

H360FD - May damage fertility. May damage the unborn child

### Legend

**CAS** - Chemical Abstracts Service

**EINECS/ELINCS** - European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances/EU List of Notified Chemical Substances

**PICCS** - Philippines Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances

**IECSC** - Chinese Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances

**KECL** - Korean Existing and Evaluated Chemical Substances

**TSCA** - United States Toxic Substances Control Act Section 8(b) Inventory

**DSL/NDSL** - Canadian Domestic Substances List/Non-Domestic Substances List

**ENCS** - Japanese Existing and New Chemical Substances

**AICS** - Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances

**NZIoC** - New Zealand Inventory of Chemicals

**WEL** - Workplace Exposure Limit

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

**DNEL** - Derived No Effect Level

**RPE** - Respiratory Protective Equipment

**LC50** - Lethal Concentration 50%

**NOEC** - No Observed Effect Concentration

**PBT** - Persistent, Bioaccumulative, Toxic

**TWA** - Time Weighted Average

**IARC** - International Agency for Research on Cancer Predicted No Effect Concentration (PNEC)

**LD50** - Lethal Dose 50%

**EC50** - Effective Concentration 50%

**POW** - Partition coefficient Octanol:Water

**vPvB** - very Persistent, very Bioaccumulative

**ADR** - European Agreement Concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road

**IMO/IMDG** - International Maritime Organization/International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code

**OECD** - Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development

**BCF** - Bioconcentration factor

### Key literature references and sources for data

<https://echa.europa.eu/information-on-chemicals>

Suppliers safety data sheet, Chemadvisor - LOLI, Merck index, RTECS

**ICAO/IATA** - International Civil Aviation Organization/International Air Transport Association

**MARPOL** - International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships

**ATE** - Acute Toxicity Estimate

**VOC** (volatile organic compound)

### Classification and procedure used to derive the classification for mixtures according to Regulation (EC) 1272/2008 [CLP]:

**Physical hazards** On basis of test data

**Health Hazards** Calculation method

**Environmental hazards** Calculation method

### Training Advice

Chemical hazard awareness training, incorporating labelling, Safety Data Sheets (SDS), Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and hygiene.

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**This safety data sheet complies with the requirements of Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006  
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