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## SAFETY DATA SHEET

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### 1. Identification

**Product Name** Potassium nitrate

**Cat No. :** P261-3; P263-100; P263-3; P263-50; P263-500; P383-100; P383-500

**Synonyms** Saltpeter.; Nitric acid potassium salt; Niter

**Recommended Use** Laboratory chemicals.

**Uses advised against** No Information available

**Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet**

**Company**

Fisher Scientific  
One Reagent Lane  
Fair Lawn, NJ 07410  
Tel: (201) 796-7100

**Emergency Telephone Number**

CHEMTREC®, Inside the USA: 800-424-9300  
CHEMTREC®, Outside the USA: 001-703-527-3887

### 2. Hazard(s) identification

**Classification**

This chemical is considered hazardous by the 2012 OSHA Hazard Communication Standard (29 CFR 1910.1200)

Oxidizing solids

Category 3

**Label Elements**

**Signal Word**

Danger

**Hazard Statements**

May intensify fire; oxidizer



**Precautionary Statements**

**Prevention**

Obtain special instructions before use  
 Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood  
 Use personal protective equipment as required  
 Keep away from heat/sparks/open flames/hot surfaces. - No smoking  
 Keep/Store away from clothing/ other combustible materials  
 Take any precaution to avoid mixing with combustibles

**Response**

IF exposed or concerned: Get medical attention/advice

**Fire**

In case of fire: Use CO2, dry chemical, or foam for extinction

**Storage**

Store locked up

**Disposal**

Dispose of contents/container to an approved waste disposal plant

**Hazards not otherwise classified (HNOC)**

None identified

### 3. Composition / information on ingredients

Component	CAS-No	Weight %
Potassium nitrate	7757-79-1	>95

### 4. First-aid measures

<b>Eye Contact</b>	Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids, for at least 15 minutes. Obtain medical attention.
<b>Skin Contact</b>	Wash off immediately with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Get medical attention immediately if symptoms occur.
<b>Inhalation</b>	Move to fresh air. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. Get medical attention immediately if symptoms occur.
<b>Ingestion</b>	Do not induce vomiting. Obtain medical attention.
<b>Most important symptoms/effects Notes to Physician</b>	No information available. Treat symptomatically

### 5. Fire-fighting measures

<b>Suitable Extinguishing Media</b>	Use extinguishing measures that are appropriate to local circumstances and the surrounding environment.
<b>Unsuitable Extinguishing Media</b>	No information available
<b>Flash Point</b>	No information available
<b>Method -</b>	No information available
<b>Autoignition Temperature</b>	Not applicable
<b>Explosion Limits</b>	
<b>Upper</b>	No data available
<b>Lower</b>	No data available
<b>Oxidizing Properties</b>	Oxidizer
<b>Sensitivity to Mechanical Impact</b>	No information available
<b>Sensitivity to Static Discharge</b>	No information available

**Specific Hazards Arising from the Chemical**

Oxidizer: Contact with combustible/organic material may cause fire. May ignite combustibles (wood paper, oil, clothing, etc.). Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating gases and vapors. Keep product and empty container away from heat and sources of ignition.

**Hazardous Combustion Products**Oxides of potassium Nitrogen oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>)**Protective Equipment and Precautions for Firefighters**

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

**NFPA**Health  
1Flammability  
1Instability  
2Physical hazards  
OX**6. Accidental release measures****Personal Precautions**

Use personal protective equipment. Ensure adequate ventilation. Avoid dust formation. Avoid contact with skin, eyes and clothing.

**Environmental Precautions**

Avoid release to the environment. See Section 12 for additional ecological information.

**Methods for Containment and Clean Up**

Keep away from clothing and other combustible materials. Sweep up or vacuum up spillage and collect in suitable container for disposal. Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal. Avoid dust formation.

**7. Handling and storage****Handling**

Wear personal protective equipment. Ensure adequate ventilation. Avoid contact with skin, eyes and clothing. Avoid ingestion and inhalation. Keep away from clothing and other combustible materials. Avoid dust formation.

**Storage**

Keep containers tightly closed in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place. Do not store near combustible materials.

**8. Exposure controls / personal protection****Exposure Guidelines**

This product does not contain any hazardous materials with occupational exposure limits established by the region specific regulatory bodies.

**Engineering Measures**

Ensure adequate ventilation, especially in confined areas. Ensure that eyewash stations and safety showers are close to the workstation location.

**Personal Protective Equipment****Eye/face Protection**

Wear appropriate protective eyeglasses or chemical safety goggles as described by OSHA's eye and face protection regulations in 29 CFR 1910.133 or European Standard EN166.

**Skin and body protection**

Wear appropriate protective gloves and clothing to prevent skin exposure.

**Respiratory Protection**

Follow the OSHA respirator regulations found in 29 CFR 1910.134 or European Standard EN 149. Use a NIOSH/MSHA or European Standard EN 149 approved respirator if exposure limits are exceeded or if irritation or other symptoms are experienced.

**Hygiene Measures**

Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.

**9. Physical and chemical properties****Physical State**

Solid

**Appearance**

White

**Odor**

Odorless

**Odor Threshold**

No information available

**pH**

6-8 5% aq. solution

**Melting Point/Range**

334 °C / 633.2 °F

**Boiling Point/Range**

400 °C / 752 °F @ 760 mmHg

**Flash Point**

No information available

**Evaporation Rate**

Not applicable

**Flammability (solid,gas)**

Not flammable

**Flammability or explosive limits****Upper**

No data available

**Lower**

No data available

**Vapor Pressure**

No information available

**Vapor Density**

Not applicable

**Relative Density**

2.1 @ 20 °C No information available

<b>Solubility</b>	No information available
<b>Partition coefficient; n-octanol/water</b>	No data available
<b>Autoignition Temperature</b>	Not applicable
<b>Decomposition Temperature</b>	> 400°C
<b>Viscosity</b>	Not applicable
<b>Molecular Formula</b>	K N O <sub>3</sub>
<b>Molecular Weight</b>	101.1

## 10. Stability and reactivity

<b>Reactive Hazard</b>	Yes
<b>Stability</b>	Oxidizer: Contact with combustible/organic material may cause fire.
<b>Conditions to Avoid</b>	Avoid dust formation. Incompatible products. Excess heat. Combustible material.
<b>Incompatible Materials</b>	Strong reducing agents, Strong acids, Combustible material
<b>Hazardous Decomposition Products</b>	Oxides of potassium, Nitrogen oxides (NO <sub>x</sub> )
<b>Hazardous Polymerization</b>	Hazardous polymerization does not occur.
<b>Hazardous Reactions</b>	None under normal processing.

## 11. Toxicological information

### Acute Toxicity

#### Product Information

#### Component Information

Component	LD50 Oral	LD50 Dermal	LC50 Inhalation
Potassium nitrate	3015 mg/kg ( Rat )	> 5000 mg/kg (Rat)	>0.527 mg/l 4h (Rat)

**Toxicologically Synergistic Products** No information available

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

<b>Irritation</b>	No information available
<b>Sensitization</b>	No information available
<b>Carcinogenicity</b>	The table below indicates whether each agency has listed any ingredient as a carcinogen.

Component	CAS-No	IARC	NTP	ACGIH	OSHA	Mexico
Potassium nitrate	7757-79-1	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed

**Mutagenic Effects** Did not show mutagenic effects in animal experiments

**Reproductive Effects** Animal testing did not show any effects on fertility.

**Developmental Effects** No information available.

**Teratogenicity** No information available.

**STOT - single exposure** None known

**STOT - repeated exposure** None known

**Aspiration hazard** No information available

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

**Endocrine Disruptor Information** No information available

**Other Adverse Effects** The toxicological properties have not been fully investigated.

## 12. Ecological information

### Ecotoxicity

This product contains the following substance(s) which are hazardous for the environment.

Component	Freshwater Algae	Freshwater Fish	Microtox	Water Flea
Potassium nitrate	> 1700 mg/l EC50 (10 day)	1378 mg/l LC50 (96h)	Not listed	490 mg/l EC50 (48h)

**Persistence and Degradability** Soluble in water Persistence is unlikely based on information available.

**Bioaccumulation/ Accumulation** No information available.

**Mobility** Will likely be mobile in the environment due to its water solubility.

## 13. Disposal considerations

**Waste Disposal Methods** Chemical waste generators must determine whether a discarded chemical is classified as a hazardous waste. Chemical waste generators must also consult local, regional, and national hazardous waste regulations to ensure complete and accurate classification.

## 14. Transport information

### DOT

UN-No UN1486  
 Proper Shipping Name POTASSIUM NITRATE  
 Hazard Class 5.1  
 Packing Group III

### TDG

UN-No UN1486  
 Proper Shipping Name POTASSIUM NITRATE  
 Hazard Class 5.1  
 Packing Group III

### IATA

UN-No UN1486  
 Proper Shipping Name POTASSIUM NITRATE  
 Hazard Class 5.1  
 Packing Group III

### IMDG/IMO

UN-No UN1486  
 Proper Shipping Name POTASSIUM NITRATE  
 Hazard Class 5.1  
 Packing Group III

## 15. Regulatory information

### International Inventories

Component	TSCA	DSL	NDSL	EINECS	ELINCS	NLP	PICCS	ENCS	AICS	IECSC	KECL
Potassium nitrate	X	X	-	231-818-8	-		X	X	X	X	X

#### Legend:

X - Listed

E - Indicates a substance that is the subject of a Section 5(e) Consent order under TSCA.

F - Indicates a substance that is the subject of a Section 5(f) Rule under TSCA.

N - Indicates a polymeric substance containing no free-radical initiator in its inventory name but is considered to cover the designated polymer made with any free-radical initiator regardless of the amount used.

P - Indicates a commenced PMN substance

R - Indicates a substance that is the subject of a Section 6 risk management rule under TSCA.

S - Indicates a substance that is identified in a proposed or final Significant New Use Rule

T - Indicates a substance that is the subject of a Section 4 test rule under TSCA.

XU - Indicates a substance exempt from reporting under the Inventory Update Rule, i.e. Partial Updating of the TSCA Inventory Data Base Production and Site Reports (40 CFR 710(B)).

Y1 - Indicates an exempt polymer that has a number-average molecular weight of 1,000 or greater.

Y2 - Indicates an exempt polymer that is a polyester and is made only from reactants included in a specified list of low concern reactants that comprises one of the eligibility criteria for the exemption rule.

### U.S. Federal Regulations

TSCA 12(b)

Not applicable

**SARA 313**

Component	CAS-No	Weight %	SARA 313 - Threshold Values %
Potassium nitrate	7757-79-1	>95	1.0

**SARA 311/312 Hazardous Categorization**

Acute Health Hazard	No
Chronic Health Hazard	No
Fire Hazard	No
Sudden Release of Pressure Hazard	No
Reactive Hazard	Yes

**Clean Water Act** Not applicable

**Clean Air Act** Not applicable

**OSHA Occupational Safety and Health Administration**  
Not applicable

**CERCLA**

Not applicable

**California Proposition 65** This product does not contain any Proposition 65 chemicals

**State Right-to-Know**

Component	Massachusetts	New Jersey	Pennsylvania	Illinois	Rhode Island
Potassium nitrate	X	X	X	X	X

**U.S. Department of Transportation**

Reportable Quantity (RQ):	N
DOT Marine Pollutant	N
DOT Severe Marine Pollutant	N

**U.S. Department of Homeland Security**

This product contains the following DHS chemicals:

Component	DHS Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standard
Potassium nitrate	2000 lb STQ

**Other International Regulations**

**Mexico - Grade** No information available

**Canada**

This product has been classified in accordance with the hazard criteria of the Controlled Products Regulations (CPR) and the MSDS contains all the information required by the CPR

**WHMIS Hazard Class** C Oxidizing materials



## 16. Other information

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**Revision Summary**

This document has been updated to comply with the US OSHA HazCom 2012 Standard replacing the current legislation under 29 CFR 1910.1200 to align with the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labeling of Chemicals (GHS)

**Disclaimer**

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**End of SDS**