



# MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

## SDS/MSDS

### 1. IDENTIFICATION OF THE SUBSTANCE/MIXTURE AND OF THE COMPANY/UNDERTAKING

#### 1.1 Product identifiers

Product name : Potassium Nitrate

CAS-No. : 7757-79-1

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

Identified uses : Laboratory chemicals, Industrial & for professional use only.

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

Company : Bio-Chem Chemicals  
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+91 82952 41953  
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#### 1.4 Emergency telephone number

Emergency Phone # : +91 99921 51495 (10.00am - 06.30pm) (Office Hours)

### 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

#### 2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture

Classification according to Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008 [EU-GHS/CLP]

Oxidizing solids (Category 3)

Classification according to EU Directives 67/548/EEC or 1999/45/EC

Contact with combustible material may cause fire.

#### 2.2 Label elements

Labelling according Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008 [CLP]

Pictogram



Signal word

Warning

Oxidizing

Hazard statement(s)

H272

May intensify fire; oxidiser.

Precautionary statement(s)

P220

Keep/Store away from clothing/ combustible materials.

Supplemental Hazard  
Statements

none

According to European Directive 67/548/EEC as amended.

Hazard symbol(s)



R-phrase(s)

R 8

Contact with combustible material may cause fire.

S-phrase(s)

none

## 2.3 Other hazards - none

## 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

### 3.1 Substances

Formula : KNO<sub>3</sub>  
Molecular Weight : 101,10 g/mol

## 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

### 4.1 Description of first aid measures

#### General advice

Consult a physician. Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance.

#### If inhaled

If breathed in, move person into fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. Consult a physician.

#### In case of skin contact

Wash off with soap and plenty of water. Consult a physician.

#### In case of eye contact

Flush eyes with water as a precaution.

#### If swallowed

Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Rinse mouth with water. Consult a physician.

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

Absorption into the body leads to the formation of methemoglobin which in sufficient concentration causes cyanosis. Onset may be delayed 2 to 4 hours or longer.

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

no data available

## 5. FIREFIGHTING MEASURES

### 5.1 Extinguishing media

#### Suitable extinguishing media

Use water spray, alcohol-resistant foam, dry chemical or carbon dioxide.

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

nitrogen oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>), Potassium oxides

### 5.3 Advice for firefighters

Wear self contained breathing apparatus for fire fighting if necessary.

### 5.4 Further information

Use water spray to cool unopened containers.

## 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

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

Use personal protective equipment. Avoid dust formation. Avoid breathing vapors, mist or gas. Ensure adequate ventilation. Evacuate personnel to safe areas. Avoid breathing dust.

### 6.2 Environmental precautions

Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so. Do not let product enter drains. Discharge into the environment must be avoided.

### **6.3 Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up**

Sweep up and shovel. Contain spillage, and then collect with an electrically protected vacuum cleaner or by wet-brushing and place in container for disposal according to local regulations (see section 13). Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal.

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

For disposal see section 13.

## **7. HANDLING AND STORAGE**

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

Avoid formation of dust and aerosols.

Provide appropriate exhaust ventilation at places where dust is formed. Keep away from sources of ignition  
- No smoking. Keep away from heat and sources of ignition. Normal measures for preventive fire protection.

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

Store in cool place. Keep container tightly closed in a dry and well-ventilated place.

hygroscopic

### **7.3 Specific end uses**

no data available

## **8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION**

### **8.1 Control parameters**

#### **Components with workplace control parameters**

### **8.2 Exposure controls**

#### **Appropriate engineering controls**

Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice. Wash hands before breaks and at the end of workday.

#### **Personal protective equipment**

##### **Eye/face protection**

Safety glasses with side-shields conforming to EN166 Use equipment for eye protection tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or EN 166(EU).

##### **Skin protection**

Handle with gloves. Gloves must be inspected prior to use. Use proper glove removal technique (without touching glove's outer surface) to avoid skin contact with this product. Dispose of contaminated gloves after use in accordance with applicable laws and good laboratory practices. Wash and dry hands.

##### **Body Protection**

Impervious clothing, The type of protective equipment must be selected according to the concentration and amount of the dangerous substance at the specific workplace.

##### **Respiratory protection**

Where risk assessment shows air-purifying respirators are appropriate use a full-face particle respirator type N100 (US) or type P3 (EN 143) respirator cartridges as a backup to engineering controls. If the respirator is the sole means of protection, use a full-face supplied air respirator. Use respirators and components tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or CEN (EU).

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

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

a) Appearance	Form: crystalline Colour: white
b) Odour	no data available
c) Odour Threshold	no data available
d) pH	5,5 - 8 at 50 g/l at 20 °C

e)	Melting point/freezing point	Melting point/range: 334 °C - lit.
f)	Initial boiling point and boiling range	no data available
g)	Flash point	no data available
h)	Evaporation rate	no data available
i)	Flammability (solid, gas)	no data available
j)	Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits	no data available
k)	Vapour pressure	no data available
l)	Vapour density	no data available
m)	Relative density	2,109 g/cm <sup>3</sup>
n)	Water solubility	no data available
o)	Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water	no data available
p)	Autoignition temperature	no data available
q)	Decomposition temperature	no data available
r)	Viscosity	no data available
s)	Explosive properties	no data available
t)	Oxidizing properties	no data available

## 9.2 Other safety information

Bulk density	800 kg/m <sup>3</sup>
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## 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

### 10.1 Reactivity

no data available

### 10.2 Chemical stability

no data available

### 10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions

no data available

### 10.4 Conditions to avoid

no data available

### 10.5 Incompatible materials

Strong reducing agents, Powdered metals, Strong acids, Organic materials

### 10.6 Hazardous decomposition products

Other decomposition products - no data available

## 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### 11.1 Information on toxicological effects

#### Acute toxicity

LD50 Oral - rat - 3.750 mg/kg

#### Skin corrosion/irritation

no data available

#### Serious eye damage/eye irritation

no data available

**Respiratory or skin sensitization**

no data available

**Germ cell mutagenicity**

no data available

**Carcinogenicity**

IARC: 2A - Group 2A: Probably carcinogenic to humans (Potassium nitrate)

**Reproductive toxicity**

Reproductive toxicity - rat - Oral

Effects on Fertility: Other measures of fertility

Reproductive toxicity - rat - Oral

Effects on Newborn: Behavioral.

Reproductive toxicity - rabbit - Oral

Effects on Fertility: Abortion.

Reproductive toxicity - guinea pig - Oral

Effects on Newborn: Stillbirth.

Reproductive toxicity - guinea pig - Oral

Effects on Fertility: Female fertility index (e.g., # females pregnant per # sperm positive females; # females pregnant per # females mated ). Effects on Embryo or Fetus: Other effects to embryo.

**Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure**

no data available

**Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure**

no data available

**Aspiration hazard**

no data available

**Potential health effects****Inhalation**

May be harmful if inhaled. May cause respiratory tract irritation.

**Ingestion**

May be harmful if swallowed.

**Skin**

May be harmful if absorbed through skin. May cause skin irritation.

**Eyes**

May cause eye irritation.

**Signs and Symptoms of Exposure**

Absorption into the body leads to the formation of methemoglobin which in sufficient concentration causes cyanosis. Onset may be delayed 2 to 4 hours or longer.

**Additional Information**

RTECS: TT3700000

**12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION****12.1 Toxicity**

Toxicity to fish LC50 - Gambusia affinis (Mosquito fish) - 22,5 mg/l - 96 h

Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates EC50 - Daphnia magna (Water flea) - 226 mg/l - 72 h

**12.2 Persistence and degradability**

no data available

**12.3 Bioaccumulative potential**

no data available

**12.4 Mobility in soil**

no data available

**12.5 Results of PBT and vPvB assessment**

no data available

**12.6 Other adverse effects**

Harmful to aquatic life.

**13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS****13.1 Waste treatment methods****Product**

Burn in a chemical incinerator equipped with an afterburner and scrubber but exert extra care in igniting as this material is highly flammable. Offer surplus and non-recyclable solutions to a licensed disposal company. Contact a licensed professional waste disposal service to dispose of this material.

**Contaminated packaging**

Dispose of as unused product.

**14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION****14.1 UN number**

ADR/RID: 1486

IMDG: 1486

IATA: 1486

**14.2 UN proper shipping name**

ADR/RID: POTASSIUM NITRATE

IMDG: POTASSIUM NITRATE

IATA: Potassium nitrate

**14.3 Transport hazard class(es)**

ADR/RID: 5.1

IMDG: 5.1

IATA: 5.1

**14.4 Packaging group**

ADR/RID: III

IMDG: III

IATA: III

**14.5 Environmental hazards**

ADR/RID: no

IMDG Marine pollutant: no

IATA: no

**14.6 Special precautions for user**

no data available

**15. REGULATORY INFORMATION**

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

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

no data available

**15.2 Chemical Safety Assessment**

no data available