

# SAFETY DATA SHEET

according to the OSHA  
Hazard Communication Standard

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## SECTION 1. IDENTIFICATION

### 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

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.  
SPRUCE ST 3050  
63103 St. Louis

Telephone : (314) 771-5765  
Telefax: (800) 325-5052

### 1.4 Emergency telephone number

Emergency Phone # : 800 424 9300 (CHEMTREC) 24/7  
+1 703 527 3887 (CHEMTREC) 24/7

## 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 2

Acute toxicity (Oral) : Category 3

Short-term (acute) aquatic hazard : Category 1

#### Other hazards

None known.

#### GHS label elements

Hazard pictograms :



Signal word : Danger

Hazard statements : H272 May intensify fire; oxidizer.  
H301 Toxic if swallowed.  
H400 Very toxic to aquatic life.

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.  
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/ eye protection/ face protection.

#### **Response:**

P301 + P310 + P330 IF SWALLOWED: Immediately call a POISON CENTER/ doctor. Rinse mouth.  
P370 + P378 In case of fire: Use dry sand, dry chemical or alcohol-resistant foam to extinguish.  
P391 Collect spillage.

#### **Storage:**

P405 Store locked up.

#### **Disposal:**

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### SECTION 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Substance / Mixture : Substance

CAS-No. : 7758-09-0

#### Components

| Chemical name     | CAS No./Unique ID | Concentration (% w/w) | Trade secret |
|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|--------------|
| potassium nitrite | 7758-09-0*        | >= 90 - <= 100        | -            |

\* Indicates that the identifier is a CAS No.

Actual concentration is withheld as a trade secret

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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.

In case of eye contact : After eye contact: rinse out with plenty of water. 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.

Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed : The most important known symptoms and effects are described in the labelling (see section 2 GHS label elements) 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

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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.  
Prevent fire extinguishing water from contaminating surface water or the ground water system.

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

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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:  
Wear appropriate personal protective equipment, as indicated in 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).<br>Take up carefully. Dispose of properly. Clean up affected area.<br>Avoid generation of dusts. |

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## SECTION 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

For precautions see section 2 GHS label elements

|                                                 |                                                                                                                                                   |
|-------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 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.<br>Keep locked up or in an area accessible only to qualified or authorised persons.<br>Do not store near combustible materials. |
| Storage class                                   | : 5.1B, Oxidizing hazardous materials                                                                                                             |
| Recommended storage temperature                 | : Recommended storage temperature if relevant, see product label.                                                                                 |

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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

### Personal protective equipment

|                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
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| Respiratory protection   | : required when dusts are generated.<br>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 B-(P3)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |

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. Preventive skin protection recommended. Wash hands after working with substance.

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## SECTION 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Appearance : powder

Colour : white

Odour : No data available

Odour Threshold : No data available

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|-----------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| pH                                                  | : 6.65 (81 °F / 27 °C)                                                           |
| Melting point/ range                                | : 662 °F / 350 °C<br>Method: dec.                                                |
| Boiling point/boiling range                         | : No data available                                                              |
| Flash point                                         | : Not applicable                                                                 |
| Evaporation rate                                    | : No data available                                                              |
| Burning rate                                        | : No data available                                                              |
| Self-ignition                                       | : 81 °F / 27 °C<br>966 hPa<br>not auto-flammable                                 |
| 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                                             | : 0.834 g/cm <sup>3</sup> (81.7 °F / 27.6 °C)<br>Method: OECD Test Guideline 109 |
| Solubility(ies)<br>Water solubility                 | : 718.8 g/l soluble (77 °F / 25 °C)<br>Method: OECD Test Guideline 105           |
| Partition coefficient: n-<br>octanol/water          | : Not applicable for inorganic substances                                        |
| Autoignition temperature                            | : No data available                                                              |
| Decomposition<br>temperature                        | : No data available                                                              |
| Viscosity, dynamic                                  | : No data available                                                              |
| Viscosity, kinematic                                | : No data available                                                              |
| Flow time                                           | : No data available                                                              |
| Explosive properties                                | : Not classified as explosive.                                                   |

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|--------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Oxidizing properties     | : The substance or mixture is classified as oxidizing with the category 2. |
| Molecular weight         | : 85.10 g/mol                                                              |
| Particle characteristics |                                                                            |
| Particle size            | : No data available                                                        |

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## SECTION 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

|                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 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>Amines<br>Aluminium<br>Ammonia<br>combustible substances<br>hydrazine and derivatives<br>alkali amides<br>potassium cyanide<br>sodium thiosulphate<br>thiocyanates<br>antimony sulfide<br>arsenic sulfide<br>hydrates<br>potassium ferrocyanide<br>copper phosphide<br>Germanium<br>in powder form<br>arsenic<br>in powder form<br>with<br>heat<br>Exothermic reaction with:<br>Ammonium salts<br>Boron<br>Powdered metals<br>Reducing agents<br>Generates dangerous gases or fumes in contact with:<br>acids<br>Release of:<br>nitrous gases |
| Conditions to avoid                | : no information available                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Incompatible materials             | : No data available                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |

Hazardous decomposition : For Hazardous combustion products in the event of  
products 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: Ames test

Test system: Escherichia coli/Salmonella typhimurium

Metabolic activation: with and without metabolic activation

Method: OECD Test Guideline 471

Result: 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.

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 - 13 Weeks

Remarks: (ECHA)

RTECS: TT3750000

Produces:, methemoglobin, Nausea, Vomiting, Increased pulse rate, 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

### Ecotoxicity

#### Components:

##### **potassium nitrite:**

Toxicity to algae/aquatic plants : ErC50 (Raphidocelis subcapitata (freshwater green alga)): 0.971 mg/l  
Exposure time: 72 h  
Test Type: static test  
Analytical monitoring: yes  
Method: OECD Test Guideline 201

M-Factor (Acute aquatic toxicity) : 1

### Ecotoxicology Assessment

Chronic aquatic toxicity : This product has no known ecotoxicological effects.

### Persistence and degradability

#### Components:

##### **potassium nitrite:**

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

### Bioaccumulative potential

#### Components:

##### **potassium nitrite:**

Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water : Remarks: Not applicable for inorganic substances

### Mobility in soil

No data available

### Other adverse effects

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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).

**Components:**

**potassium nitrite:**

Additional ecological information : Discharge into the environment must be avoided.

**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 1488  
Proper shipping name : Potassium nitrite  
Class : 5.1  
Packing group : II  
Labels : Division 5.1 - Oxidizing substances  
Packing instruction (cargo aircraft) : 562  
Packing instruction (passenger aircraft) : 558

**IMDG-Code**

UN number : UN 1488  
Proper shipping name : POTASSIUM NITRITE  
  
Class : 5.1  
Packing group : II  
Labels : 5.1  
EmS Code : F-A, S-Q  
Marine pollutant : yes

## Transport in bulk according to IMO instruments

Not applicable for product as supplied.

## National Regulations

### 49 CFR

UN/ID/NA number : UN 1488  
Proper shipping name : Potassium nitrite  
  
Class : 5.1  
  
Packing group : II  
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  
Acute Health Hazard  
Chronic Health Hazard

**SARA 313** : 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.

### 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. Clean Water Act, Section 311, Table 116.4A.

This product does not contain any Hazardous Chemicals listed under the U.S. Clean Water 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**

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

### **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**

The following substance(s) is/are subject to a Significant New Use Rule:

|                   |           |                                         |
|-------------------|-----------|-----------------------------------------|
| potassium nitrite | 7758-09-0 | See 40 CFR § 721.4740;<br>Proposed Rule |
|-------------------|-----------|-----------------------------------------|

The following substance(s) is/are subject to TSCA 12(b) export notification requirements:

|                   |           |
|-------------------|-----------|
| potassium nitrite | 7758-09-0 |
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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

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concentration; ICAO - International Civil Aviation Organization; IECSC - Inventory of Existing 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); LSPN - List of Hazardous Notified Substances (Chile); 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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