

SAFETY DATA SHEET

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1. Identification

Product Name Potassium nitrite

Cat No. : AC423060000; AC423060025; AC423060050; AC423065000

CAS No 7758-09-0

Synonyms Nitrous acid, potassium salt.

Recommended Use Laboratory chemicals.

Uses advised against Food, drug, pesticide or biocidal product use.

Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

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2. Hazard(s) identification

Classification

This chemical is considered hazardous by the 2012 OSHA Hazard Communication Standard (29 CFR 1910.1200)

Oxidizing solids	Category 2
Acute oral toxicity	Category 3
Combustible dust	Yes

Label Elements

Signal Word

Danger

Hazard Statements

May form combustible dust concentrations in air
May intensify fire; oxidizer
Toxic if swallowed

**Precautionary Statements****Prevention**

Obtain special instructions before use
 Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood
 Use personal protective equipment as required
 Wash face, hands and any exposed skin thoroughly after handling
 Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product
 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

Response

IF exposed or concerned: Get medical attention/advice

Ingestion

IF SWALLOWED: Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician

Rinse mouth

Fire

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

Storage

Store locked up
 Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed

Disposal

Dispose of contents/container to an approved waste disposal plant

Hazards not otherwise classified (HNOC)

Very toxic to aquatic life

3. Composition/Information on Ingredients

Component	CAS No	Weight %
Potassium nitrite	7758-09-0	>95

4. First-aid measures

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. Get medical attention if symptoms occur.
Inhalation	Remove to fresh air. Do not use mouth-to-mouth method if victim ingested or inhaled the substance; give artificial respiration with the aid of a pocket mask equipped with a one-way valve or other proper respiratory medical device. Immediate medical attention is required. If not breathing, give artificial respiration.
Ingestion	Do NOT induce vomiting. Call a physician or poison control center immediately.
Most important symptoms and effects	No information available.
Notes to Physician	Treat symptomatically

5. Fire-fighting measures

Suitable Extinguishing Media	Water spray, carbon dioxide (CO ₂), dry chemical, alcohol-resistant foam. Water mist may be used to cool closed containers.
Unsuitable Extinguishing Media	No information available
Flash Point	No information available
Method -	No information available
Autoignition Temperature	510 °C / 950 °F
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. Fine dust dispersed in air may ignite. Containers may explode when heated. Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating gases and vapors. Keep product and empty container away from heat and sources of ignition. May ignite combustibles (wood paper, oil, clothing, etc.). Do not allow run-off from fire-fighting to enter drains or water courses.

Hazardous Combustion Products

Nitrogen oxides (NO_x).

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
2

Flammability
1

Instability
2

Physical hazards
OX

6. Accidental release measures

Personal Precautions	Use personal protective equipment as required. Ensure adequate ventilation. Avoid dust formation. Avoid contact with skin, eyes or clothing.
Environmental Precautions	Do not flush into surface water or sanitary sewer system. Do not allow material to contaminate ground water system. Prevent product from entering drains. Local authorities should be advised if significant spillages cannot be contained.
Methods for Containment and Clean Up	Keep combustibles (wood, paper, oil, etc) away from spilled material. Sweep up and shovel into suitable containers for disposal. Avoid dust formation. Soak up with inert absorbent material. Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal. Sweep up and shovel into suitable containers for disposal.

7. Handling and storage

Handling	Wear personal protective equipment/face protection. Ensure adequate ventilation. Avoid dust formation. Avoid contact with skin, eyes or clothing. Avoid ingestion and inhalation. 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. Incompatible Materials. Organic materials. Acids. Amines. Strong reducing agents. Cyanides. Metals. Finely powdered metals. Combustible material.

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	Wear appropriate protective gloves and clothing to prevent skin exposure.
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	Off-white
Odor	Odorless
Odor Threshold	No information available
pH	7-10 5% aq.sol
Melting Point/Range	387 °C / 728.6 °F
Boiling Point/Range	No information available
Flash Point	No information available
Evaporation Rate	Not applicable
Flammability (solid,gas)	No information available
Flammability or explosive limits	
Upper	No data available
Lower	No data available
Vapor Pressure	No information available
Vapor Density	Not applicable
Specific Gravity	1.9150
Solubility	No information available
Partition coefficient; n-octanol/water	No data available
Autoignition Temperature	510 °C / 950 °F
Decomposition Temperature	> 350°C
Viscosity	Not applicable
Molecular Formula	K N O ₂
Molecular Weight	85.1

10. Stability and reactivity

Reactive Hazard	Yes
Stability	Hygroscopic. Oxidizer: Contact with combustible/organic material may cause fire.
Conditions to Avoid	Avoid dust formation. Incompatible products. Excess heat. Exposure to moist air or water. Combustible material.
Incompatible Materials	Organic materials, Acids, Amines, Strong reducing agents, Cyanides, Metals, Finely

powdered metals, Combustible material

Hazardous Decomposition Products Nitrogen oxides (NOx)

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 nitrite	Not listed	Not listed	85 g/m ³ /2H (Mouse)

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 nitrite	7758-09-0	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed

Mutagenic Effects No information available

Reproductive Effects No information available.

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

Very toxic to aquatic organisms. The product contains following substances which are hazardous for the environment.

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 UN1488
 Proper Shipping Name POTASSIUM NITRITE
 Hazard Class 5.1
 Packing Group II

TDG

UN-No UN1488
 Proper Shipping Name POTASSIUM NITRITE
 Hazard Class 5.1
 Packing Group II

IATA

UN-No UN1488
 Proper Shipping Name POTASSIUM NITRITE
 Hazard Class 5.1
 Packing Group II

IMDG/IMO

UN-No UN1488
 Proper Shipping Name POTASSIUM NITRITE
 Hazard Class 5.1
 Packing Group II

15. Regulatory information

United States of America Inventory

Component	CAS No	TSCA	TSCA Inventory notification - Active-Inactive	TSCA - EPA Regulatory Flags
Potassium nitrite	7758-09-0	X	ACTIVE	S

Legend:

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

X - Listed

'-' - Not Listed

S - Indicates a substance that is identified in a proposed or final Significant New Use Rule.

TSCA 12(b) - Notices of Export

Component	CAS No	TSCA 12(b) - Notices of Export
Potassium nitrite	7758-09-0	Section 5

International Inventories

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

Component	CAS No	DSL	NDSL	EINECS	PICCS	ENCS	ISHL	AICS	IECSC	KECL
Potassium nitrite	7758-09-0	X	-	231-832-4	X	X	X	X	X	KE-29165

KECL - NIER number or KE number (<http://ncis.nier.go.kr/en/main.do>)

U.S. Federal Regulations

SARA 313 Not applicable

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 nitrite	-	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 does not contain any DHS chemicals.

Other International Regulations

Mexico - Grade No information available

Authorisation/Restrictions according to EU REACH

Component	REACH (1907/2006) - Annex XIV - Substances Subject to Authorization	REACH (1907/2006) - Annex XVII - Restrictions on Certain Dangerous Substances	REACH Regulation (EC 1907/2006) article 59 - Candidate List of Substances of Very High Concern (SVHC)
Potassium nitrite	-	Use restricted. See item 75. (see link for restriction details)	-

<https://echa.europa.eu/substances-restricted-under-reach>

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

Component	CAS No	OECD HPV	Persistent Organic Pollutant	Ozone Depletion Potential	Restriction of Hazardous Substances (RoHS)
Potassium nitrite	7758-09-0	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable

Component	CAS No	Seveso III Directive (2012/18/EC) - Qualifying Quantities for Major Accident Notification	Seveso III Directive (2012/18/EC) - Qualifying Quantities for Safety Report Requirements	Rotterdam Convention (PIC)	Basel Convention (Hazardous Waste)
Potassium nitrite	7758-09-0	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable

16. Other information

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Revision Summary

This document has been updated to comply with the US OSHA HazCom 2012 Standard replacing the current legislation under 29 CFR 1910.1200 to align with the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labeling of Chemicals (GHS).

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