

## Section 1: Identification of the substance/mixture and of the company/undertaking

### 1.1. Product identifier

**Product name:** POTASSIUM NITRATE

**CAS number:** 7757-79-1

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

**Use of substance / mixture:** PC21: Laboratory chemicals.

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

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**Email:** [info@microanalysis.co.uk](mailto:info@microanalysis.co.uk)

### 1.4. Emergency telephone number

**Emergency tel:** +44 (0) 7990 767375 (24 hours)

## Section 2: Hazards identification

### 2.1. Classification of the substance or mixture

**Classification under CLP:** Flam. Gas 1: H220; Ox. Sol. 2: H272

**Most important adverse effects:** Extremely flammable gas. May intensify fire; oxidiser.

### 2.2. Label elements

**Label elements:**

**Hazard statements:** H220: Extremely flammable gas.

H272: May intensify fire; oxidiser.

**Hazard pictograms:** GHS02: Flame

GHS03: Flame over circle



**Signal words:** Danger

**Precautionary statements:** P210: Keep away from heat, hot surfaces, sparks, open flames and other ignition

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sources. No smoking.

P220: Keep away from combustible materials.

P221: Take any precaution to avoid mixing with combustibles.

P280: Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection.

P370+378: In case of fire: Use to extinguish.

P377: Leaking gas fire: Do not extinguish, unless leak can be stopped safely.

### 2.3. Other hazards

**PBT:** This product is not identified as a PBT/vPvB substance.

## Section 3: Composition/information on ingredients

### 3.1. Substances

**Chemical identity:** POTASSIUM NITRATE.

**CAS number:** 7757-79-1

## Section 4: First aid measures

### 4.1. Description of first aid measures

**Skin contact:** Wash immediately with plenty of soap and water.

**Eye contact:** Bathe the eye with running water for 15 minutes. Consult a doctor.

**Ingestion:** Wash out mouth with water. Do not induce vomiting. If conscious, give half a litre of water to drink immediately. Consult a doctor.

**Inhalation:** Remove casualty from exposure ensuring one's own safety whilst doing so. Consult a doctor.

### 4.2. Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed

**Skin contact:** There may be mild irritation at the site of contact.

**Eye contact:** There may be irritation and redness.

**Ingestion:** There may be irritation of the throat.

**Inhalation:** There may be a feeling of tightness in the chest with shortness of breath.

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

**Immediate / special treatment:** Not applicable.

## Section 5: Fire-fighting measures

### 5.1. Extinguishing media

**Extinguishing media:** Alcohol or polymer foam. Water spray. Carbon dioxide. Dry chemical powder.

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

**Exposure hazards:** Oxidising. In combustion emits toxic fumes.

### 5.3. Advice for fire-fighters

**Advice for fire-fighters:** Wear self-contained breathing apparatus. Wear protective clothing to prevent contact with skin and eyes.

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## Section 6: Accidental release measures

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

**Personal precautions:** Remove all incompatible materials as outlined in section 10 of SDS.

### 6.2. Environmental precautions

**Environmental precautions:** Do not discharge into drains or rivers.

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

**Clean-up procedures:** Transfer to a closable, labelled salvage container for disposal by an appropriate method.

### 6.4. Reference to other sections

**Reference to other sections:** Refer to section 8 of SDS.

## Section 7: Handling and storage

### 7.1. Precautions for safe handling

**Handling requirements:** Ensure there is sufficient ventilation of the area.

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

**Storage conditions:** Store in a cool, well ventilated area. Keep container tightly closed. Avoid incompatible materials and conditions - see section 10 of SDS.

### 7.3. Specific end use(s)

**Specific end use(s):** No data available.

## Section 8: Exposure controls/personal protection

### 8.1. Control parameters

**Workplace exposure limits:** No data available.

### DNEL/PNEC Values

**DNEL / PNEC** No data available.

### 8.2. Exposure controls

**Engineering measures:** Ensure there is sufficient ventilation of the area.

**Respiratory protection:** Self-contained breathing apparatus must be available in case of emergency. Respiratory protective device with particle filter.

**Hand protection:** Protective gloves.

**Eye protection:** Safety goggles.

**Skin protection:** Protective clothing.

## Section 9: Physical and chemical properties

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

<b>State:</b> Crystals	
<b>Colour:</b> White	
<b>Odour:</b> Odourless	
<b>Evaporation rate:</b> No data available.	
<b>Oxidising:</b> Oxidising (by EC criteria)	
<b>Solubility in water:</b> No data available.	
<b>Viscosity:</b> No data available.	
<b>Boiling point/range°C:</b> No data available.	<b>Melting point/range°C:</b> 334
<b>Flammability limits %: lower:</b> No data available.	<b>upper:</b> No data available.
<b>Flash point°C:</b> No data available.	<b>Part.coeff. n-octanol/water:</b> No data available.
<b>Autoflammability°C:</b> No data available.	<b>Vapour pressure:</b> No data available.
<b>Relative density:</b> 2.109	<b>pH:</b> No data available.
<b>VOC g/l:</b> No data available.	

### 9.2. Other information

**Other information:** No data available.

## Section 10: Stability and reactivity

### 10.1. Reactivity

**Reactivity:** Stable under recommended transport or storage conditions.

### 10.2. Chemical stability

**Chemical stability:** Stable under normal conditions. Stable at room temperature.

### 10.3. Possibility of hazardous reactions

**Hazardous reactions:** Hazardous reactions will not occur under normal transport or storage conditions.  
Decomposition may occur on exposure to conditions or materials listed below.

### 10.4. Conditions to avoid

**Conditions to avoid:** Heat.

### 10.5. Incompatible materials

**Materials to avoid:** Organic materials.

### 10.6. Hazardous decomposition products

**Haz. decomp. products:** In combustion emits toxic fumes.

## Section 11: Toxicological information

### 11.1. Information on toxicological effects

**Toxicity values:** No data available.

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### Symptoms / routes of exposure

**Skin contact:** There may be mild irritation at the site of contact.

**Eye contact:** There may be irritation and redness.

**Ingestion:** There may be irritation of the throat.

**Inhalation:** There may be a feeling of tightness in the chest with shortness of breath.

## Section 12: Ecological information

### 12.1. Toxicity

**Ecotoxicity values:** No data available.

### 12.2. Persistence and degradability

**Persistence and degradability:** Biodegradable.

### 12.3. Bioaccumulative potential

**Bioaccumulative potential:** No bioaccumulation potential.

### 12.4. Mobility in soil

**Mobility:** No data available.

### 12.5. Results of PBT and vPvB assessment

**PBT identification:** This product is not identified as a PBT/vPvB substance.

### 12.6. Other adverse effects

**Other adverse effects:** Negligible ecotoxicity.

## Section 13: Disposal considerations

### 13.1. Waste treatment methods

**Disposal operations:** Transfer to a suitable container and arrange for collection by specialised disposal company.

**NB:** The user's attention is drawn to the possible existence of regional or national regulations regarding disposal.

## Section 14: Transport information

### 14.1. UN number

**UN number:** UN1486

### 14.2. UN proper shipping name

**Shipping name:** POTASSIUM NITRATE

### 14.3. Transport hazard class(es)

**Transport class:** 5.1

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## 14.4. Packing group

Packing group: III

## 14.5. Environmental hazards

Environmentally hazardous: No

Marine pollutant: No

## 14.6. Special precautions for user

Special precautions: No special precautions.

Tunnel code: E

Transport category: 3

## Section 15: Regulatory information

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

Specific regulations: Not applicable.

### 15.2. Chemical Safety Assessment

**Chemical safety assessment:** A chemical safety assessment has not been carried out for the substance or the mixture by the supplier.

## Section 16: Other information

### Other information

**Other information:** This safety data sheet is prepared in accordance with Commission Regulation (EU) No 453/2010.

This safety data sheet is prepared in accordance with Commission Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008.

\* indicates text in the SDS which has changed since the last revision.

**Phrases used in s.2 and s.3:** H220: Extremely flammable gas.

H272: May intensify fire; oxidiser.

**Legal disclaimer:** The above information is believed to be correct but does not purport to be all inclusive and shall be used only as a guide. This company shall not be held liable for any damage resulting from handling or from contact with the above product.