



SAFETY DATA SHEET

according to Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006 Version 6.3 Revision Date 16.12.2018

SECTION 1: Identification of the substance/mixture and of the company/undertaking

1.1 Product identifiers

Product name : Potassium nitrate

Product Number : 5241

Brand : Better Equipped

REACH No. : A registration number is not available for this substance as the substance or its uses are exempted from registration or the annual tonnage does not require a registration.

CAS-No. : 7757-79-1

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

Identified uses : Laboratory chemicals, Manufacture of substances

Uses advised against : Not for sale to the general public

1.3 Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

Company : Better Equipped,
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CW5 8EB, UK

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1.4 Emergency telephone number

Emergency Phone # +44 (0)1270 781238

SECTION 2: Hazards identification

2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture

Classification according to Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008

Oxidizing solids (Category 3), H272

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

2.2 Label elements

Labelling according Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008

Pictogram



Signal word

Warning

Hazard statement(s)

H272

May intensify fire; oxidizer.

Precautionary statement(s)

P210

Keep away from heat, hot surfaces, sparks, open flames and other

P220
P221
P370 + P378

ignition sources. No smoking.
Keep/Store away from clothing/ combustible materials.
Take any precaution to avoid mixing with combustibles.
In case of fire: Use dry powder or dry sand to extinguish.

Supplemental Hazard Statements: none

Other hazards

This substance/mixture contains no components considered to be either persistent, bioaccumulative and toxic (PBT), or very persistent and very bioaccumulative (vPvB) at levels of 0.1% or higher.

SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients

3.1 Substances

Formula	:	KNO ₃
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.

SECTION 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.

If inhaled

If breathed in, move person into fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. Consult a physician.

In case of skin contact

Remove contaminated clothing. 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

SECTION 5: Firefighting measures

5.1 Extinguishing media

Suitable extinguishing media

Dry powder Dry sand

Unsuitable extinguishing media

Non stated

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.

SECTION 6: Accidental release measures

6.1 Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

- 6.1.1 For non-emergency personnel

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

- 6.1.2 For emergency responders

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.

SECTION 7: Handling and storage

7.1 Precautions for safe handling

Provide appropriate exhaust ventilation at places where dust is formed. Keep away from heat and sources of ignition.

7.1.2 Advice on general occupational hygiene:

- No smoking.
- Do not eat or drink.
- Wash hands after use.
- Remove contaminated clothing.

For precautions see section 2.2.

7.2 Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

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

hygroscopic

7.3 Specific end use(s)

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

SECTION 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. Use Local exhaust ventilation (LEV).

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.

The selected protective gloves have to satisfy the specifications of EU Directive 89/686/EEC and the standard EN 374 derived from it.

Full contact

Material: Nitrile rubber

Minimum layer thickness: 0.11 mm

Break through time: 480 min

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

Splash contact

Material: Nitrile rubber

Minimum layer thickness: 0.11 mm

Break through time: 480 min

Material tested: Dermatril® (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.

SECTION 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	No data available
f)	Initial boiling point and boiling range	Melting point/range: 334 °C - lit.
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 ³
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 -
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/m³

SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity

10.1 Reactivity

None based on the data available

10.2 Chemical stability

Stable under recommended storage conditions.

10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions

None under normal processing

10.4 Conditions to avoid

Heat, Flames and sparks

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_x), Potassium oxides

Other decomposition products - No data available

In the event of fire: see section 5

SECTION 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)

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.

Reproductive toxicity

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.

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

SECTION 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

This substance/mixture contains no components considered to be either persistent, bioaccumulative and toxic (PBT), or very persistent and very bioaccumulative (vPvB) at levels of 0.1% or higher.

12.6 Other adverse effects

SECTION 13: Disposal considerations

13.1 Waste treatment methods

Product

Offer surplus and non-recyclable solutions to a licensed disposal company. Waste material must be disposed of in accordance with the Directive on waste 2008/98/EC as well as other national and local regulations. Leave chemicals in original containers. No mixing with other waste. Handle uncleaned containers like the product itself. Unused product may be returned and reused, in addition to disposal.

Contaminated packaging

Dispose of as unused product.

SECTION 14: Transport information

14.1 UN number

ADR/RID: 1486

IMDG: 1486

IATA: 1486

14.2 UN proper shipping name

ADR/RID: POTASSIUM NITRATE

IMDG: POTASSIUM NITRATE

IATA: Potassium nitrate

14.3 Transport hazard class(es)

ADR/RID: 5.1

IMDG: 5.1

IATA: 5.1

14.4 Packaging group

ADR/RID: III

IMDG: III

IATA: III

14.5 Environmental hazards

ADR/RID: no

IMDG Marine pollutant: no

IATA: no

14.6 Special precautions for user

No data available

14.7 Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL 73/78 and the IBC Code

N/A

SECTION 15: Regulatory information

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

This safety datasheet complies with the requirements of Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006.

15.2 Chemical safety assessment

For this product a chemical safety assessment was not carried out

SECTION 16: Other information

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

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Revisions made since previous version of data sheet:

The following sections of this data sheet have been updated:

1.1, 1.2, 4.1, 5.1, 6.1, 7.1, 8.1, 8.2, 11, 12, 13, 14.7, 16

We strongly recommend reading the entire data sheet for this chemical in preparation ahead of use.

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. Better Equipped and its Affiliates shall not be held liable for any damage resulting from handling or from contact with the above product.
