

SAFETY DATA SHEET

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1. Identification

Product Name	Potassium nitrate
Cat No. :	P261-3; P261-3LC; P263-100; P263-3; P263-50; P263-500; P383-100; P383-500; NC0763911; NC0763933; NC1277895; XXP263PP12KG
CAS-No	7757-79-1
Synonyms	Saltpeter.; Nitric acid potassium salt; Niter
Recommended Use	Laboratory chemicals.
Uses advised against	Food, drug, pesticide or biocidal product use

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

Warning

Hazard Statements

May intensify fire; oxidizer

**Precautionary Statements****Prevention**

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

Fire

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

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

General Advice	If symptoms persist, call a physician.
Eye Contact	Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids, for at least 15 minutes. Get medical attention.
Skin Contact	Wash off immediately with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. If skin irritation persists, call a physician.
Inhalation	Move to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. Get medical attention if symptoms occur.
Ingestion	Clean mouth with water and drink afterwards plenty of water. Get medical attention if symptoms occur.
Most important symptoms and effects	None reasonably foreseeable.
Notes to Physician	Treat symptomatically

5. Fire-fighting measures

Suitable Extinguishing Media	Use extinguishing measures that are appropriate to local circumstances and the surrounding environment.
Unsuitable Extinguishing Media	No information available
Flash Point	No information available
Method -	No information available
Autoignition Temperature	

Explosion Limits

Upper No data available
Lower No data available

Oxidizing Properties

Oxidizer

Sensitivity to Mechanical Impact No information available**Sensitivity to Static Discharge** 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

Potassium oxides Nitrogen oxides (NOx)

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
1

Flammability
1

Instability
2

Physical hazards
OX

6. Accidental release measures**Personal Precautions**

Use personal protective equipment. Ensure adequate ventilation. Avoid dust formation.

Environmental Precautions

Should not be released into the environment.

Methods for Containment and Clean Up

Sweep up or vacuum up spillage and collect in suitable container for disposal. Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal. Soak up with inert absorbent material. Sweep up and shovel into suitable containers for disposal.

7. Handling and storage**Handling**

Wear personal protective equipment. Ensure adequate ventilation. Avoid ingestion and inhalation. Avoid dust formation. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Keep away from clothing and other combustible materials.

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

Long sleeved clothing.

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
Density	2.1 @ 20 °C
Specific Gravity	No information available
Solubility	soluble
Partition coefficient; n-octanol/water	No data available
Autoignition Temperature	
Decomposition Temperature	> 400°C
Viscosity	Not applicable
Molecular Formula	K N O ₃
Molecular Weight	101.1

10. Stability and reactivity

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

11. Toxicological information

Acute Toxicity
Product Information
Component Information

Component	LD50 Oral	LD50 Dermal	LC50 Inhalation
Potassium nitrate	LD50 = 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

Irritation No information available

Sensitization No information available

Carcinogenicity 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

United States of America Inventory

Component	CAS-No	TSCA	TSCA Inventory notification - Active/Inactive	TSCA - EPA Regulatory Flags
Potassium nitrate	7757-79-1	X	ACTIVE	-

Legend:

TSCA - Toxic Substances Control Act, (40 CFR Part 710)

X - Listed

'-' - Not Listed

TSCA 12(b) - Notices of Export Not applicable

International Inventories

Canada (DSL/NDSL), Europe (EINECS/ELINCS/NLP), Philippines (PICCS), Japan (ENCS), Australia (AICS), China (IECSC), Korea (ECL).

Component	CAS-No	DSL	NDSL	EINECS	PICCS	ENCS	AICS	IECSC	KECL
Potassium nitrate	7757-79-1	X	-	231-818-8	X	X	X	X	KE-29163

U.S. Federal Regulations

SARA 313

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

SARA 311/312 Hazard Categories See section 2 for more information

CWA (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

U.S. State Right-to-Know Regulations

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:

Legend - STQs = Screening Threshold Quantities, APA = A placarded amount

Component	DHS Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standard
Potassium nitrate	Theft STQs - 400lb

Other International Regulations

Mexico - Grade No information available

16. Other information

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