

# SAFETY DATA SHEET



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## 1. IDENTIFICATION OF THE MATERIAL AND SUPPLIER

### Product identifier

Product Name REFLUX B615

Product Code(s) 00000005271

### Other means of identification

UN number 1814

### Recommended use of the chemical and restrictions on use

Recommended use Alkaline cleaner for UF and RO membrane plants.

Uses advised against No information available.

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

#### **Supplier**

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Contact Point Product Safety Department

### Emergency telephone number

Emergency Telephone **0 800 734 607 (ALL HOURS)**

Please ensure you refer to the limitations of this Safety Data Sheet as set out in the "Other Information" section at the end of this Data Sheet.

## 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

Classified as a Dangerous Good according to NZS 5433 Transport of Dangerous Goods on Land; DANGEROUS GOODS.

Classified as hazardous according to criteria in the Hazardous Substances (Hazard Classification) Notice 2020.

### GHS Classification

#### **SIGNAL WORD**

Danger

Cleaning Products (Corrosive) Group Standard 2020

Approval Number: HSR002526

<b>Corrosive to metals</b>	Category 1
<b>Acute toxicity - Oral</b>	Category 4
<b>Skin corrosion/irritation</b>	Category 1 Sub-category A

<b>Serious eye damage/eye irritation</b>	Category 1
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**Label elements****Hazard statements**

H290 - May be corrosive to metals

H302 - Harmful if swallowed

H314 - Causes severe skin burns and eye damage

**Precautionary Statements - Prevention**

Keep only in original container

Do not breathe fume, gas, mist, vapours, spray

Wash face, hands and any exposed skin thoroughly after handling

Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product

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

**Precautionary Statements - Response**

Specific treatment (see First aid on this SDS)

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

Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician

IF ON SKIN (or hair): Remove/Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/shower

Wash contaminated clothing before reuse

IF INHALED: Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing

Call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician if you feel unwell

IF SWALLOWED: Rinse mouth. DO NOT induce vomiting

IF SWALLOWED: Call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician if you feel unwell

Absorb spillage to prevent material damage

**Precautionary Statements - Storage**

Store locked up

Store in corrosive resistant container with a resistant inner liner

**Precautionary Statements - Disposal**

Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local, regional, national, and international regulations as applicable

**Other hazards which do not result in classification****3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS****Mixture**

Chemical name	CAS No.	Weight-%
Potassium hydroxide	1310-58-3	10-<30%
Sequesterant	-	10-<30%
Other component(s)	-	to 100%

**4. FIRST AID MEASURES****Description of first aid measures****General advice**

For advice, contact a Poisons Information Centre (e.g. phone Australia 13 11 26; New Zealand 0800 764 766) or a doctor. Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance.

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<b>Emergency telephone number</b>	Poisons Information Center, New Zealand: 0800 764 766 Poisons Information Center, Australia: 13 11 26
<b>Inhalation</b>	Remove to fresh air. Call a physician if symptoms occur.
<b>Eye contact</b>	Rinse thoroughly with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes, lifting lower and upper eyelids. Consult a physician.
<b>Skin contact</b>	IF ON SKIN (or hair): Remove/Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/shower. Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician.
<b>Ingestion</b>	Rinse mouth thoroughly with water. Do NOT induce vomiting. Drink 1 or 2 glasses of water. Get immediate medical advice/attention.

**Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed**

<b>Symptoms</b>	Irritation/Corrosion. May cause redness and tearing of the eyes. Erythema (skin redness). Burning.
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**Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed**

<b>Note to physicians</b>	Treat symptomatically. Can cause corneal burns.
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**5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES****Suitable Extinguishing Media**

<b>Suitable Extinguishing Media</b>	Dry chemical, CO2, water spray or regular foam.
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<b>Unsuitable extinguishing media</b>	No information available.
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**Specific hazards arising from the chemical**

<b>Specific hazards arising from the chemical</b>	Corrosive hazard. Wear protective gloves/clothing and eye/face protection. Contact with metals may evolve flammable hydrogen gas.
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**Special protective actions for fire-fighters**

<b>Special protective equipment for fire-fighters</b>	Firefighters should wear self-contained breathing apparatus and full firefighting turnout gear. Use personal protection equipment.
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<b>Hazchem code</b>	2R
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**6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES****Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures**

<b>Personal precautions</b>	Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Do not breathe fume, gas, mist, vapours, spray. Do not touch or walk through spilled material. Ensure adequate ventilation. Evacuate personnel to safe areas. Stop leak if you can do it without risk. Use personal protective equipment as required. Wash thoroughly after handling.
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<b>For emergency responders</b>	Use personal protection recommended in Section 8.
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**Environmental precautions**

**Environmental precautions** See Section 12 for additional Ecological Information.

**Methods and material for containment and cleaning up**

**Methods for containment** Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so.

**Methods for cleaning up** Soak up with inert absorbent material. Pick up and transfer to properly labelled containers. After cleaning, flush away traces with water.

**Precautions to prevent secondary hazards**

**Prevention of secondary hazards** Clean contaminated objects and areas thoroughly observing environmental regulations.

## 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

**Precautions for safe handling**

**Advice on safe handling** Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Do not breathe vapor or mist. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. Ensure adequate ventilation. Use personal protection equipment. Wash thoroughly after handling. Keep out of reach of children.

**Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities**

**Storage Conditions** Keep container tightly closed in a dry and well-ventilated place. Store away from foodstuffs. Do not store in aluminium or galvanised containers nor use die-cast zinc or aluminium bungs; steel bungs should be used. Keep container closed when not in use.

**Incompatible materials** Acids. Ammonium salts. Sodium hypochlorite. Aluminium. Tin. Zinc.

## 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

**Control parameters**

**Exposure Limits**

Potassium hydroxide: Ceiling 2 mg/m<sup>3</sup>

As published by the New Zealand Workplace Health & Safety Authority.

WES - Ceiling (Workplace Exposure Standard - Ceiling). A concentration that should not be exceeded during any part of the working day.

These Workplace Exposure Standards are guides to be used in the control of occupational health hazards. All atmospheric contamination should be kept to as low a level as is workable. These workplace exposure standards should not be used as fine dividing lines between safe and dangerous concentrations of chemicals. They are not a measure of relative toxicity.

**Appropriate engineering controls**

**Engineering controls** Ensure that eyewash stations and safety showers are close to the workstation location. Apply technical measures to comply with the occupational exposure limits.

If in the handling and application of this material, safe exposure levels could be exceeded,

the use of engineering controls such as local exhaust ventilation must be considered and the results documented. If achieving safe exposure levels does not require engineering controls, then a detailed and documented risk assessment using the relevant Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) (refer to PPE section below) as a basis must be carried out to determine the minimum PPE requirements.

#### **Individual protection measures, such as personal protective equipment**

The selection of PPE is dependent on a detailed risk assessment. The risk assessment should consider the work situation, the physical form of the chemical, the handling methods, and environmental factors.

OVERALLS, CHEMICAL GOGGLES, FACE SHIELD, GLOVES (Long), APRON, RUBBER BOOTS.



<b>Eye/face protection</b>	Tight sealing safety goggles. If splashes are likely to occur: Face protection shield.
<b>Hand protection</b>	Elbow-length impervious gloves.
<b>Skin and body protection</b>	Rubber boots. Apron. Overalls.
<b>Respiratory protection</b>	If determined by a risk assessment an inhalation risk exists, wear a suitable mist respirator meeting the requirements of AS/NZS 1715 and AS/NZS 1716.
<b>Environmental exposure controls</b>	No information available.

## **9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES**

### **Information on basic physical and chemical properties**

<b>Physical state</b>	Liquid
<b>Appearance</b>	Clear
<b>Color</b>	Colourless to Pale Yellow
<b>Odor</b>	Characteristic
<b>Odor threshold</b>	No information available.

<b>Property</b>	<b>Values</b>	<b>Remarks • Method</b>
<b>pH</b>	12.6 (1% v/v solution)	None known
<b>Melting point / freezing point</b>	No data available	None known
<b>Boiling point / boiling range</b>	>100°C	None known
<b>Flash point</b>	Not applicable	None known
<b>Evaporation rate</b>	No data available	None known
<b>Flammability (solid, gas)</b>	No data available	None known
<b>Flammability Limit in Air</b>		None known
<b>Upper flammability or explosive limits</b>	Not applicable	
<b>Lower flammability or explosive limits</b>	Not applicable	
<b>Vapor pressure</b>	No data available	None known
<b>Vapor density</b>	No data available	None known
<b>Relative density</b>	1.34 @20°C	None known
<b>Water solubility</b>	Miscible in water	None known
<b>Solubility(ies)</b>	No data available	None known
<b>Partition coefficient</b>	No data available	None known

<b>Autoignition temperature</b>	Not applicable	None known
<b>Decomposition temperature</b>	No data available	None known
<b>Kinematic viscosity</b>	No data available	None known
<b>Dynamic viscosity</b>	No data available	None known

Other information**10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY**Reactivity

**Reactivity** Reacts violently with acids. Corrosive to metals.

Chemical stability

**Stability** Stable under normal conditions.

Explosion data

**Sensitivity to mechanical impact** None.

**Sensitivity to static discharge** None.

Possibility of hazardous reactions

**Possibility of hazardous reactions** Contact with metals may evolve flammable hydrogen gas. Reacts readily with various reducing sugars (i.e. fructose, galactose, maltose, dry whey solids) to produce carbon monoxide. Take precautions including monitoring the tank atmosphere for carbon monoxide to ensure safety of personnel before vessel entry.

Conditions to avoid

**Conditions to avoid** Contact with foodstuffs.

Incompatible materials

**Incompatible materials** Acids. Ammonium salts. Sodium hypochlorite. Aluminium. Tin. Zinc.

Hazardous decomposition products

**Hazardous decomposition products** None known based on information supplied.

**11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION**Acute toxicityInformation on likely routes of exposure

**Product Information** No adverse health effects expected if the chemical is handled in accordance with this Safety Data Sheet and the chemical label. Symptoms or effects that may arise if the chemical is mishandled and overexposure occurs are:

<b>Inhalation</b>	May cause irritation.
<b>Eye contact</b>	Causes serious eye damage.
<b>Skin contact</b>	Contact causes severe skin irritation and possible burns.
<b>Ingestion</b>	Can burn mouth, throat, and stomach.

**Symptoms** Irritation/Corrosion. May cause redness and tearing of the eyes. Erythema (skin redness). Burning.

**Acute toxicity****Numerical measures of toxicity**

Refer to component information below.

**Component Information**

Chemical name	Oral LD50	Dermal LD50	Inhalation LC50
Potassium hydroxide	= 284 mg/kg ( Rat )	-	-

See section 16 for terms and abbreviations

**Delayed and immediate effects as well as chronic effects from short and long-term exposure**

**Skin corrosion/irritation** Causes burns. Classification is based on mixture calculation methods based on component data.

**Serious eye damage/eye irritation** Causes serious eye damage. Classification is based on mixture calculation methods based on component data.

**Respiratory or skin sensitization** No information available.

**Germ cell mutagenicity** No information available.

**Carcinogenicity** No information available.

**Reproductive toxicity** No information available.

**STOT - single exposure** No information available.

**STOT - repeated exposure** No information available.

**Aspiration hazard** No information available.

**12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION****Ecotoxicity**

**Ecotoxicity** Keep out of waterways.

**Terrestrial ecotoxicity** There is no data for this product.

Chemical name	Algae/aquatic plants	Fish	Crustacea
Potassium hydroxide	-	LC50: =80mg/L (96h, Gambusia affinis)	-

**Persistence and degradability**

**Persistence and degradability** No information available.

**Bioaccumulative potential**

**Bioaccumulation** No information available.

**Mobility**

**Mobility in soil** No information available.

**Component Information**

Chemical name	Partition coefficient
Potassium hydroxide	0.65
	0.83

**Other adverse effects**

**Other adverse effects** No information available.

**13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS**

**Waste treatment methods**

**Waste from residues/unused products**

Dispose of product in packaging/container in a way that is consistent with the Hazardous Substances (Disposal) Notice 2017 and the Act, and Hazardous Substances (Amendments and Revocations) Notice 2020. Treat the chemical using a method that changes the characteristics or composition of the chemical so that the chemical is no longer a hazardous chemical; or export the chemical from New Zealand as waste. Class 6 and 8 chemicals – may be discharged into the environment if a tolerable exposure limit has been set for the substance (or a component of that chemical); and the discharge does not, after reasonable mixing, result in the concentration of the substance in an environmental medium exceeding the tolerable exposure limit. If there is not tolerable exposure limit for the substance, then it may only be discharged into the environment if the substance is very rapidly converted to substances that are not hazardous substances.

**Contaminated packaging**

For packages that have been in direct contact with hazardous chemicals, the person must ensure that the package is rendered incapable of containing any chemical. It must be disposed of in a manner that is consistent with the requirements for disposal of the chemical that it contained, taking into account the material the package is manufactured from. Packages may only be reused or recycled if the package has been treated to remove any residual contents of the hazardous chemical (class 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5); or the contents of the residue in the package are below the threshold for the chemical to be classified as hazardous (class 6, 8, or 9 chemical).

**14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION**

**ROAD AND RAIL TRANSPORT**

Classified as a Dangerous Good according to NZS 5433 Transport of Dangerous Goods on Land; DANGEROUS GOODS.

**UN number** 1814  
**Proper shipping name** POTASSIUM HYDROXIDE SOLUTION  
**Hazard class** 8  
**Packing group** II  
**Hazchem code** 2R

**IATA**

Classified as Dangerous Goods by the criteria of the International Air Transport Association (IATA) Dangerous Goods Regulations for transport by air; DANGEROUS GOODS.

**UN number** 1814  
**UN proper shipping name** POTASSIUM HYDROXIDE SOLUTION  
**Transport hazard class(es)** 8  
**Packing group** II



<b>IMDG</b>	Classified as Dangerous Goods by the criteria of the International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code (IMDG Code) for transport by sea; DANGEROUS GOODS.
<b>UN number</b>	1814
<b>UN proper shipping name</b>	POTASSIUM HYDROXIDE SOLUTION
<b>Transport hazard class(es)</b>	8
<b>Packing group</b>	II
<b>IMDG EMS Fire</b>	F-A
<b>IMDG EMS Spill</b>	S-B
<b>Marine pollutant</b>	No

## 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

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

#### New Zealand

**National regulations** See section 8 for national exposure control parameters

#### International Inventories

<b>NZIoC</b>	All the constituents of this material are listed on the New Zealand Inventory of Chemicals.
<b>TSCA</b>	Contact supplier for inventory compliance status.
<b>DSL/NDSL</b>	Contact supplier for inventory compliance status.
<b>EINECS/ELINCS</b>	Contact supplier for inventory compliance status.
<b>ENCS</b>	Contact supplier for inventory compliance status.
<b>IECSC</b>	Contact supplier for inventory compliance status.
<b>KECL</b>	Contact supplier for inventory compliance status.
<b>PICCS</b>	Contact supplier for inventory compliance status.
<b>AIIC</b>	All the constituents of this material are listed on the Australian Inventory of Industrial Chemicals.

#### **Legend:**

**NZIoC** - New Zealand Inventory of Chemicals

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**AIIC** - Australian Inventory of Industrial Chemicals

#### International Regulations

**The Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer** Not applicable

**The Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants** Not applicable

**The Rotterdam Convention** Not applicable

## 16. OTHER INFORMATION

**Prepared By** This Safety Data Sheet has been prepared by Ixom Operations Pty Ltd (Toxicology and SDS Services).

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**Revision Note:**

The symbol (\*) in the margin of this SDS indicates that this line has been revised.

**Key or legend to abbreviations and acronyms used in the safety data sheet**Legend Section 8: EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

TWA	TWA (time-weighted average)	STEL	STEL (Short Term Exposure Limit)
Ceiling	Maximum limit value	*	Skin designation
C	Carcinogen		

**Key literature references and sources for data used to compile the SDS**

Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR)  
 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ChemView Database  
 European Food Safety Authority (EFSA)  
 EPA (Environmental Protection Agency)  
 Acute Exposure Guideline Level(s) (AEGl(s))  
 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act  
 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency High Production Volume Chemicals  
 Food Research Journal  
 Hazardous Substance Database  
 International Uniform Chemical Information Database (IUCLID)  
 Japan GHS Classification  
 Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme (AICIS)  
 NIOSH (National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health)  
 National Library of Medicine's ChemID Plus (NLM CIP)  
 National Library of Medicine's PubMed database (NLM PUBMED)  
 National Toxicology Program (NTP)  
 New Zealand's Chemical Classification and Information Database (CCID)  
 Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development Environment, Health, and Safety Publications  
 Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development High Production Volume Chemicals Program  
 Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development Screening Information Data Set  
 RTECS (Registry of Toxic Effects of Chemical Substances)  
 World Health Organization

**Disclaimer**

**This SDS summarises to our best knowledge at the date of issue, the chemical health and safety hazards of the material and general guidance on how to safely handle the material in the workplace. Since Ixom Operations Pty Ltd cannot anticipate or control the conditions under which the product may be used, each user must, prior to usage, assess and control the risks arising from its use of the material.**

**If clarification or further information is needed, the user should contact their Ixom representative or Ixom Operations Pty Ltd at the contact details on page 1.**

**Ixom Operations Pty Ltd's responsibility for the material as sold is subject to the terms and conditions of sale, a copy of which is available upon request.**

**End of Safety Data Sheet**