

## SAFETY DATA SHEET

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### 1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

#### 1.1 Product identifiers

Product name : Potassium nitrate

Product Number : P8291

Brand : Sigma

CAS-No. : 7757-79-1

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

Identified uses : Laboratory chemicals, Synthesis of substances

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

Company : Sigma-Aldrich  
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USA

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#### 1.4 Emergency telephone number

Emergency Phone # : +1-703-527-3887 (CHEMTREC)

### 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

#### 2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture

##### GHS Classification in accordance with 29 CFR 1910 (OSHA HCS)

Oxidizing solids (Category 3), H272

For the full text of the H-Statements mentioned in this Section, see Section 16.

#### 2.2 GHS Label elements, including precautionary statements

Pictogram



Signal word

Warning

Hazard statement(s)

H272

May intensify fire; oxidizer.

Precautionary statement(s)

P210

Keep away from heat.

P220

Keep/Store away from clothing/ combustible materials.

P221

Take any precaution to avoid mixing with combustibles.

P280

Wear protective gloves/ eye protection/ face protection.

P370 + P378

In case of fire: Use dry sand, dry chemical or alcohol-resistant foam to extinguish.

P501

Dispose of contents/ container to an approved waste disposal plant.

#### 2.3 Hazards not otherwise classified (HNOC) or not covered by GHS - none

### 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

#### 3.1 Substances

Sigma - P8291

Formula	:	KNO <sub>3</sub>
Molecular weight	:	101.10 g/mol
CAS-No.	:	7757-79-1
EC-No.	:	231-818-8

No components need to be disclosed according to the applicable regulations.  
For the full text of the H-Statements mentioned in this Section, see Section 16.

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## 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. Move out of dangerous area.

#### 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

The most important known symptoms and effects are described in the labelling (see section 2.2) and/or in section 11

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

No data available

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## 5. FIREFIGHTING MEASURES

### 5.1 Extinguishing media

#### Suitable extinguishing media

Dry powder Dry sand

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

No data available

### 5.3 Advice for firefighters

Wear self-contained breathing apparatus for firefighting if necessary.

### 5.4 Further information

Use water spray to cool unopened containers.

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## 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

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

Avoid dust formation. Avoid breathing vapours, mist or gas. Ensure adequate ventilation. Evacuate personnel to safe areas.

For personal protection see section 8.

### 6.2 Environmental precautions

Do not let product enter drains.

### 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.

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## 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

### 7.1 Precautions for safe handling

Further processing of solid materials may result in the formation of combustible dusts. The potential for combustible dust formation should be taken into consideration before additional processing occurs.

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.

For precautions see section 2.2.

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

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

hygroscopic

Storage class (TRGS 510): 5.1B: Oxidizing hazardous materials

### 7.3 Specific end use(s)

Apart from the uses mentioned in section 1.2 no other specific uses are stipulated

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## 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

### 8.1 Control parameters

#### Components with workplace control parameters

Contains no substances with occupational exposure limit values.

### 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.

Full contact

Material: Nitrile rubber

Minimum layer thickness: 0.11 mm

Break through time: 480 min

Material tested: Dermatrill® (KCL 740 / Aldrich Z677272, Size M)

Splash contact

Material: Nitrile rubber

Minimum layer thickness: 0.11 mm

Break through time: 480 min

Material tested: Dermatrill® (KCL 740 / Aldrich Z677272, Size M)

data source: KCL GmbH, D-36124 Eichenzell, phone +49 (0)6659 87300, e-mail sales@kcl.de, test method: EN374

If used in solution, or mixed with other substances, and under conditions which differ from EN 374, contact the supplier of the CE approved gloves. This recommendation is advisory only and must be evaluated by an industrial hygienist and safety officer familiar with the specific situation of anticipated use by our customers. It should not be construed as offering an approval for any specific use scenario.

##### 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).

**Control of environmental exposure**

Do not let product enter drains.

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## 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	7
e) Melting point/freezing point	Melting point/range: 334 °C (633 °F) - 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	2.11 g/cm <sup>3</sup>
n) Water solubility	10 g/l - completely soluble
o) Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water	No data available
p) Auto-ignition temperature	No data available
q) Decomposition temperature	400 °C (752 °F) -
r) Viscosity	No data available
s) Explosive properties	No data available
t) Oxidizing properties	The substance or mixture is classified as oxidizing with the category 3.

### 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

Stable under recommended storage conditions.

### 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

Hazardous decomposition products formed under fire conditions. - Nitrogen oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>), Potassium oxides

Other decomposition products - No data available

In the event of fire: see section 5

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### 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

#### 11.1 Information on toxicological effects

##### Acute toxicity

No data available

LC50 Inhalation - Rat - male and female - 4 h - > 0.527 mg/l

(OECD Test Guideline 403)

LD50 Dermal - Rat - male and female - > 5,000 mg/kg

(OECD Test Guideline 402)

No data available

##### Skin corrosion/irritation

Skin - Rabbit

Result: No skin irritation

(OECD Test Guideline 404)

##### Serious eye damage/eye irritation

##### Respiratory or skin sensitisation

##### Germ cell mutagenicity

No data available

Mouse

mouse lymphoma cells

negative

##### Carcinogenicity

IARC: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as probable, possible or confirmed human carcinogen by IARC.

NTP: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a known or anticipated carcinogen by NTP.

OSHA: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is on OSHA's list of regulated carcinogens.

##### Reproductive toxicity

No data available

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 females mated ). Effects on Embryo or Fetus: Other effects to embryo.

No data available

##### Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure

No data available

**Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure**

No data available

**Aspiration hazard**

No data available

**Additional Information**

Repeated dose toxicity      Rat - male and female - Oral - NOAEL : > 1,500 mg/kg - OECD Test Guideline 422

RTECS: TT3700000

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.

To the best of our knowledge, the chemical, physical, and toxicological properties have not been thoroughly investigated.

Liver - Irregularities - Based on Human Evidence

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

Toxicity to fish      static test LC50 - *Poecilia reticulata* (guppy) - 1,378 mg/l - 96 h  
(OECD Test Guideline 203)

Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates      EC50 - *Daphnia magna* (Water flea) - 490 mg/l - 48 h

Toxicity to algae      static test EC50 - *Nitzschia* sp. - > 1,700 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**

PBT/vPvB assessment not available as chemical safety assessment not required/not conducted

**12.6 Other adverse effects**

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

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

**Contaminated packaging**

Dispose of as unused product.

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**14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION****DOT (US)**

UN number: 1486      Class: 5.1      Packing group: III  
Proper shipping name: Potassium nitrate  
Reportable Quantity (RQ):  
Poison Inhalation Hazard: No

**IMDG**

UN number: 1486      Class: 5.1      Packing group: III      EMS-No: F-A, S-Q  
Proper shipping name: POTASSIUM NITRATE

**IATA**

UN number: 1486

Class: 5.1

Packing group: III

Proper shipping name: Potassium nitrate

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**15. REGULATORY INFORMATION****SARA 302 Components**

No chemicals in this material are subject to the reporting requirements of SARA Title III, Section 302.

**SARA 313 Components**

The following components are subject to reporting levels established by SARA Title III, Section 313:

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**SARA 311/312 Hazards**

Reactivity Hazard, Chronic Health Hazard

**Massachusetts Right To Know Components**

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**Pennsylvania Right To Know Components**

	CAS-No.	Revision Date
Potassium nitrate	7757-79-1	2007-03-01

**California Prop. 65 Components**

This product does not contain any chemicals known to State of California to cause cancer, birth defects, or any other reproductive harm.

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**16. OTHER INFORMATION**

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

H272 May intensify fire; oxidizer.

**Further information**

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