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# SECTION 1: IDENTIFICATION OF THE SUBSTANCE/MIXTURE AND OF THE COMPANY/UNDERTAKING

1.1. Product identification

Product Description:	Potassium nitrate
Cat No. :	434430000; 434430010; 434430025; 434430100
Synonyms	Saltpeter.; Nitric acid potassium salt; Niter
CAS-No	7757-79-1
EC-No.	231-818-8
Molecular Formula	K N O3
Reach Registration Number	01-2119488224-35

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

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

Company	Acros Organics BVBA
	Janssen Pharmaceuticalaan 3a
	2440 Geel, Belgium
E-mail address	begel.sdsdesk@thermofisher.com

#### 1.4. Emergency telephone number

For information **US** call: 001-800-ACROS-01 / **Europe** call: +32 14 57 52 11 Emergency Number **US**:001-201-796-7100 / **Europe**: +32 14 57 52 99 **CHEMTREC** Tel. No.**US**:001-800-424-9300 / **Europe**:001-703-527-3887

**SECTION 2: HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION** 

### 2.1. Classification of the substance or mixture

CLP Classification - Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008

#### Physical hazards

Oxidizing solids

### Health hazards

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

#### **Environmental hazards**

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

Category 3 (H272)

Potassium nitrate

#### 2.2. Label elements



Signal Word

Warning

#### Hazard Statements

H272 - May intensify fire; oxidizer

#### **Precautionary Statements**

P280 - Wear protective gloves/ protective clothing/ eye protection/ face protection

P210 - Keep away from heat/sparks/open flames/hot surfaces. - No smoking

P221 - Take any precaution to avoid mixing with combustibles

P371 + P380 + P375 - In case of major fire and large quantities: Evacuate area. Fight fire remotely due to the risk of explosion

#### 2.3. Other hazards

Results of PBT and vPvB assessment In accordance with Annex XIII of the REACH Regulation, inorganic substances do not require assessment

### **SECTION 3: COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS**

#### 3.1. Substances

Component	CAS-No	EC-No.	Weight %	CLP Classification - Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008
Potassium nitrate	7757-79-1	231-818-8	>95	Ox. Sol. 3 (H272)

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Full text of Hazard Statements: see section 16

# **SECTION 4: FIRST AID MEASURES**

#### 4.1. Description of 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.
Ingestion	Clean mouth with water and drink afterwards plenty of water. Get medical attention if

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	symptoms occur.			
Inhalation	Move to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. Get medical attention if symptoms occur.			
Self-Protection of the First Aider	No special precautions required.			
4.2. Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed				
	None reasonably foreseeable.			

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

Notes to Physician

Potassium nitrate

#### Treat symptomatically.

### **SECTION 5: FIREFIGHTING MEASURES**

#### 5.1. Extinguishing media

#### Suitable Extinguishing Media

Use extinguishing measures that are appropriate to local circumstances and the surrounding environment.

# Extinguishing media which must not be used for safety reasons

No information available.

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

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).

#### 5.3. Advice for firefighters

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

### **SECTION 6: ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES**

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

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

#### 6.2. Environmental precautions

Should not be released into the environment.

#### 6.3. Methods and material for containment and cleaning 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.

#### 6.4. Reference to other sections

#### Potassium nitrate

Refer to protective measures listed in Sections 8 and 13.

# **SECTION 7: HANDLING AND STORAGE**

#### 7.1. Precautions for safe 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.

#### **Hygiene Measures**

Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice. Keep away from food, drink and animal feeding stuffs. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. Remove and wash contaminated clothing before re-use. Wash hands before breaks and at the end of workday.

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

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

#### 7.3. Specific end use(s)

Use in laboratories

**SECTION 8: EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION** 

#### 8.1. Control parameters

Exposure limits List source(s):

#### **Biological limit values**

This product, as supplied, does not contain any hazardous materials with biological limits established by the region specific regulatory bodies

#### **Monitoring methods**

BS EN 14042:2003 Title Identifier: Workplace atmospheres. Guide for the application and use of procedures for the assessment of exposure to chemical and biological agents.

MDHS14/3 General methods for sampling and gravimetric analysis of respirable and inhalable dust

#### Derived No Effect Level (DNEL) See table for values

Route of exposure	Acute effects (local)	Acute effects (systemic)	Chronic effects (local)	Chronic effects (systemic)
Oral				
Dermal				20 mg/kg/day
Inhalation				36.7 mg/m <sup>3</sup>

Predicted No Effect Concentration See values below. (PNEC)

Fresh water	0.45 mg/l
Marine water	0.045 mg/l
Water Intermittent	4.5 mg/l
Microorganisms in sewage	18 mg/l
treatment	

#### 8.2. Exposure controls

#### **Engineering Measures**

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

Pe	ersonal protective equi Eye Protection	•	lasses with side-shie	elds (European sta	ndard - EN 166)
	Hand Protection Protective gloves				
	Glove material Butyl rubber	Breakthrough time > 480 minutes	Glove thickness 0.5 mm	EU standard EN 374 Level 6	Glove comments As tested under EN374-3 Determination of Resistance to Permeation by Chemicals
	Nitrile rubber Neoprene PVC				
-	Skin and body protec	ction Long sle	eved clothing		

Inspect gloves before use.

Please observe the instructions regarding permeability and breakthrough time which are provided by the supplier of the gloves. (Refer to manufacturer/supplier for information)

Ensure gloves are suitable for the task: Chemical compatability, Dexterity, Operational conditions, User susceptibility, e.g. sensitisation effects, also take into consideration the specific local conditions under which the product is used, such as the danger of cuts, abrasion.

Remove gloves with care avoiding skin contamination.

Respiratory Protection	When workers are facing concentrations above the exposure limit they must use appropriate certified respirators.
Large scale/emergency use	Use a NIOSH/MSHA or European Standard EN 136 approved respirator if exposure limits are exceeded or if irritation or other symptoms are experienced <b>Recommended Filter type:</b> Particulates filter conforming to EN 143
Small scale/Laboratory use	Maintain adequate ventilation No personal respiratory protective equipment normally required

Environmental exposure controls No information available.

## **SECTION 9: PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES**

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

Appearance Physical State	White Solid	
Odor Odor Threshold pH Melting Point/Range Softening Point Boiling Point/Range Flash Point Evaporation Rate Flammability (solid,gas) Explosion Limits	Odorless No data available 6-8 334 °C / 633.2 °F No data available 400 °C / 752 °F No information available Not applicable Not flammable No data available	5% aq. solution @ 760 mmHg <b>Method -</b> No information available Solid
Vapor Pressure Vapor Density	No data available Not applicable	Solid

Specific Gravity / Density	2.1 @ 20 °C	Literature reference
Bulk Density	No data available	
Water Solubility	soluble	
Solubility in other solvents	No information available	
Partition Coefficient (n-octanol/w	vater)	
Autoignition Temperature		
Decomposition Temperature	> 400°C	
Viscosity	Not applicable	Solid
Explosive Properties	No information available	
Oxidizing Properties	Oxidizer	
9.2. Other information		
Molecular Formula	K N O3	
Molecular Weight	101.1	

# **SECTION 10: STABILITY AND REACTIVITY**

10.1. Reactivity	; Yes Oxidizer: Contact with combustible/organic material may cause fire
10.2. Chemical stability	Oxidizer: Contact with combustible/organic material may cause fire.
10.3. Possibility of hazardous react	ions
Hazardous Polymerization Hazardous Reactions	Hazardous polymerization does not occur. None under normal processing.
10.4. Conditions to avoid	Avoid dust formation. Excess heat. Combustible material. Incompatible products.
10.5. Incompatible materials	Strong reducing agents. Strong acids. Combustible material.

#### 10.6. Hazardous decomposition products

Potassium oxides. Nitrogen oxides (NOx).

**SECTION 11: TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION** 

#### 11.1. Information on toxicological effects

#### Product Information

(a) acute toxicity; Oral

> Dermal Inhalation

Potassium nitrate

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

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

(b) skin corrosion/irritation; Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

(c) serious eye damage/irritation;	Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met
Test method Test species	OECD Test Guideline 405 rabbit
Observation end point	No eye irritation
(d) respiratory or skin sensitization	• •
Respiratory	Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met
Skin	Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met
(e) germ cell mutagenicity;	Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met
	Did not show mutagenic effects in animal experiments
(f) carcinogenicity;	Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met
	The table below indicates whether each agency has listed any ingredient as a carcinogen
(g) reproductive toxicity;	Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met
Reproductive Effects	Animal testing did not show any effects on fertility.
(h) STOT-single exposure;	Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met
(ii) 5101-siligie exposure,	
(i) STOT-repeated exposure;	Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met
Test method	OECD Test Guideline 422
Study result	NOAEL = 1500 mg/kg bw/day
Target Organs	None known.
(j) aspiration hazard;	Not applicable
()	Solid

Symptoms / effects, both acute and No information available delayed

# **SECTION 12: ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

#### 12.1. Toxicity Ecotoxicity effects

Potassium nitrate

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

Component	Freshwater Fish	Water Flea	Freshwater Algae	Microtox
Potassium nitrate	1378 mg/l LC50 (96h)	490 mg/l EC50 (48h)	> 1700 mg/l EC50 (10	
			day)	

#### 12.2. Persistence and degradability

Persistence Degradability	Soluble in water, Persistence is unlikely, based on information available. Not relevant for inorganic substances.			
12.3. Bioaccumulative potential	Bioaccumulation is unlikely			
<u>12.4. Mobility in soil</u>	The product is water soluble, and may spread in water systems Will likely be mobile in the environment due to its water solubility. Highly mobile in soils			

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# **12.5. Results of PBT and vPvB**Results of PBT and vPvB assessment. In accordance with Annex XIII of the REACHassessmentRegulation, inorganic substances do not require assessment.

12.6. Other adverse effects Endocrine Disruptor Information Persistent Organic Pollutant Ozone Depletion Potential This product does not contain any known or suspected endocrine disruptors

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### SECTION 13: DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

#### 13.1. Waste treatment methods

Waste from Residues / Unused Products	Waste is classified as hazardous. Dispose of in accordance with the European Directives on waste and hazardous waste. Dispose of in accordance with local regulations.
Contaminated Packaging	Dispose of this container to hazardous or special waste collection point.
European Waste Catalogue (EWC)	According to the European Waste Catalogue, Waste Codes are not product specific, but application specific.

### **SECTION 14: TRANSPORT INFORMATION**

#### IMDG/IMO

<u>14.1. UN number</u>	UN1486
<u>14.2. UN proper shipping name</u>	POTASSIUM NITRATE
<u>14.3. Transport hazard class(es)</u>	5.1
14.4. Packing group	III
ADR	
<u>14.1. UN number</u>	UN1486
<u>14.2. UN proper shipping name</u>	POTASSIUM NITRATE
<u>14.3. Transport hazard class(es)</u>	5.1
<u>14.4. Packing group</u>	III
IATA	
<u>14.1. UN number</u>	UN1486
14.2. UN proper shipping name	POTASSIUM NITRATE
14.3. Transport hazard class(es)	5.1
14.4. Packing group	III
14.5. Environmental hazards	No hazards identified

14.6. Special precautions for user No special precautions required

14.7. Transport in bulk according to Not applicable, packaged goods Annex II of MARPOL73/78 and the IBC Code

## **SECTION 15: REGULATORY INFORMATION**

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

#### Potassium nitrate

#### International Inventories

China, X = listed, Australia, U.S.A. (TSCA), Canada (DSL/NDSL), Europe (EINECS/ELINCS/NLP), Australia (AICS), Korea (ECL), China (IECSC), Japan (ENCS), Philippines (PICCS).

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

#### **National Regulations**

Component	Germany - Water Classification (VwVwS)	Germany - TA-Luft Class
Potassium nitrate	WGK 1	

Take note of Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations (COSHH) 2002 and 2005 Amendment.

#### 15.2. Chemical safety assessment

A Chemical Safety Assessment/Report (CSA/CSR) has been conducted by the manufacturer/importer

### **SECTION 16: OTHER INFORMATION**

### Full text of H-Statements referred to under sections 2 and 3

H272 - May intensify fire; oxidizer

#### Legend

CAS - Chemical Abstracts Service	<b>TSCA</b> - United States Toxic Substances Control Act Section 8(b) Inventory
EINECS/ELINCS - European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances/EU List of Notified Chemical Substances PICCS - Philippines Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances IECSC - Chinese Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances KECL - Korean Existing and Evaluated Chemical Substances	
WEL - Workplace Exposure Limit ACGIH - American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists DNEL - Derived No Effect Level RPE - Respiratory Protective Equipment LC50 - Lethal Concentration 50% NOEC - No Observed Effect Concentration PBT - Persistent, Bioaccumulative, Toxic	<ul> <li>TWA - Time Weighted Average</li> <li>IARC - International Agency for Research on Cancer</li> <li>PNEC - Predicted No Effect Concentration</li> <li>LD50 - Lethal Dose 50%</li> <li>EC50 - Effective Concentration 50%</li> <li>POW - Partition coefficient Octanol:Water</li> <li>vPvB - very Persistent, very Bioaccumulative</li> </ul>
ADR - European Agreement Concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road IMO/IMDG - International Maritime Organization/International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code OECD - Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development BCF - Bioconcentration factor Key literature references and sources for data	ICAO/IATA - International Civil Aviation Organization/International Air Transport Association MARPOL - International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships ATE - Acute Toxicity Estimate VOC - Volatile Organic Compounds

Suppliers safety data sheet, Chemadvisor - LOLI, Merck index, RTECS

#### Training Advice

Chemical hazard awareness training, incorporating labelling, Safety Data Sheets (SDS), Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and hygiene.

Use of personal protective equipment, covering appropriate selection, compatibility, breakthrough thresholds, care, maintenance, fit and standards.

First aid for chemical exposure, including the use of eye wash and safety showers.

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