

## SAFETY DATA SHEET

Version 6.3  
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Print Date 06/10/2023**SECTION 1: Identification of the substance/mixture and of the company/undertaking****1.1 Product identifiers**

Product name : Potassium nitrite

Product Number : 310484  
Brand : SIGALD  
Index-No. : 007-011-00-X  
CAS-No. : 7758-09-0

**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**

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**1.4 Emergency telephone**

Emergency Phone # : 800-424-9300 CHEMTREC (USA) +1-703-527-3887 CHEMTREC (International) 24 Hours/day; 7 Days/week

**SECTION 2: Hazards identification****2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture****GHS Classification in accordance with 29 CFR 1910 (OSHA HCS)**

Oxidizing solids (Category 2), H272  
Acute toxicity, Oral (Category 3), H301  
Eye irritation (Category 2A), H319  
Carcinogenicity (Category 1B), H350  
Short-term (acute) aquatic hazard (Category 1), H400

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

Danger

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Hazard statement(s)	
H272	May intensify fire; oxidizer.
H301	Toxic if swallowed.
H319	Causes serious eye irritation.
H350	May cause cancer.
H400	Very toxic to aquatic life.
Precautionary statement(s)	
P201	Obtain special instructions before use.
P202	Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood.
P210	Keep away from heat.
P220	Keep/Store away from clothing/ combustible materials.
P221	Take any precaution to avoid mixing with combustibles.
P264	Wash skin thoroughly after handling.
P270	Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.
P273	Avoid release to the environment.
P280	Wear protective gloves/ protective clothing/ eye protection/ face protection.
P301 + P310 + P330	IF SWALLOWED: Immediately call a POISON CENTER/ doctor. Rinse mouth.
P305 + P351 + P338	IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.
P308 + P313	IF exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/ attention.
P337 + P313	IF eye irritation persists: Get medical advice/ attention.
P370 + P378	In case of fire: Use dry sand, dry chemical or alcohol-resistant foam to extinguish.
P391	Collect spillage.
P405	Store locked up.
P501	Dispose of contents/ container to an approved waste disposal plant.

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

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## SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients

### 3.1 Substances

Formula	:	KNO <sub>2</sub>
Molecular weight	:	85.10 g/mol
CAS-No.	:	7758-09-0
EC-No.	:	231-832-4
Index-No.	:	007-011-00-X

Component	Classification	Concentration
<b>potassium nitrite</b>	Ox. Sol. 2; Acute Tox. 3; Aquatic Acute 1; H272, H301, H400 M-Factor - Aquatic Acute: 1	<= 100 %

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

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## SECTION 4: First aid measures

### 4.1 Description of first-aid measures

#### General advice

Show this material safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance.

#### If inhaled

After inhalation: fresh air.

#### In case of skin contact

In case of skin contact: Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/ shower.

#### In case of eye contact

After eye contact: rinse out with plenty of water. Call in ophthalmologist. Remove contact lenses.

#### If swallowed

If swallowed: give water to drink (two glasses at most). Seek medical advice immediately. In exceptional cases only, if medical care is not available within one hour, induce vomiting (only in persons who are wide awake and fully conscious), administer activated charcoal (20 - 40 g in a 10% slurry) and consult a doctor as quickly as possible.

### 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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## SECTION 5: Firefighting measures

### 5.1 Extinguishing media

#### Suitable extinguishing media

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

#### Unsuitable extinguishing media

For this substance/mixture no limitations of extinguishing agents are given.

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

Nitrogen oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>)

Potassium oxides

Not combustible.

Has a fire-promoting effect due to release of oxygen.

Ambient fire may liberate hazardous vapours.

### 5.3 Advice for firefighters

Stay in danger area only with self-contained breathing apparatus. Prevent skin contact by keeping a safe distance or by wearing suitable protective clothing.

### 5.4 Further information

Suppress (knock down) gases/vapors/mists with a water spray jet. Prevent fire extinguishing water from contaminating surface water or the ground water system.

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## **SECTION 6: Accidental release measures**

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

Advice for non-emergency personnel: Avoid inhalation of dusts. Avoid substance contact. Ensure adequate ventilation. Evacuate the danger area, observe emergency procedures, consult an expert.

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**

Cover drains. Collect, bind, and pump off spills. Observe possible material restrictions (see sections 7 and 10). Take up carefully. Dispose of properly. Clean up affected area. Avoid generation of dusts.

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

For disposal see section 13.

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## **SECTION 7: Handling and storage**

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

#### **Advice on protection against fire and explosion**

Keep away from open flames, hot surfaces and sources of ignition.

#### **Hygiene measures**

Change contaminated clothing. Preventive skin protection recommended. Wash hands after working with substance.

For precautions see section 2.2.

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

#### **Storage conditions**

Tightly closed. Keep locked up or in an area accessible only to qualified or authorized persons. Do not store near combustible materials.

#### **Storage class**

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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## **SECTION 8: Exposure controls/personal protection**

### **8.1 Control parameters**

#### **Ingredients with workplace control parameters**

Contains no substances with occupational exposure limit values.

### **8.2 Exposure controls**

#### **Appropriate engineering controls**

Change contaminated clothing. Preventive skin protection recommended. Wash hands after working with substance.

## Personal protective equipment

### Eye/face protection

Use equipment for eye protection tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or EN 166(EU). Safety glasses

### Skin protection

This recommendation applies only to the product stated in the safety data sheet, supplied by us and for the designated use. When dissolving in or mixing with other substances and under conditions deviating from those stated in EN374 please contact the supplier of CE-approved gloves (e.g. KCL GmbH, D-36124 Eichenzell, Internet: [www.kcl.de](http://www.kcl.de)).

Full contact

Material: Nitrile rubber

Minimum layer thickness: 0.11 mm

Break through time: 480 min

Material tested:KCL 741 Dermatril® L

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Splash contact

Material: Nitrile rubber

Minimum layer thickness: 0.11 mm

Break through time: 480 min

Material tested:KCL 741 Dermatril® L

### Body Protection

protective clothing

### Respiratory protection

required when dusts are generated. Our recommendations on filtering respiratory protection are based on the following standards: DIN EN 143, DIN 14387 and other accompanying standards relating to the used respiratory protection system.

### Control of environmental exposure

Do not let product enter drains.

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## SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties

### 9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties

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|--|---|
| a) Appearance                              | Form: powder<br>Color: white                |
| b) Odor                                    | No data available                           |
| c) Odor Threshold                          | No data available                           |
| d) pH                                      | 6.65 at 27 °C (81 °F)                       |
| e) Melting point/freezing point            | Melting point/range: 350 °C (662 °F) - dec. |
| f) Initial boiling point and boiling range | No data available                           |
| g) Flash point                             | ( )Not applicable                           |

h)	Evaporation rate	No data available
i)	Flammability (solid, gas)	The product is not flammable.
j)	Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits	No data available
k)	Vapor pressure	No data available
l)	Vapor density	No data available
m)	Density	0.834 g/cm <sup>3</sup> at 27.6 °C (81.7 °F) - OECD Test Guideline 109
	Relative density	No data available
n)	Water solubility	718.8 g/l at 25 °C (77 °F) - OECD Test Guideline 105 - soluble
o)	Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water	No data available
p)	Autoignition temperature	27 °C (81 °F) at 966 hPanot auto-flammable
q)	Decomposition temperature	No data available
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 2.

## 9.2 Other safety information

No data available

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## SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity

### 10.1 Reactivity

No data available

### 10.2 Chemical stability

The product is chemically stable under standard ambient conditions (room temperature) .

### 10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions

Risk of explosion with:

Amines  
Aluminum  
Ammonia  
combustible substances  
hydrazine and derivatives  
alkali amides  
potassium cyanide  
sodium thiosulphate  
thiocyanates  
antimony sulfide  
arsenic sulfide  
hydrates  
potassium ferrocyanide

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copper phosphide  
Germanium  
in powder form  
arsenic  
in powder form  
with  
heat  
Exothermic reaction with:  
Ammonium salts  
Boron  
Powdered metals  
Reducing agents  
Generates dangerous gases or fumes in contact with:  
acids  
Release of:  
nitrous gases

#### **10.4 Conditions to avoid**

no information available

#### **10.5 Incompatible materials**

No data available

#### **10.6 Hazardous decomposition products**

In the event of fire: see section 5

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### **SECTION 11: Toxicological information**

#### **11.1 Information on toxicological effects**

##### **Acute toxicity**

LD50 Oral - Rabbit - 200 mg/kg

Remarks: (ECHA)

Inhalation: No data available

Dermal: No data available

##### **Skin corrosion/irritation**

No data available

##### **Serious eye damage/eye irritation**

No data available

##### **Respiratory or skin sensitization**

No data available

##### **Germ cell mutagenicity**

Test Type: gene mutation test

Test system: *S. typhimurium*

Metabolic activation: with and without metabolic activation

Method: OECD Test Guideline 471

Result: negative

##### **Carcinogenicity**

IARC: 2A - Group 2A: Probably carcinogenic to humans (potassium nitrite)

NTP: No ingredient 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

**Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure**

No data available

**Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure**

No data available

**Aspiration hazard**

No data available

**11.2 Additional Information**

Repeated dose toxicity - Rat - male and female - Oral - 13 Weeks

Remarks: (ECHA)

RTECS: TT3750000

Nausea, Vomiting, Headache, Impairment of vision, To the best of our knowledge, the chemical, physical, and toxicological properties have not been thoroughly investigated.

Under given conditions, contact with nitrites or nitric acid can lead to the formation of nitrosamines, which have shown themselves to be carcinogenic in animal experiments.

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**SECTION 12: Ecological information**

**12.1 Toxicity**

Toxicity to algae                      static test ErC50 - Raphidocelis subcapitata (freshwater green alga) -  
0.971 mg/l - 72 h  
(OECD Test Guideline 201)

**12.2 Persistence and degradability**

The methods for determining biodegradability are not applicable to inorganic substances.

**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 Endocrine disrupting properties**

No data available

**12.7 Other adverse effects**

Discharge into the environment must be avoided.

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## SECTION 13: Disposal considerations

### 13.1 Waste treatment methods

#### Product

Waste material must be disposed of in accordance with the national and local regulations. Leave chemicals in original containers. No mixing with other waste. Handle uncleaned containers like the product itself.

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## SECTION 14: Transport information

#### DOT (US)

UN number: 1488 Class: 5.1 Packing group: II  
Proper shipping name: Potassium nitrite  
Reportable Quantity (RQ):  
Poison Inhalation Hazard: No

#### IMDG

UN number: 1488 Class: 5.1 Packing group: II EMS-No: F-A, S-Q  
Proper shipping name: POTASSIUM NITRITE  
Marine pollutant : yes

#### IATA

UN number: 1488 Class: 5.1 Packing group: II  
Proper shipping name: Potassium nitrite

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## SECTION 15: Regulatory information

#### SARA 302 Components

This material does not contain any components with a section 302 EHS TPQ.

#### SARA 313 Components

This material does not contain any chemical components with known CAS numbers that exceed the threshold (De Minimis) reporting levels established by SARA Title III, Section 313.

#### SARA 311/312 Hazards

Reactivity Hazard, Acute Health Hazard, Chronic Health Hazard

#### Massachusetts Right To Know Components

No components are subject to the Massachusetts Right to Know Act.

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## SECTION 16: Other information

#### Further information

The above information is believed to be correct but does not purport to be all inclusive and shall be used only as a guide. The information in this document is based on the present state of our knowledge and is applicable to the product with regard to appropriate safety precautions. It does not represent any guarantee of the properties of the product. Sigma-Aldrich Corporation and its Affiliates shall not be held liable for any damage resulting from handling or from contact with the above product. See

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