



# POTASSIUM NITRATE

## ALPHA CHEMICALS PTY LTD

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### SECTION 1 Identification of the substance / mixture and of the company / undertaking

#### Product Identifier

Product name	POTASSIUM NITRATE
Chemical Name	Not Available
Synonyms	K-N-O3; nitre; niter; nitric acid, potassium salt; saltpeter; vicknite; nitrate of potash; Merck AnalaR 10214 GPR 29638; Ikon potassium nitrate prill; Ikon potassium nitrate fines
Proper shipping name	POTASSIUM NITRATE
Chemical formula	HNO3.K
Other means of identification	Not Available
CAS number	7757-79-1

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

Relevant identified uses	Used as a laboratory reagent in analytical chemistry. Used in fertiliser; in toothpaste; fireworks, matches, gun powder and explosives; in glass manufacture; pickling meats; tempering steel; and tobacco treatment.
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#### Details of the manufacturer or supplier of the safety data sheet

Registered company name	ALPHA CHEMICALS PTY LTD
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#### Emergency telephone number

Association / Organisation	ALPHA CHEMICALS PTY LTD	CHEMWATCH EMERGENCY RESPONSE (24/7)
Emergency telephone numbers	61 (0)418 237 771	+61 1800 951 288
Other emergency telephone numbers	Not Available	+61 3 9573 3188

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### SECTION 2 Hazards identification

#### Classification of the substance or mixture


**HAZARDOUS CHEMICAL. DANGEROUS GOODS.** According to the WHS Regulations and the ADG Code.

#### Chemwatch Hazard Ratings

	Min	Max	
Flammability	0		
Toxicity	2		0 = Minimum
Body Contact	2		1 = Low
Reactivity	2		2 = Moderate
Chronic	0		3 = High
			4 = Extreme

Poisons Schedule	Not Applicable
Classification [1]	Oxidizing Solids Category 3, Acute Toxicity (Oral) Category 4, Serious Eye Damage/Eye Irritation Category 2A, Hazardous to the Aquatic Environment Acute Hazard Category 3
Legend:	1. Classified by Chemwatch; 2. Classification drawn from HCIS; 3. Classification drawn from Regulation (EU) No 1272/2008 - Annex VI

#### Label elements

Hazard pictogram(s)	
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Signal word	<b>Warning</b>
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**Hazard statement(s)**

H272	May intensify fire; oxidiser.
H302	Harmful if swallowed.
H319	Causes serious eye irritation.
H402	Harmful to aquatic life.

**Precautionary statement(s) Prevention**

P210	Keep away from heat, hot surfaces, sparks, open flames and other ignition sources. No smoking.
P220	Keep away from clothing and other combustible materials.
P264	Wash all exposed external body areas thoroughly after handling.
P270	Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.
P273	Avoid release to the environment.
P280	Wear protective gloves, protective clothing, eye protection and face protection.

**Precautionary statement(s) Response**

P370+P378	In case of fire: Use water jets to extinguish.
P305+P351+P338	IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.
P337+P313	If eye irritation persists: Get medical advice/attention.
P301+P312	IF SWALLOWED: Call a POISON CENTER/doctor/physician/first aider if you feel unwell.
P330	Rinse mouth.

**Precautionary statement(s) Storage**

Not Applicable

**Precautionary statement(s) Disposal**

P501	Dispose of contents/container to authorised hazardous or special waste collection point in accordance with any local regulation.
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**SECTION 3 Composition / information on ingredients****Substances**

CAS No	%[weight]	Name
7757-79-1	>95	potassium nitrate

**Legend:** 1. Classified by Chemwatch; 2. Classification drawn from HCIS; 3. Classification drawn from Regulation (EU) No 1272/2008 - Annex VI; 4. Classification drawn from C&L; \* EU IOELVs available

**Mixtures**

See section above for composition of Substances

**SECTION 4 First aid measures****Description of first aid measures**

<b>Eye Contact</b>	<p>If this product comes in contact with the eyes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Wash out immediately with fresh running water.</li> <li>▶ Ensure complete irrigation of the eye by keeping eyelids apart and away from eye and moving the eyelids by occasionally lifting the upper and lower lids.</li> <li>▶ Seek medical attention without delay; if pain persists or recurs seek medical attention.</li> <li>▶ Removal of contact lenses after an eye injury should only be undertaken by skilled personnel.</li> </ul>
<b>Skin Contact</b>	<p>If skin contact occurs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Immediately remove all contaminated clothing, including footwear.</li> <li>▶ Flush skin and hair with running water (and soap if available).</li> <li>▶ Seek medical attention in event of irritation.</li> </ul>
<b>Inhalation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ If dust is inhaled, remove from contaminated area.</li> <li>▶ Encourage patient to blow nose to ensure clear passage of breathing.</li> <li>▶ If irritation or discomfort persists seek medical attention.</li> </ul>
<b>Ingestion</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ <b>IF SWALLOWED, REFER FOR MEDICAL ATTENTION, WHERE POSSIBLE, WITHOUT DELAY.</b></li> <li>▶ For advice, contact a Poisons Information Centre or a doctor.</li> <li>▶ Urgent hospital treatment is likely to be needed.</li> <li>▶ In the mean time, qualified first-aid personnel should treat the patient following observation and employing supportive measures as indicated by the patient's condition.</li> <li>▶ If the services of a medical officer or medical doctor are readily available, the patient should be placed in his/her care and a copy of the SDS should be provided. Further action will be the responsibility of the medical specialist.</li> </ul>

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- ▶ If medical attention is not available on the worksite or surroundings send the patient to a hospital together with a copy of the SDS.

**Where medical attention is not immediately available or where the patient is more than 15 minutes from a hospital or unless instructed otherwise:**

- ▶ **INDUCE** vomiting with fingers down the back of the throat, **ONLY IF CONSCIOUS**. Lean patient forward or place on left side (head-down position, if possible) to maintain open airway and prevent aspiration.

**NOTE:** Wear a protective glove when inducing vomiting by mechanical means.

### Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

The toxicity of nitrates and nitrites result from their vasodilating properties and their propensity to form methaemoglobin.

- ▶ Most produce a peak effect within 30 minutes.
- ▶ Clinical signs of cyanosis appear before other symptoms because of the dark pigmentation of methaemoglobin.
- ▶ Initial attention should be directed towards improving oxygen delivery, with assisted ventilation, if necessary. Hyperbaric oxygen has not demonstrated conclusive benefits.
- ▶ Institute cardiac monitoring, especially in patients with coronary artery or pulmonary disease.
- ▶ Hypotension should respond to Trendelenburg's position and intravenous fluids; otherwise dopamine may be needed.
- ▶ Naloxone, glucose and thiamine should be given if a multiple ingestion is suspected.
- ▶ Decontaminate using Ipecac Syrup for alert patients or lavage for obtunded patients who present within 2-4 hours of ingestion.
- ▶ Symptomatic patients with methaemoglobin levels over 30% should receive methylene blue. (Cyanosis alone, is not an indication for treatment). The usual dose is 1-2 mg/kg of a 1% solution (10 mg/ml) IV over 5 minutes; repeat, using the same dose if symptoms of hypoxia fail to subside within 1 hour.

[Ellenhorn and Barceloux: Medical Toxicology]

### BIOLOGICAL EXPOSURE INDEX - BEI

These represent the determinants observed in specimens collected from a healthy worker who has been exposed at the Exposure Standard (ES or TLV):

Determinant	Index	Sampling Time	Comments
1. Methaemoglobin in blood	1.5% of haemoglobin	During or end of shift	B,NS,SQ

B: Background levels occur in specimens collected from subjects **NOT** exposed

NS: Non-specific determinant; also observed after exposure to other materials

SQ: Semi-quantitative determinant - Interpretation may be ambiguous; should be used as a screening test or confirmatory test.

## SECTION 5 Firefighting measures

### Extinguishing media

#### FOR SMALL FIRE:

- ▶ USE FLOODING QUANTITIES OF WATER.
- ▶ **DO NOT** use dry chemical, CO<sub>2</sub>, foam or halogenated-type extinguishers.

#### FOR LARGE FIRE

- ▶ Flood fire area with water from a protected position

### Special hazards arising from the substrate or mixture

<b>Fire Incompatibility</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Avoid storage with reducing agents.</li> <li>▶ Avoid any contamination of this material as it is very reactive and any contamination is potentially hazardous</li> </ul>
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### Advice for firefighters

<b>Fire Fighting</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Alert Fire Brigade and tell them location and nature of hazard.</li> <li>▶ Wear breathing apparatus plus protective gloves in the event of a fire.</li> <li>▶ Prevent, by any means available, spillage from entering drains or water course.</li> <li>▶ Fight fire from a safe distance, with adequate cover.</li> <li>▶ Extinguishers should be used only by trained personnel.</li> <li>▶ Use water delivered as a fine spray to control fire and cool adjacent area.</li> <li>▶ Avoid spraying water onto liquid pools.</li> <li>▶ <b>DO NOT</b> approach containers suspected to be hot.</li> </ul>
<b>Fire/Explosion Hazard</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Will not burn but increases intensity of fire.</li> <li>▶ Heating may cause expansion or decomposition leading to violent rupture of containers.</li> <li>▶ Heat affected containers remain hazardous.</li> <li>▶ Contact with combustibles such as wood, paper, oil or finely divided metal may produce spontaneous combustion or violent decomposition.</li> <li>▶ May emit irritating, poisonous or corrosive fumes.</li> </ul> <p>Decomposition may produce toxic fumes of: nitrogen oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>) metal oxides</p>
<b>HAZCHEM</b>	1Z

## SECTION 6 Accidental release measures

### Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

See section 8

### Environmental precautions

See section 12

### Methods and material for containment and cleaning up

<b>Minor Spills</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Clean up all spills immediately.</li> <li>▶ No smoking, naked lights, ignition sources.</li> </ul>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Avoid all contact with any organic matter including fuel, solvents, sawdust, paper or cloth and other incompatible materials, as ignition may result.</li> <li>▶ Avoid breathing dust or vapours and all contact with skin and eyes.</li> <li>▶ Control personal contact with the substance, by using protective equipment.</li> <li>▶ Contain and absorb spill with dry sand, earth, inert material or vermiculite.</li> <li>▶ <b>DO NOT use sawdust as fire may result.</b></li> <li>▶ Scoop up solid residues and seal in labelled drums for disposal.</li> </ul>
<b>Major Spills</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Clear area of personnel and move upwind.</li> <li>▶ Alert Fire Brigade and tell them location and nature of hazard.</li> <li>▶ May be violently or explosively reactive.</li> <li>▶ Wear full body protective clothing with breathing apparatus.</li> <li>▶ Prevent, by any means available, spillage from entering drains or water course.</li> <li>▶ Consider evacuation (or protect in place).</li> <li>▶ No smoking, flames or ignition sources.</li> <li>▶ Increase ventilation.</li> </ul>

Personal Protective Equipment advice is contained in Section 8 of the SDS.

### SECTION 7 Handling and storage

#### Precautions for safe handling

<b>Safe handling</b>	<p>For oxidisers, including peroxides.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Avoid personal contact and inhalation of dust, mist or vapours.</li> <li>- Provide adequate ventilation.</li> <li>- Always wear protective equipment and wash off any spillage from clothing.</li> <li>- Keep material away from light, heat, flammables or combustibles.</li> <li>- Keep cool, dry and away from incompatible materials.</li> <li>- Avoid physical damage to containers.</li> <li>- <b>DO NOT repack or return unused portions to original containers.</b></li> </ul>
<b>Other information</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Store in original containers.</li> <li>▶ Keep containers securely sealed as supplied.</li> <li>▶ Store in a cool, well ventilated area.</li> <li>▶ Keep dry.</li> <li>▶ Store under cover and away from sunlight.</li> <li>▶ Store away from flammable or combustible materials, debris and waste. Contact may cause fire or violent reaction.</li> <li>▶ Store away from incompatible materials and foodstuff containers.</li> </ul> <p>In addition, Goods of Class 5.1, packing group III should be stored in packages and be separated from buildings, tanks, and compounds containing other dangerous goods in tanks, and from property boundaries by a distance of at least 5 metres.</p>

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

<b>Suitable container</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Glass container is suitable for laboratory quantities</li> <li>▶ <b>DO NOT repack.</b> Use containers supplied by manufacturer only.</li> </ul> <p>For low viscosity materials</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Drums and jerricans must be of the non-removable head type.</li> <li>▶ Where a can is to be used as an inner package, the can must have a screwed enclosure.</li> </ul> <p>For materials with a viscosity of at least 2680 cSt. (23 deg. C) and solids:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Removable head packaging and</li> <li>▶ cans with friction closures may be used.</li> </ul> <p>-</p> <p>Where combination packages are used, and the inner packages are of glass, there must be sufficient inert cushioning material in contact with inner and outer packages *.</p> <p>-</p> <p>In addition, where inner packagings are glass and contain liquids of packing group I and II there must be sufficient inert absorbent to absorb any spillage *.</p> <p>-</p> <p>* unless the outer packaging is a close fitting moulded plastic box and the substances are not incompatible with the plastic.</p>
<b>Storage incompatibility</b>	<p>Segregate from reducing agents, strong acids, organic substances, combustible materials, heavy metals, phosphides, sodium acetate, lead nitrate, tartrates, trichloroethylene, shock and heat. A mixture with calcium silicide is easily ignited and burns at very high temperatures which is capable of initiating many high temperature reactions. Mixtures of potassium nitrate with: titanium, antimony, germanium or zirconium powders, antimony trisulfide, barium sulfide, calcium sulfide, arsenic disulfide, titanium disulfide, germanium monosulfide, molybdenum disulfide, powdered carbon, arsenic, white or red phosphorus, boron phosphide, copper phosphides, sodium phosphinate, sodium acetate, sodium thiosulfate, thorium dicarbide, aluminium, magnesium, sodium or iron, chromium nitride: may explode or detonate on heating, ignition or by shock.</p> <p>Metal nitrites:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ are incompatible with chlorates, hypophosphites, iodides, mercury salts, permanganates, sulfites, primary amines and amides, secondary amines and amides, ammonium salts, activated carbon, cyanogen compounds, thiocyanates, thiosulfates, cyanides, sodium amide, boron, acetanilide, antipyrine, tannic acid and cellulose</li> <li>▶ react explosively with hydrazine and liquid ammonia .</li> <li>▶ react explosively following fusion with metal cyanides</li> <li>▶ react (often) with salts of nitrogenous bases to produce an unstable corresponding nitrite salt.</li> </ul> <p>for metal nitrates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Segregate from heavy metals, phosphides, sodium acetate, lead nitrate, tartrates, trichloroethylene,</li> <li>▶ Avoid shock and heat.</li> <li>▶ Mixtures of metal nitrates with alkyl esters may explode due to the formation of unstable alkyl nitrates.</li> <li>▶ Mixtures of a nitrate with phosphorous, tin(II) chloride and other reducing agents may react explosively.</li> <li>▶ Mixtures containing nitrates and organic materials are potentially dangerous, especially if acidic materials or heavy metals are present.</li> <li>▶ Fibrous organic material, jute, wood and similar cellulosic material can become highly combustible by nitrate impregnation</li> <li>▶ Metal nitrates are incompatible with cyanides, thiocyanates, isothiocyanates and hypophosphites. Avoid reaction with the following which can cause an explosion: barium thiocyanate, boron phosphide, cyanides, sodium hypophosphite, sulfur and charcoal, powdered aluminium or aluminium oxide, sodium thiosulfate.</li> <li>▶ Mixtures of metal nitrates and phosphinates may explode on heating</li> <li>▶ A mixture of aluminium powder, water and metal nitrate may explode due to a self accelerating reaction.</li> <li>▶ Mixtures containing nitrates, nitrites and organic materials are potentially dangerous, especially in the presence of acidic materials and heavy</li> </ul>

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- ▶ Metals and their oxides or salts may react violently with chlorine trifluoride and bromine trifluoride.
- ▶ These trifluorides are hypergolic oxidisers. They ignite on contact (without external source of heat or ignition) with recognised fuels - contact with these materials, following an ambient or slightly elevated temperature, is often violent and may produce ignition.
- ▶ The state of subdivision may affect the results.
- ▶ Inorganic reducing agents react with oxidizing agents to generate heat and products that may be flammable, combustible, or otherwise reactive. Their reactions with oxidizing agents may be violent.
- ▶ Incidents involving interaction of active oxidants and reducing agents, either by design or accident, are usually very energetic and examples of so-called redox reactions.
- ▶ Avoid any contamination of this material as it is very reactive and any contamination is potentially hazardous
- ▶ Avoid storage with reducing agents.

## SECTION 8 Exposure controls / personal protection

### Control parameters

#### Occupational Exposure Limits (OEL)

#### INGREDIENT DATA

Not Available

#### Emergency Limits

Ingredient	TEEL-1	TEEL-2	TEEL-3
potassium nitrate	9 mg/m3	100 mg/m3	600 mg/m3

Ingredient	Original IDLH	Revised IDLH
potassium nitrate	Not Available	Not Available


#### Occupational Exposure Banding

Ingredient	Occupational Exposure Band Rating	Occupational Exposure Band Limit
potassium nitrate	E	≤ 0.01 mg/m <sup>3</sup>

#### Notes:

Occupational exposure banding is a process of assigning chemicals into specific categories or bands based on a chemical's potency and the adverse health outcomes associated with exposure. The output of this process is an occupational exposure band (OEB), which corresponds to a range of exposure concentrations that are expected to protect worker health.

### Exposure controls

<b>Appropriate engineering controls</b>	<p>Engineering controls are used to remove a hazard or place a barrier between the worker and the hazard. Well-designed engineering controls can be highly effective in protecting workers and will typically be independent of worker interactions to provide this high level of protection.</p> <p>The basic types of engineering controls are:</p> <p>Process controls which involve changing the way a job activity or process is done to reduce the risk.</p> <p>Enclosure and/or isolation of emission source which keeps a selected hazard "physically" away from the worker and ventilation that strategically "adds" and "removes" air in the work environment. Ventilation can remove or dilute an air contaminant if designed properly. The design of a ventilation system must match the particular process and chemical or contaminant in use.</p> <p>Employers may need to use multiple types of controls to prevent employee overexposure.</p> <p>Local exhaust ventilation usually required.</p>
<b>Individual protection measures, such as personal protective equipment</b>	
<b>Eye and face protection</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Chemical goggles.</li> <li>▶ Full face shield may be required for supplementary but never for primary protection of eyes.</li> <li>▶ Contact lenses may pose a special hazard; soft contact lenses may absorb and concentrate irritants. A written policy document, describing the wearing of lenses or restrictions on use, should be created for each workplace or task. This should include a review of lens absorption and adsorption for the class of chemicals in use and an account of injury experience. Medical and first-aid personnel should be trained in their removal and suitable equipment should be readily available. In the event of chemical exposure, begin eye irrigation immediately and remove contact lens as soon as practicable. Lens should be removed at the first signs of eye redness or irritation - lens should be removed in a clean environment only after workers have washed hands thoroughly.</li> </ul>
<b>Skin protection</b>	See Hand protection below
<b>Hands/feet protection</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Wear chemical protective gloves, e.g. PVC.</li> <li>▶ Wear safety footwear or safety gumboots, e.g. Rubber</li> </ul> <p>The selection of suitable gloves does not only depend on the material, but also on further marks of quality which vary from manufacturer to manufacturer. Where the chemical is a preparation of several substances, the resistance of the glove material can not be calculated in advance and has therefore to be checked prior to the application.</p> <p>The exact break through time for substances has to be obtained from the manufacturer of the protective gloves and has to be observed when making a final choice.</p> <p>Personal hygiene is a key element of effective hand care. Gloves must only be worn on clean hands. After using gloves, hands should be washed and dried thoroughly. Application of a non-perfumed moisturiser is recommended.</p> <p>Suitability and durability of glove type is dependent on usage.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ <b>DO NOT wear cotton or cotton-backed gloves.</b></li> <li>▶ <b>DO NOT wear leather gloves.</b></li> <li>▶ Promptly hose all spills off leather shoes or boots or ensure that such footwear is protected with PVC over-shoes.</li> </ul>
<b>Body protection</b>	See Other protection below
<b>Other protection</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Overalls.</li> <li>▶ PVC Apron.</li> <li>▶ PVC protective suit may be required if exposure severe.</li> <li>▶ Eyewash unit.</li> <li>▶ Ensure there is ready access to a safety shower.</li> </ul>

- ▶ Some plastic personal protective equipment (PPE) (e.g. gloves, aprons, overshoes) are not recommended as they may produce static electricity.
- ▶ For large scale or continuous use wear tight-weave non-static clothing (no metallic fasteners, cuffs or pockets).
- ▶ Non sparking safety or conductive footwear should be considered. Conductive footwear describes a boot or shoe with a sole made from a conductive compound chemically bound to the bottom components, for permanent control to electrically ground the foot and shall dissipate static electricity from the body to reduce the possibility of ignition of volatile compounds. Electrical resistance must range between 0 to 500,000 ohms. Conductive shoes should be stored in lockers close to the room in which they are worn. Personnel who have been issued conductive footwear should not wear them from their place of work to their homes and return.

### Respiratory protection

Type -P Filter of sufficient capacity. (AS/NZS 1716 & 1715, EN 143:2000 & 149:2001, ANSI Z88 or national equivalent)

Required Minimum Protection Factor	Half-Face Respirator	Full-Face Respirator	Powered Air Respirator
up to 10 x ES	P1 Air-line*	- -	PAPR-P1 -
up to 50 x ES	Air-line**	P2	PAPR-P2
up to 100 x ES	-	P3	-
		Air-line*	-
100+ x ES	-	Air-line**	PAPR-P3

\* - Negative pressure demand \*\* - Continuous flow

A(All classes) = Organic vapours, B AUS or B1 = Acid gasses, B2 = Acid gas or hydrogen cyanide(HCN), B3 = Acid gas or hydrogen cyanide(HCN), E = Sulfur dioxide(SO<sub>2</sub>), G = Agricultural chemicals, K = Ammonia(NH<sub>3</sub>), Hg = Mercury, NO = Oxides of nitrogen, MB = Methyl bromide, AX = Low boiling point organic compounds(below 65 degC)

- Respirators may be necessary when engineering and administrative controls do not adequately prevent exposures.
- The decision to use respiratory protection should be based on professional judgment that takes into account toxicity information, exposure measurement data, and frequency and likelihood of the worker's exposure - ensure users are not subject to high thermal loads which may result in heat stress or distress due to personal protective equipment (powered, positive flow, full face apparatus may be an option).
- Published occupational exposure limits, where they exist, will assist in determining the adequacy of the selected respiratory protection. These may be government mandated or vendor recommended.
- Certified respirators will be useful for protecting workers from inhalation of particulates when properly selected and fit tested as part of a complete respiratory protection program.
- Where protection from nuisance levels of dusts are desired, use type N95 (US) or type P1 (EN143) dust masks. Use respirators and components tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or CEN (EU)
- Use approved positive flow mask if significant quantities of dust becomes airborne.
- Try to avoid creating dust conditions.

## SECTION 9 Physical and chemical properties

### Information on basic physical and chemical properties

<b>Appearance</b>	Colourless odourless transparent prisms or white crystalline powder or crystals. Has a cooling, pungent saline taste. Slightly hygroscopic. Oxidising agent. Soluble in water and glycerine, insoluble in absolute alcohol. Solubility in water = 36% When tested to UNDG 34.4.2 Test 0.2 Test for oxidising liquids a 30% w/w aqueous solution was not a class 5.1 oxidiser. ref UNDC 34.4.2.5.		
<b>Physical state</b>	Divided Solid	<b>Relative density (Water = 1)</b>	2.11
<b>Odour</b>	Not Available	<b>Partition coefficient n-octanol / water</b>	Not Available
<b>Odour threshold</b>	Not Available	<b>Auto-ignition temperature (°C)</b>	Not Available
<b>pH (as supplied)</b>	Not Applicable	<b>Decomposition temperature (°C)</b>	400
<b>Melting point / freezing point (°C)</b>	334	<b>Viscosity (cSt)</b>	Not Applicable
<b>Initial boiling point and boiling range (°C)</b>	400 (decomposes)	<b>Molecular weight (g/mol)</b>	101.11
<b>Flash point (°C)</b>	Not Applicable	<b>Taste</b>	Not Available
<b>Evaporation rate</b>	Non Volatile	<b>Explosive properties</b>	Not Available
<b>Flammability</b>	Not Applicable	<b>Oxidising properties</b>	Not Available
<b>Upper Explosive Limit (%)</b>	Not Applicable	<b>Surface Tension (dyn/cm or mN/m)</b>	Not Applicable
<b>Lower Explosive Limit (%)</b>	Not Applicable	<b>Volatile Component (%vol)</b>	Not Available
<b>Vapour pressure (kPa)</b>	Negligible	<b>Gas group</b>	Not Available
<b>Solubility in water</b>	Miscible	<b>pH as a solution (1%)</b>	7 Approx.
<b>Vapour density (Air = 1)</b>	Not Available	<b>VOC g/L</b>	Not Applicable

## SECTION 10 Stability and reactivity

<b>Reactivity</b>	See section 7
<b>Chemical stability</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Unstable in the presence of incompatible materials.</li> <li>▶ Product is considered stable under normal handling conditions.</li> <li>▶ Prolonged exposure to heat.</li> <li>▶ Hazardous polymerisation will not occur.</li> </ul>
<b>Possibility of hazardous reactions</b>	See section 7
<b>Conditions to avoid</b>	See section 7

<b>Incompatible materials</b>	See section 7
<b>Hazardous decomposition products</b>	See section 5

## SECTION 11 Toxicological information

### Information on toxicological effects

<b>Inhaled</b>	<p>There is some evidence to suggest that the material can cause respiratory irritation in some persons. The body's response to such irritation can cause further lung damage.</p> <p>Persons with impaired respiratory function, airway diseases and conditions such as emphysema or chronic bronchitis, may incur further disability if excessive concentrations of particulate are inhaled.</p> <p>If prior damage to the circulatory or nervous systems has occurred or if kidney damage has been sustained, proper screenings should be conducted on individuals who may be exposed to further risk if handling and use of the material result in excessive exposures.</p>
<b>Ingestion</b>	<p>Ingestion may cause abdominal spasm, faintness, muscular spasm, vomiting, and diarrhoea. Serious poisonings are characterised by blood disorders, anaemia and nephritis.</p> <p>Accidental ingestion of the material may be harmful; animal experiments indicate that ingestion of less than 150 gram may be fatal or may produce serious damage to the health of the individual.</p> <p>The main concern with exposure to inorganic nitrate is its biological reduction to the reactive and toxic nitrite. Nitrate itself is relatively harmless, but where bacteria are present and the environment is anaerobic (lacking in oxygen), nitrate can be converted to nitrite. The main sites of this reaction are the mouth and stomach, but nitrite formation in the bladder (urinary infection) may also be of some toxicological importance.</p> <p>Adults have tolerated large doses of sodium nitrate and ammonium nitrate (&gt; 100 milligrams of nitrate per kilogram body weight), in some cases repeated for several days for medical or experimental purposes, with only minor effects in some subjects (slight amount of methaemoglobin in the blood, diarrhea and vomiting). Death and severe effects of swallowing nitrate are generally associated with doses greater than 10 grams of nitrate ion. Doses of between 2 and 9 grams of nitrate ion (equivalent to 33 to 150 milligrams of nitrate ion per kilogram body weight) have been reported to cause methaemoglobin to be present in the blood, impairing delivery of oxygen to the tissues. This is the main acute toxic effect of nitrate and nitrite poisoning.</p> <p>The half-life in the body for an oral dose of nitrate is approximately 5 hours.</p> <p>The lethal oral dose of nitrite has been variously reported as between 0.7 and 6 grams (approximately 10-100 milligrams/kilogram body weight). This may be lower for children (especially newborns), the elderly, and people with certain enzyme deficiencies. Symptoms develop within 15-45 minutes.</p> <p>Inorganic nitrites produce smooth muscle relaxation, methaemoglobin in the blood, and cyanosis (a bluing of the extremities). Other toxic effects of nitrites include abdominal pain, diarrhea, withering of the villi of the gut and cell death (apoptosis) in the crypts of the gut. Nitrite may also cause a sudden fall in blood pressure, due to its ability to dilate blood vessels. This is probably because it can transform into nitric oxide (NO), or a NO-containing molecule.</p> <p>Fatal poisonings in infants, resulting from oral intake of nitrites in water or spinach, have been reported.</p> <p>The substance and/or its metabolites may bind to haemoglobin inhibiting normal uptake of oxygen. This condition, known as "methaemoglobinemia", is a form of oxygen starvation (anoxia).</p> <p>Symptoms include cyanosis (a bluish discolouration skin and mucous membranes) and breathing difficulties. Symptoms may not be evident until several hours after exposure.</p> <p>At about 15% concentration of blood methaemoglobin there is observable cyanosis of the lips, nose and earlobes. Symptoms may be absent although euphoria, flushed face and headache are commonly experienced. At 25-40%, cyanosis is marked but little disability occurs other than that produced on physical exertion. At 40-60%, symptoms include weakness, dizziness, lightheadedness, increasingly severe headache, ataxia, rapid shallow respiration, drowsiness, nausea, vomiting, confusion, lethargy and stupor.</p>
<b>Skin Contact</b>	<p>There is some evidence to suggest that this material can cause inflammation of the skin on contact in some persons.</p> <p>Open cuts, abraded or irritated skin should not be exposed to this material</p> <p>Entry into the blood-stream, through, for example, cuts, abrasions or lesions, may produce systemic injury with harmful effects. Examine the skin prior to the use of the material and ensure that any external damage is suitably protected.</p>
<b>Eye</b>	This material can cause eye irritation and damage in some persons.
<b>Chronic</b>	<p>Chronic exposure can be harmful if material is ingested and converted to nitrites by bacterial action in the stomach.</p> <p>There has been some concern that this material can cause cancer or mutations but there is not enough data to make an assessment.</p> <p>Long term exposure to high dust concentrations may cause changes in lung function i.e. pneumoconiosis, caused by particles less than 0.5 micron penetrating and remaining in the lung.</p> <p>Animal testing to see whether nitrites caused cancer proved inconclusive.</p>

potassium nitrate	TOXICITY	IRRITATION
	dermal (rat) LD50: >5000 mg/kg <sup>[1]</sup>	Not Available
	Inhalation(Rat) LC50: >0.527 mg/l4h <sup>[1]</sup>	
	Oral (Rabbit) LD50; 1901 mg/kg <sup>[2]</sup>	

**Legend:** 1. Value obtained from Europe ECHA Registered Substances - Acute toxicity 2. Value obtained from manufacturer's SDS. Unless otherwise specified data extracted from RTECS - Register of Toxic Effect of chemical Substances

<b>Acute Toxicity</b>	✓	<b>Carcinogenicity</b>	✗
<b>Skin Irritation/Corrosion</b>	✗	<b>Reproductivity</b>	✗
<b>Serious Eye Damage/Irritation</b>	✓	<b>STOT - Single Exposure</b>	✗
<b>Respiratory or Skin sensitisation</b>	✗	<b>STOT - Repeated Exposure</b>	✗
<b>Mutagenicity</b>	✗	<b>Aspiration Hazard</b>	✗

**Legend:** ✗ – Data either not available or does not fill the criteria for classification  
 ✓ – Data available to make classification

## SECTION 12 Ecological information

### Toxicity

## POTASSIUM NITRATE

potassium nitrate	Endpoint	Test Duration (hr)	Species	Value	Source
	EC50	48h	Crustacea	490mg/l	2
	NOEC(ECx)	144h	Fish	0.1mg/l	4
	LC50	96h	Fish	>100mg/l	2

**Legend:** *Extracted from 1. IUCLID Toxicity Data 2. Europe ECHA Registered Substances - Ecotoxicological Information - Aquatic Toxicity 4. US EPA, Ecotox database - Aquatic Toxicity Data 5. ECETOC Aquatic Hazard Assessment Data 6. NITE (Japan) - Bioconcentration Data 7. METI (Japan) - Bioconcentration Data 8. Vendor Data*

Harmful to aquatic organisms.

For Nitrate/Nitrite

Environmental Fate: Nitrates form from nitrate or ammonium ions by micro-organisms in soil, water, sewage and the digestive tract. The concern with nitrate in the environment is related to its conversion to nitrite. Primary sources of organic nitrates include human sewage and livestock manure, especially from feedlots.

Atmospheric Fate: Nitrate/nitrites do not evaporate into the air; however, any nitrites released into the air slowly oxidize to nitrates.

Terrestrial Fate: Due to its high solubility and weak retention by soil, nitrates/nitrites are very mobile in soil, moving at approximately the same rate as water, and have a high potential to migrate to ground water. The substances can contaminate groundwater to unacceptable levels.

Aquatic Fate: Nitrate/nitrites do not evaporate from water surfaces. The substances are expected to remain in water until consumed by plants or other organisms.

**DO NOT discharge into sewer or waterways.**

### Persistence and degradability

Ingredient	Persistence: Water/Soil	Persistence: Air
potassium nitrate	LOW	LOW

### Bioaccumulative potential

Ingredient	Bioaccumulation
potassium nitrate	LOW (LogKOW = 0.209)

### Mobility in soil

Ingredient	Mobility
potassium nitrate	LOW (KOC = 14.3)


## SECTION 13 Disposal considerations

### Waste treatment methods

<b>Product / Packaging disposal</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Containers may still present a chemical hazard/ danger when empty.</li> <li>▶ Return to supplier for reuse/ recycling if possible.</li> </ul> <p>Otherwise:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ If container can not be cleaned sufficiently well to ensure that residuals do not remain or if the container cannot be used to store the same product, then puncture containers, to prevent re-use, and bury at an authorised landfill.</li> <li>▶ Where possible retain label warnings and SDS and observe all notices pertaining to the product.</li> </ul> <p>Legislation addressing waste disposal requirements may differ by country, state and/ or territory. Each user must refer to laws operating in their area. In some areas, certain wastes must be tracked.</p> <p>A Hierarchy of Controls seems to be common - the user should investigate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Reduction</li> <li>▶ Reuse</li> <li>▶ Recycling</li> <li>▶ Disposal (if all else fails)</li> </ul> <p>This material may be recycled if unused, or if it has not been contaminated so as to make it unsuitable for its intended use. Shelf life considerations should also be applied in making decisions of this type. Note that properties of a material may change in use, and recycling or reuse may not always be appropriate. In most instances the supplier of the material should be consulted.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ <b>DO NOT allow wash water from cleaning or process equipment to enter drains.</b></li> <li>▶ It may be necessary to collect all wash water for treatment before disposal.</li> <li>▶ In all cases disposal to sewer may be subject to local laws and regulations and these should be considered first.</li> <li>▶ Where in doubt contact the responsible authority.</li> </ul> <p>For small quantities of oxidising agent:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Cautiously acidify a 3% solution to pH 2 with sulfuric acid.</li> <li>▶ Gradually add a 50% excess of sodium bisulfite solution with stirring.</li> <li>▶ Add a further 10% sodium bisulfite.</li> <li>▶ If no further reaction occurs (as indicated by a rise in temperature) cautiously add more acid.</li> <li>▶ Recycle wherever possible or consult manufacturer for recycling options.</li> <li>▶ Consult State Land Waste Management Authority for disposal.</li> <li>▶ Bury residue in an authorised landfill.</li> <li>▶ Recycle containers if possible, or dispose of in an authorised landfill.</li> </ul>
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## SECTION 14 Transport information

### Labels Required

	
<b>Marine Pollutant</b>	NO
<b>HAZCHEM</b>	1Z



POTASSIUM NITRATE

Land transport (ADG)

14.1. UN number or ID number	1486	
14.2. UN proper shipping name	POTASSIUM NITRATE	
14.3. Transport hazard class(es)	Class	5.1
	Subsidiary Hazard	Not Applicable
14.4. Packing group	III	
14.5. Environmental hazard	Not Applicable	
14.6. Special precautions for user	Special provisions	Not Applicable
	Limited quantity	5 kg

Air transport (ICAO-IATA / DGR)

14.1. UN number	1486	
14.2. UN proper shipping name	Potassium nitrate	
14.3. Transport hazard class(es)	ICAO/IATA Class	5.1
	ICAO / IATA Subsidiary Hazard	Not Applicable
	ERG Code	5L
14.4. Packing group	III	
14.5. Environmental hazard	Not Applicable	
14.6. Special precautions for user	Special provisions	A803
	Cargo Only Packing Instructions	563
	Cargo Only Maximum Qty / Pack	100 kg
	Passenger and Cargo Packing Instructions	559
	Passenger and Cargo Maximum Qty / Pack	25 kg
	Passenger and Cargo Limited Quantity Packing Instructions	Y546
	Passenger and Cargo Limited Maximum Qty / Pack	10 kg

Sea transport (IMDG-Code / GGVSee)

14.1. UN number	1486	
14.2. UN proper shipping name	POTASSIUM NITRATE	
14.3. Transport hazard class(es)	IMDG Class	5.1
	IMDG Subsidiary Hazard	Not Applicable
14.4. Packing group	III	
14.5. Environmental hazard	Not Applicable	
14.6. Special precautions for user	EMS Number	F-A , S-Q
	Special provisions	964 967
	Limited Quantities	5 kg

14.7.1. Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL and the IBC code

Not Applicable

14.7.2. Transport in bulk in accordance with MARPOL Annex V and the IMSBC Code

Product name	Group
potassium nitrate	Not Available

14.7.3. Transport in bulk in accordance with the IGC Code

Product name	Ship Type
potassium nitrate	Not Available

SECTION 15 Regulatory information

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

potassium nitrate is found on the following regulatory lists

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Australian Inventory of Industrial Chemicals (AIIC)

International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) - Agents Classified by the IARC Monographs

International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) - Agents Classified by the IARC Monographs - Group 2A: Probably carcinogenic to humans

#### Additional Regulatory Information

Not Applicable

#### National Inventory Status

National Inventory	Status
Australia - AIIC / Australia Non-Industrial Use	Yes
Canada - DSL	Yes
Canada - NDSL	No (potassium nitrate)
China - IECSC	Yes
Europe - EINEC / ELINCS / NLP	Yes
Japan - ENCS	Yes
Korea - KECI	Yes
New Zealand - NZIoC	Yes
Philippines - PICCS	Yes
USA - TSCA	Yes
Taiwan - TCSI	Yes
Mexico - INSQ	Yes
Vietnam - NCI	Yes
Russia - FBEPH	Yes
<b>Legend:</b>	Yes = All CAS declared ingredients are on the inventory No = One or more of the CAS listed ingredients are not on the inventory. These ingredients may be exempt or will require registration.

#### SECTION 16 Other information

<b>Revision Date</b>	23/12/2022
<b>Initial Date</b>	27/08/2003

#### SDS Version Summary

Version	Date of Update	Sections Updated
8.1	05/10/2019	Toxicological information - Acute Health (swallowed), CAS Number, Handling and storage - Storage (storage incompatibility)
9.1	23/12/2022	Classification review due to GHS Revision change.

#### Other information

Classification of the preparation and its individual components has drawn on official and authoritative sources as well as independent review by the Chemwatch Classification committee using available literature references.

The SDS is a Hazard Communication tool and should be used to assist in the Risk Assessment. Many factors determine whether the reported Hazards are Risks in the workplace or other settings. Risks may be determined by reference to Exposures Scenarios. Scale of use, frequency of use and current or available engineering controls must be considered.

#### Definitions and abbreviations

- ▶ PC - TWA: Permissible Concentration-Time Weighted Average
- ▶ PC - STEL: Permissible Concentration-Short Term Exposure Limit
- ▶ IARC: International Agency for Research on Cancer
- ▶ ACGIH: American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists
- ▶ STEL: Short Term Exposure Limit
- ▶ TEEL: Temporary Emergency Exposure Limit,
- ▶ IDLH: Immediately Dangerous to Life or Health Concentrations
- ▶ ES: Exposure Standard
- ▶ OSF: Odour Safety Factor
- ▶ NOAEL: No Observed Adverse Effect Level
- ▶ LOAEL: Lowest Observed Adverse Effect Level
- ▶ TLV: Threshold Limit Value
- ▶ LOD: Limit Of Detection
- ▶ OTV: Odour Threshold Value
- ▶ BCF: BioConcentration Factors
- ▶ BEI: Biological Exposure Index
- ▶ DNEL: Derived No-Effect Level
- ▶ PNEC: Predicted no-effect concentration
  
- ▶ AIIC: Australian Inventory of Industrial Chemicals
- ▶ DSL: Domestic Substances List
- ▶ NDSL: Non-Domestic Substances List
- ▶ IECSC: Inventory of Existing Chemical Substance in China
- ▶ EINECS: European Inventory of Existing Commercial chemical Substances
- ▶ ELINCS: European List of Notified Chemical Substances
- ▶ NLP: No-Longer Polymers
- ▶ ENCS: Existing and New Chemical Substances Inventory
- ▶ KECI: Korea Existing Chemicals Inventory
- ▶ NZIoC: New Zealand Inventory of Chemicals

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- ▶ PICCS: Philippine Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances
- ▶ TSCA: Toxic Substances Control Act
- ▶ TCSI: Taiwan Chemical Substance Inventory
- ▶ INSQ: Inventario Nacional de Sustancias Químicas
- ▶ NCI: National Chemical Inventory
- ▶ FBEPH: Russian Register of Potentially Hazardous Chemical and Biological Substances

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