

# SAFETY DATA SHEET

according to the OSHA  
Hazard Communication Standard

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## SECTION 1. IDENTIFICATION

### 1.1 Product identifiers

Product name : Potassium nitrate

Product Number : 221295  
Brand : SIGALD  
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

Restrictions on use : The product is being supplied under the TSCA R&D Exemption (40 CFR Section 720.36). It is the recipient's responsibility to comply with the requirements of the R&D exemption. The product may not be used for a non-exempt commercial purpose under TSCA unless appropriate consent is granted in writing by MilliporeSigma.

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

Company : Sigma-Aldrich Inc.  
3050 SPRUCE ST  
ST. LOUIS MO 63103  
UNITED STATES

Telephone : +1 314 771-5765  
Fax : +1 800 325-5052

### 1.4 Emergency telephone number

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

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## SECTION 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

**GHS classification in accordance with the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard (29 CFR 1910.1200)**

**Hazards for the product as supplied**

Oxidizing solids : Category 3

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**Other hazards**

None known.

**GHS label elements**

Hazard pictograms

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Signal word

: Warning

Hazard statements

: H272 May intensify fire; oxidizer.

Precautionary statements

: **Prevention:**

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.

**Response:**

P370 + P378 In case of fire: Use dry sand, dry chemical or alcohol-resistant foam to extinguish.

**Disposal:**

P501 Dispose of contents/ container to an approved waste disposal plant.

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**SECTION 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS**

Substance / Mixture

: Substance

CAS-No.

: 7757-79-1

**Components**

No hazardous ingredients

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**SECTION 4. FIRST AID MEASURES**

General advice

: Show this 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.

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|                                                             |                                                                                                                       |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| In case of eye contact                                      | : After eye contact: rinse out with plenty of water. Remove contact lenses.                                           |
| If swallowed                                                | : After swallowing: make victim drink water (two glasses at most). Consult doctor if feeling unwell.                  |
| 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 |
| Protection of first-aiders                                  | : For personal protection see section 8.                                                                              |
| Notes to physician                                          | : No data available                                                                                                   |

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## SECTION 5. FIREFIGHTING MEASURES

|                                       |                                                                                                                                                                      |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 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.                                                                                       |
| Specific hazards during fire fighting | : Not combustible.                                                                                                                                                   |
|                                       | Has a fire-promoting effect due to release of oxygen.                                                                                                                |
|                                       | Ambient fire may liberate hazardous vapours.                                                                                                                         |
| Hazardous combustion products         | : Nitrogen oxides (NO <sub>x</sub> )                                                                                                                                 |
|                                       | Potassium oxides                                                                                                                                                     |
| Specific extinguishing methods        | : No data available                                                                                                                                                  |
| Further information                   | : Suppress (knock down) gases/vapours/mists with a water spray jet.<br>Prevent fire extinguishing water from contaminating surface water or the ground water system. |

Special protective equipment for fire-fighters : In the event of fire, wear self-contained breathing apparatus.

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## SECTION 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

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.  
Advice for emergency responders:  
For personal protection see section 8.

Environmental precautions : Do not let product enter drains.

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 dry. Dispose of properly. Clean up affected area. Avoid generation of dusts.

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## SECTION 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

For precautions see section 2.2.

Advice on protection against fire and explosion : Keep away from open flames, hot surfaces and sources of ignition.

Further information on storage conditions : Tightly closed.  
Do not store near combustible materials.

Storage class : 5.1B, Oxidizing hazardous materials

Recommended storage temperature : Recommended storage temperature see product label.

Further information on storage stability : hygroscopic  
Store under inert gas.

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## SECTION 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

### Ingredients with workplace control parameters

Contains no substances with occupational exposure limit values.

**Engineering measures** : No data available

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## Personal protective equipment

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.

Recommended Filter type: : Filter type P1

The entrepreneur has to ensure that maintenance, cleaning and testing of respiratory protective devices are carried out according to the instructions of the producer. These measures have to be properly documented.

### Hand protection

Material : Nitrile rubber  
Break through time : 480 min  
Glove thickness : 0.11 mm  
Protective index : Full contact  
Manufacturer : KCL 741 Dermatril® L

Material : Nitrile rubber  
Break through time : 480 min  
Glove thickness : 0.11 mm  
Protective index : Splash contact  
Manufacturer : KCL 741 Dermatril® L

Remarks : 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 EN 16523-1 please contact the supplier of CE-approved gloves (e.g. KCL GmbH, D-36124 Eichenzell, Internet: [www.kcl.de](http://www.kcl.de)).

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

Skin and body protection : protective clothing

Hygiene measures : Change contaminated clothing. Wash hands after working with substance.

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## SECTION 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

|                                                     |                                           |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| Appearance                                          | : crystalline                             |
| Colour                                              | : No data available                       |
| Odour                                               | : No data available                       |
| Odour Threshold                                     | : No data available                       |
| pH                                                  | : No data available                       |
| Melting point/ range                                | : 633 °F / 334 °C<br>Method: lit.         |
| Boiling point/boiling range                         | : No data available                       |
| Flash point                                         | : No data available                       |
| Evaporation rate                                    | : No data available                       |
| Burning rate                                        | : No data available                       |
| Upper explosion limit /<br>Upper flammability limit | : No data available                       |
| Lower explosion limit /<br>Lower flammability limit | : No data available                       |
| Vapour pressure                                     | : No data available                       |
| Relative vapour density                             | : No data available                       |
| Relative density                                    | : No data available                       |
| Density                                             | : 2.109 g/cm <sup>3</sup> (61 °F / 16 °C) |
| Water solubility                                    | : No data available                       |
| Partition coefficient: n-<br>octanol/water          | : Not applicable for inorganic substances |
| Autoignition temperature                            | : Not applicable                          |
| Decomposition<br>temperature                        | : No data available                       |
| Viscosity, dynamic                                  | : No data available                       |

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|                                           |                                                                            |
|-------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Viscosity, kinematic                      | : No data available                                                        |
| Flow time                                 | : No data available                                                        |
| Explosive properties                      | : Not classified as explosive.                                             |
| Oxidizing properties                      | : The substance or mixture is classified as oxidizing with the category 3. |
| Molecular weight                          | : 101.10 g/mol                                                             |
| Particle characteristics<br>Particle size | : No data available                                                        |

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## SECTION 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

|                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
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| Reactivity                         | : No data available                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Chemical stability                 | : The product is chemically stable under standard ambient conditions (room temperature) .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Possibility of hazardous reactions | : Risk of explosion with:<br>Cyanides<br>Sulphides<br>combustible substances<br>Fluorine<br>Potassium<br>acetates<br>oxidisable substances<br>phosphides<br>Organic Substances<br>Peroxides<br>Aluminium<br>antimony<br>charcoal<br>Titanium<br>Zinc<br>Powdered metals<br>arsenic<br>Boron<br>Germanium<br>nitrides<br>magnesium<br>sodium thiosulphate<br>phosphorus<br>strong reducing agents<br>sulfur<br>sugars<br>Generates dangerous gases or fumes in contact with: |

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Acids  
Possible formation of:  
nitrogen dioxide  
Risk of ignition or formation of inflammable gases or  
vapours with:  
calcium silicide

Conditions to avoid : no information available

Incompatible materials : No data available

Hazardous decomposition : In the event of fire: see section 5  
products

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## SECTION 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### 11.1 Information on toxicological effects

#### Acute toxicity

LD50 Oral - Rat - male and female - > 2,000 mg/kg  
(OECD Test Guideline 425)

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

(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 - 4 h  
(OECD Test Guideline 404)

#### Serious eye damage/eye irritation

Eyes - Rabbit

Result: No eye irritation  
(OECD Test Guideline 405)

#### Respiratory or skin sensitization

Local lymph node assay (LLNA) - Mouse

Result: negative  
(OECD Test Guideline 429)

#### Germ cell mutagenicity

Test Type: Mutagenicity (mammal cell test): chromosome aberration.

Test system: Chinese hamster fibroblasts

Metabolic activation: without metabolic activation

Result: negative

Remarks: (ECHA)

Test Type: In vitro mammalian cell gene mutation test

Test system: mouse lymphoma cells

Metabolic activation: with and without metabolic activation

Method: OECD Test Guideline 476

Result: negative

#### Carcinogenicity

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- 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

**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 - No observed adverse effect level - > 1,500 mg/kg

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.

After absorption of large quantities:

Methaemoglobinaemia with headache, cardiac arrhythmia, drop in blood pressure, dyspnoea, and spasms, key symptom: cyanosis (blue colouration of the blood).

Other dangerous properties can not be excluded.

Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.

Liver - Irregularities - Based on Human Evidence

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**SECTION 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

**Ecotoxicity**

No data available

**Persistence and degradability**

No data available

**Bioaccumulative potential**

No data available

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**Mobility in soil**

No data available

**Other adverse effects****Product:**

Ozone-Depletion Potential : Regulation: 40 CFR Protection of Environment; Part 82 Protection of Stratospheric Ozone - CAA Section 602 Class I Substances  
Remarks: This product neither contains, nor was manufactured with a Class I or Class II ODS as defined by the U.S. Clean Air Act Section 602 (40 CFR 82, Subpt. A, App.A + B).

**Endocrine disrupting properties**

No data available

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**SECTION 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS****Disposal methods**

Waste from residues : 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****International Regulations****IATA-DGR**

UN/ID No. : UN 1486  
Proper shipping name : Potassium nitrate  
Class : 5.1  
Packing group : III  
Labels : Division 5.1 - Oxidizing substances  
Packing instruction (cargo aircraft) : 563  
Packing instruction (passenger aircraft) : 559

**IMDG-Code**

UN number : UN 1486  
Proper shipping name : POTASSIUM NITRATE  
  
Class : 5.1  
Packing group : III  
Labels : 5.1  
EmS Code : F-A, S-Q  
Marine pollutant : no

## Transport in bulk according to IMO instruments

Not applicable for product as supplied.

## National Regulations

### 49 CFR

UN/ID/NA number : UN 1486  
Proper shipping name : Potassium nitrate  
  
Class : 5.1  
  
Packing group : III  
Labels : Division 5.1 - Oxidizing substances  
ERG Code : 140  
Marine pollutant : no  
Poison Inhalation Hazard : No

### Special precautions for user

The transport classification(s) provided herein are for informational purposes only, and solely based upon the properties of the unpackaged material as it is described within this Safety Data Sheet. Transportation classifications may vary by mode of transportation, package sizes, and variations in regional or country regulations.

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## SECTION 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

### CERCLA Reportable Quantity

This material does not contain any components with a CERCLA RQ.

### SARA 304 Extremely Hazardous Substances Reportable Quantity

This material does not contain any components with a section 304 EHS RQ.

### SARA 302 Extremely Hazardous Substances Threshold Planning Quantity

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

**SARA 311/312 Hazards** : Reactivity Hazard  
Chronic Health Hazard

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

|           |           |                  |
|-----------|-----------|------------------|
| potassium | 7757-79-1 | >= 90 - <= 100 % |
| nitrate   |           |                  |

### Clean Air Act

This product neither contains, nor was manufactured with a Class I or Class II ODS as defined by the U.S. Clean Air Act Section 602 (40 CFR 82, Subpt. A, App.A + B).

This product does not contain any hazardous air pollutants (HAP), as defined by the U.S. Clean Air Act Section 112 (40 CFR 61).

This product does not contain any chemicals listed under the U.S. Clean Air Act Section 112(r) for Accidental Release Prevention (40 CFR 68.130, Subpart F).

This product does not contain any chemicals listed under the U.S. Clean Air Act Section 111 SOCM I Intermediate or Final VOC's (40 CFR 60.489).

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## Clean Water Act

This product does not contain any Hazardous Substances listed under the U.S. CleanWater Act, Section 311, Table 116.4A.

This product does not contain any Hazardous Chemicals listed under the U.S. CleanWater Act, Section 311, Table 117.3.

This product does not contain any toxic pollutants listed under the U.S. Clean Water Act Section 307

This product does not contain any priority pollutants related to the U.S. Clean Water Act

## US State Regulations

### Massachusetts Right To Know

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### Pennsylvania Right To Know

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### Maine Chemicals of High Concern

Product does not contain any listed chemicals

### Vermont Chemicals of High Concern

Product does not contain any listed chemicals

### Washington Chemicals of High Concern

Product does not contain any listed chemicals

### The components of this product are reported in the following inventories:

US TSCA : All substances listed as active on the TSCA inventory

### TSCA list

No substances are subject to a Significant New Use Rule.

No substances are subject to TSCA 12(b) export notification requirements.

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## SECTION 16. OTHER INFORMATION

### Full text of other abbreviations

AIIC - Australian Inventory of Industrial Chemicals; ASTM - American Society for the Testing of Materials; bw - Body weight; CERCLA - Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act; CMR - Carcinogen, Mutagen or Reproductive Toxicant; DIN - Standard of the German Institute for Standardisation; DOT - Department of Transportation; DSL - Domestic Substances List (Canada); ECx - Concentration associated with x% response; EHS - Extremely Hazardous Substance; ELx - Loading rate associated with x% response; EmS - Emergency Schedule; ENCS - Existing and New Chemical Substances (Japan); ErCx - Concentration associated with x% growth rate response; ERG - Emergency Response Guide; GHS - Globally Harmonised System; GLP - Good Laboratory Practice; HMIS - Hazardous Materials Identification System; IARC - International Agency for Research on Cancer; IATA - International Air Transport Association; IBC - International Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships carrying Dangerous Chemicals in Bulk; IC50 - Half maximal inhibitory concentration; ICAO - International Civil Aviation Organization; IECSC - Inventory of Existing

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Chemical Substances in China; IMDG - International Maritime Dangerous Goods; IMO - International Maritime Organisation; ISHL - Industrial Safety and Health Law (Japan); ISO - International Organisation for Standardisation; KECI - Korea Existing Chemicals Inventory; LC50 - Lethal Concentration to 50 % of a test population; LD50 - Lethal Dose to 50% of a test population (Median Lethal Dose); MARPOL - International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships; MSHA - Mine Safety and Health Administration; n.o.s. - Not Otherwise Specified; NFPA - National Fire Protection Association; NO(A)EC - No Observed (Adverse) Effect Concentration; NO(A)EL - No Observed (Adverse) Effect Level; NOELR - No Observable Effect Loading Rate; NTP - National Toxicology Program; NZIoC - New Zealand Inventory of Chemicals; OECD - Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development; OPPTS - Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention; PBT - Persistent, Bioaccumulative and Toxic substance; PICCS - Philippines Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances; (Q)SAR - (Quantitative) Structure Activity Relationship; RCRA - Resource Conservation and Recovery Act; REACH - Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals; RQ - Reportable Quantity; SADT - Self-Accelerating Decomposition Temperature; SARA - Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act; SDS - Safety Data Sheet; TCSI - Taiwan Chemical Substance Inventory; TECI - Thailand Existing Chemicals Inventory; TSCA - Toxic Substances Control Act (United States); UN - United Nations; UNRTDG - United Nations Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods; vPvB - Very Persistent and Very Bioaccumulative

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