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**SECTION 1: IDENTIFICATION OF THE SUBSTANCE/MIXTURE AND OF THE
COMPANY/UNDERTAKING****1.1. Product identification**

Product Description: Buffer colour coded solution pH 10 (borate) Blue
Cat No. : J/2885/08, J/2885/15, J/2885/17, J/2885/21, J/2885/24

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 Fisher Scientific UK
Bishop Meadow Road, Loughborough,
Leicestershire LE11 5RG, United Kingdom
E-mail address 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

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

Environmental hazards

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

Classification according to EU Directives 67/548/EEC or 1999/45/EC**R-phrases)** None

For the full text of the R-phrases and H-Statements mentioned in this Section, see Section 16.

2.2. Label elements**Hazard Statements**

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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	DSD Classification - 67/548/EEC
Sodium hydroxide	1310-73-2	215-185-5	<0.2	Skin Corr. 1A (H314) Eye Dam. 1 (H318)	C; R35
Potassium chloride	7447-40-7	231-211-8	<0.5	-	-
Boric acid (H ₃ BO ₃)	10043-35-3	233-139-2	<0.5	Repr. 1B (H360FD)	Repr.Cat.2; R60-61
Water	7732-18-5	231-791-2	>95	-	-
Thymol blue	76-61-9	EEC No. 200-973-3	0.0003	-	-

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SECTION 4: FIRST AID MEASURES

4.1. Description of first aid measures

Eye Contact	Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids, for at least 15 minutes. Obtain medical attention.
Skin Contact	Wash off immediately with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Get medical attention immediately if symptoms occur. Remove and wash contaminated clothing before re-use.
Ingestion	Do not induce vomiting. Obtain medical attention.
Inhalation	Move to fresh air. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. Get medical attention immediately if symptoms occur.
Protection of First-aiders	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.
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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

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

Hazardous Combustion Products

None known.

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.

6.2. Environmental precautions

Should not be released into the environment.

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. Ensure adequate ventilation. Avoid contact with skin, eyes and clothing. Avoid ingestion and inhalation.

7.2. Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

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

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 Containing the workplace exposure limits (WELs) for use with the Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations (COSHH) 2002 (as amended). Updated by September 2006 official press release and October 2007 Supplement. **IRE** - 2010 Code of Practice for the Safety, Health and Welfare at Work (Chemical Agents) Regulations 2001. Published by the Health and Safety Authority.

Component	European Union	The United Kingdom	France	Belgium	Spain
Sodium hydroxide		2 mg/m ³ STEL	TWA / VME: 2 mg/m ³ (8 heures).	2 mg/m ³ VLE	STEL / VLA-EC: 2 mg/m ³ (15 minutos).
Boric acid (H ₃ BO ₃)				TWA: 2 mg/m ³ 8 uren STEL: 6 mg/m ³ 15 minuten	STEL / VLA-EC: 6 mg/m ³ (15 minutos). TWA / VLA-ED: 2 mg/m ³ (8 horas)

Component	Italy	Germany	Portugal	The Netherlands	Finland
Sodium hydroxide		2 mg/m ³ TWA (inhalable)	Ceiling: 2 mg/m ³		STEL: 2 mg/m ³ 15

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Boric acid (H ₃ BO ₃)		TWA: 0.5 mg/m ³ (8 Stunden). AGW - exposure factor 2 TWA: 10 mg/m ³ (8 Stunden). MAK Höhepunkt: 10 mg/m ³	STEL: 6 mg/m ³ 15 minutos TWA: 2 mg/m ³ 8 horas		

Component	Austria	Denmark	Switzerland	Poland	Norway
Sodium hydroxide	MAK-KZW: 4 mg/m ³ 15 Minuten MAK-TMW: 2 mg/m ³ 8 Stunden	Ceiling: 2 mg/m ³	STEL: 2 mg/m ³ 15 Minuten TWA: 2 mg/m ³ 8 Stunden	STEL: 1 mg/m ³ 15 minutach TWA: 0.5 mg/m ³ 8 godzinach	Ceiling: 2 mg/m ³
Boric acid (H ₃ BO ₃)			STEL: 10 mg/m ³ 15 Minuten TWA: 10 mg/m ³ 8 Stunden		

Component	Bulgaria	Croatia	Ireland	Cyprus	Czech Republic
Sodium hydroxide	TWA: 2.0 mg/m ³	STEL-KGVI: 2 mg/m ³ 15 minutama.	STEL: 2 mg/m ³ 15 min		TWA: 1 mg/m ³ 8 hodinách. Ceiling: 2 mg/m ³
Potassium chloride	TWA: 5.0 mg/m ³				
Boric acid (H ₃ BO ₃)	TWA: 5.0 mg/m ³				

Component	Estonia	Gibraltar	Greece	Hungary	Iceland
Sodium hydroxide	TWA: 1 mg/m ³ 8 tundides. Ceiling: 2 mg/m ³		STEL: 2 mg/m ³ TWA: 2 mg/m ³	STEL: 2 mg/m ³ 15 percekben. CK TWA: 2 mg/m ³ 8 órában. AK	STEL: 2 mg/m ³

Component	Latvia	Lithuania	Luxembourg	Malta	Romania
Sodium hydroxide	TWA: 0.5 mg/m ³	Ceiling: 2 mg/m ³			
Potassium chloride	TWA: 5 mg/m ³	TWA: 5 mg/m ³ IPRD			
Boric acid (H ₃ BO ₃)	TWA: 10 mg/m ³	TWA: 10 mg/m ³ IPRD			

Component	Russia	Slovak Republic	Slovenia	Sweden	Turkey
Sodium hydroxide		TWA: 2 mg/m ³	TWA: 2 mg/m ³ 8 urah inhalable fraction STEL: 2 mg/m ³ 15 minutah inhalable fraction	LLV: 1 mg/m ³ 8 timmar. inhalable dust CLV: 2 mg/m ³	
Potassium chloride	MAC: 5 mg/m ³				
Boric acid (H ₃ BO ₃)	MAC: 10 mg/m ³				

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				

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Predicted No Effect Concentration (PNEC) No information available.

8.2. Exposure controls

Engineering Measures

None under normal use conditions.

Personal protective equipment

Eye Protection

Safety glasses with side-shields (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

Small scale/Laboratory use

Maintain adequate ventilation

Hygiene Measures

Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.

Environmental exposure controls

No information available.

SECTION 9: PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

9.1. Information on basic physical and chemical properties

Appearance	Blue	
Physical State	Liquid	
Odor	No information available	
Odor Threshold	No data available	
pH	10	
Melting Point/Range	No data available	
Softening Point	No data available	
Boiling Point/Range	No information available	
Flash Point	No data available	Method - No information available
Evaporation Rate	No data available	
Flammability (solid,gas)	Not applicable	Liquid
Explosion Limits	No data available	
Vapor Pressure	No data available	
Vapor Density	No data available	(Air = 1.0)
Specific Gravity / Density	1.0	
Bulk Density	Not applicable	Liquid

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Water Solubility	Miscible
Solubility in other solvents	No information available
Partition Coefficient (n-octanol/water)	
Component	log Pow
Boric acid (H ₃ BO ₃)	-0.757
Thymol blue	7.21
Autoignition Temperature	No data available
Decomposition Temperature	No data available
Viscosity	No data available
Explosive Properties	No information available
Oxidizing Properties	No information available

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
None known.

10.6. Hazardous decomposition products
None known.

SECTION 11: TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

11.1. Information on toxicological effects

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
Sodium hydroxide		1350 mg/kg (Rabbit)	
Potassium chloride	2600 mg/kg (Rat)		
Boric acid (H ₃ BO ₃)	= 2660 mg/kg (Rat)	> 2000 mg/kg (Rabbit)	Not listed

(b) skin corrosion/irritation; No data available

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

(d) respiratory or skin sensitization;
Respiratory No data available
Skin No data available

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(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	No data available Suspect reproductive hazard - contains material which may injure unborn child.
(h) STOT-single exposure;	No data available
(i) STOT-repeated exposure;	No data available
Target Organs	None known.
(j) aspiration hazard;	No data available
Symptoms / effects, both acute and delayed	No information available

SECTION 12: ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

12.1. Toxicity

Ecotoxicity effects

Component	Freshwater Fish	Water Flea	Freshwater Algae	Microtox
Sodium hydroxide	45.4 mg/L LC50 96 h	-	-	-
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	115 - 153: 48 h Daphnia magna mg/L EC50	-	-

12.2. Persistence and degradability

Persistence

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

12.3. Bioaccumulative potential

Bioaccumulation is unlikely

Component	log Pow	Bioconcentration factor (BCF)
Boric acid (H3BO3)	-0.757	0
Thymol blue	7.21	No data available

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. Other adverse effects

Endocrine Disruptor Information
Persistent Organic Pollutant
Ozone Depletion Potential

This product does not contain any known or suspected endocrine disruptors
This product does not contain any known or suspected substance
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

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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 Catalogue, 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)

14.4. Packing group

IATA

Not regulated

14.1. UN number

14.2. UN proper shipping name

14.3. Transport hazard class(es)

14.4. Packing group

14.5. Environmental hazards

No hazards identified

14.6. Special precautions for user

No special precautions required

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

Component	EINECS	ELINCS	NLP	TSCA	DSL	NDSL	PICCS	ENCS	IECSC	AICS	KECL
Sodium hydroxide	215-185-5	-		X	X	-	X	X	X	X	X
Potassium chloride	231-211-8	-		X	X	-	X	X	X	X	X
Boric acid (H3BO3)	233-139-2	-		X	X	-	X	X	X	X	X
Water	231-791-2	-		X	X	-	X	-	X	X	X
Thymol blue	200-973-3	-		X	X	-	X	-	X	X	-

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)			SVHC Candidate list - (Toxic for reproduction, Article 57c)

National Regulations

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Component	Germany - Water Classification (VwVwS)	Germany - TA-Luft Class
Sodium hydroxide	WGK 1	
Potassium chloride	WGK 1	
Boric acid (H ₃ BO ₃)	WGK 1	

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

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

Take note of Dir 94/33/EC on the protection of young people at work

Take note of Directive 98/24/EC on the protection of the health and safety of workers from the risks related to chemical agents at work

15.2. Chemical safety assessment

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

SECTION 16: OTHER INFORMATION

Full text of R-phrases referred to under sections 2 and 3

R35 - Causes severe burns

R60 - May impair fertility

R61 - May cause harm to the unborn child

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

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

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

TWA - Time Weighted Average

IARC - International Agency for Research on Cancer

PNEC - Predicted No Effect Concentration

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

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 Compounds

Key literature references and sources for data

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

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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