SAFETY DATA SHEET (SDS)

in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 (REACH), Annex II — Regulation (EU) 2020/878

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potassium nitrite

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CAS 7758-09-0

KNO_2 | EC 231-832-4

MOLAR MASS
85.10

HAZARD CLASSIFICATION (GHS / CLP)



Danger

H272 | H301 | H400

Hazard class scope limited to the harmonised classification (CLP Annex VI); classes outside the harmonised entry may require supplier self-classification (CLP Art. 4(3)) — verify with the supplier safety data sheet.

1. Identification of the substance/mixture and of the company/undertaking

1.1 Substance name	potassium nitrite
1.1 IUPAC name	potassium nitrite
1.1 CAS number	7758-09-0
1.1 EC number	231-832-4
1.1 PubChem CID	516910
1.1 InChIKey	BXNHTSHTPBPRFX-UHFFFAOYSA-M
1.1 SMILES	N(=O)[O-].[K+]
1.1 Molecular formula	KNO_2 [7]
1.1 Molar mass	85.104 g/mol [7]
1.1 Exact mass	84.9566 Da [7]

1.2 Uses

For laboratory and research purposes. Not for use in the production of food, medicines or cosmetics without appropriate authorisation.

1.3 Details of the supplier

REFERENCE COPY — NO SUPPLIER DETAILS — NOT FOR DISTRIBUTION	Supplier details are not included in this reference copy. The supplier placing the substance on the market must complete this section and remains responsible for the sheet under REACH. MolGod.org prepares documentation and is not the supplier of this substance.

1.4 Emergency telephone number

Emergency telephone	112 (EU-wide emergency number)

Contact the poison centre designated in the country of placing on the market (CLP Art. 45).

2. Hazards identification

GHS:



PPE:



Prohibitions:



Danger

Hazard statements (H) [3][4][8]

H272	May intensify fire; oxidiser
H301	Toxic if swallowed
H400	Very toxic to aquatic life

Precautionary statements (P) [3][4][8]

P210	Keep away from heat, hot surfaces, sparks, open flames and other ignition sources. No smoking
P220	Keep away from clothing and other combustible materials
P264	Wash 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	IF SWALLOWED: Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician
P330	Rinse mouth
P370+P378	In case of fire: Use appropriate media to extinguish
P391	Collect spillage
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3. Composition/information on ingredients

Substance type	pure substance
CAS Number	7758-09-0
EC number	231-832-4
Molecular formula	KNO_2
Concentration	≥99% (typical reagent-grade purity — to be confirmed by the supplier's specification)
Clp index no	007-011-00-X

4. First aid measures



Inhalation

Move the affected person to fresh air. Keep at rest. If not breathing: artificial respiration (qualified personnel only). [1][2][10]

Skin contact

Remove contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with soap and water (min. 15 minutes). [1][2][10]

Eye contact

Rinse eyes with running water (min. 15 minutes). Remove contact lenses if possible. If irritation persists — consult an ophthalmologist. [1][2][10]

Ingestion

Do NOT induce vomiting (unless directed by a physician). Rinse mouth with water. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Emergency number: 112 (EU-wide). Contact the poison centre designated in your country (CLP Art. 45). [1][2][10]

Symptoms and effects

nausea, vomiting, diarrhoea. [3][8]

Notes for physician

Requires verification

Emergency numbers: Emergency: 112 (EU-wide). Poison centre: as designated in the country of placing on the market (CLP Art. 45).

5. Firefighting measures

Suitable extinguishing media	Water in LARGE quantities (cooling). Water mist. [1][2][10]
Unsuitable extinguishing media	CO2 and dry powder (ineffective for an oxidiser). [1][2][10]
Specific hazards	Thermal decomposition products: NOx. [11]
Advice for firefighters	Use self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA). Full protective suit. [1][2][10]

6. Accidental release measures

Personal precautions	Use personal protective equipment (see Section 8). Avoid breathing dust. [1][2][10]
Environmental precautions	Prevent entry into sewers, groundwater and surface water. [1][2][10]
Methods for containment and cleaning up	Collect mechanically into suitable containers. Absorption: sand, vermiculite, diatomaceous earth. Do not sweep dry (dust formation). [1][2][10]
Related sections	8; 13

7. Handling and storage

Precautions	Work in a fume hood or with adequate ventilation. No eating, drinking or smoking in the work area. [1][2][10]
Storage temperature	Store at room temperature (15-25°C) or as indicated on the label. [1][2][10]

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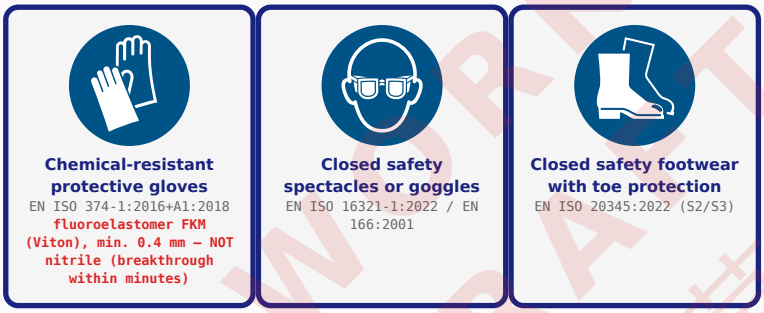
Humidity	Store in a dry place (<60% RH). [1][2][10]
Light	Protect from direct sunlight. [1][2][10]
Incompatible materials	Strong oxidizers, strong acids, strong bases. [11]

8. Exposure controls/personal protection

8.1 Control parameters

OEL — NDS (Poland)	No NDS (OEL) value in the available working list — verify in the current MRPiPS regulation before use; do not assume the absence of a limit value.
OEL (EU)	The EU OEL value has not been verified against the available dataset — check the IOELV/BOELV directives; do not assume the absence of a value.
DNEL	No data available.
PNEC	No data available.

8.2 Personal protective equipment (PPE) [5][6][12]



Chemical-resistant protective gloves
EN ISO 374-1:2016+A1:2018
fluoroelastomer FKM (Viton), min. 0.4 mm — NOT nitrile (breakthrough within minutes)

Closed safety spectacles or goggles
EN ISO 16321-1:2022 / EN 166:2001

Closed safety footwear with toe protection
EN ISO 20345:2022 (S2/S3)

9. Physical and chemical properties

Property (item 9.1)	Value	Source
Physical state	Solid	
Colour	White or slightly yellow granules or rods [7]	
Odour	No data available.	
pH (1% aqueous solution)	No data available.	
Melting point	441°C (experimental data) [7]	
Boiling point	537°C (experimental data) [7]	
Flash point	Not applicable (REACH 9.1(h))	
Flammability	No data available.	
Lower and upper explosion limit	Not applicable (REACH 9.1(g))	
Density (20°C)	1.915 g/cm³ [7]	
Vapour pressure	No data available.	
Relative vapour density	Not applicable (REACH 9.1(q))	
Kinematic viscosity	Not applicable (REACH 9.1(l))	
Auto-ignition temperature	No data available.	
Decomposition temperature	No data available.	

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Property (item 9.1)	Value	Source
Water solubility	No data available.	
Particle characteristics	The particle size distribution has not been determined for this commercial form — required under Annex II 9.1(r); to be completed from the supplier's specification.	
log Kow (XLogP3)	Not applicable (REACH 9.1(n))	
Molar mass	85.104 g/mol [7]	
Molecular formula	KNO_2 [7]	

Where a property above reads "No data available", no measured value was found in the public sources consulted for this substance. The property has not been determined by MolGod.org and no value is inferred. "Not applicable" means the property has no meaning for this substance in the form supplied.

10. Stability and reactivity

Reactivity	Stable under normal storage and handling conditions.
Chemical stability	May undergo violent catalytic decomposition on contact with heavy metals (Mn, Fe, Cu, Cr) or contaminants. [11]
Hazardous reactions	Catalytic decomposition may proceed violently, releasing large amounts of oxygen, which accelerates the fire of surrounding combustible materials. [11]
Conditions to avoid	Temperature >50°C, UV light, heavy metals, organic contaminants. Decomposition releasing oxygen (O_2) and heat. [11]
Incompatible materials	Strong oxidizers, strong acids, strong bases.
Decomposition products	Thermal decomposition products: NOx.

11. Toxicological information

LD50 (oral)	No data available.
LD50 (dermal)	No data available.
LC50 (inhalation)	No data available.
Skin irritation	Not classified for this hazard (outside the scope of the harmonised classification in CLP Annex VI; verify supplier self-classification) [3][8]
Eye irritation	Not classified for this hazard (outside the scope of the harmonised classification in CLP Annex VI; verify supplier self-classification) [3][8]
Sensitisation	Not classified for this hazard (outside the scope of the harmonised classification in CLP Annex VI; verify supplier self-classification) [3][8]
Mutagenicity	Not classified for this hazard (outside the scope of the harmonised classification in CLP Annex VI; verify supplier self-classification) [3][8]
Carcinogenicity	Not classified for this hazard (outside the scope of the harmonised classification in CLP Annex VI; verify supplier self-classification) [3][8]
IARC classification (carcinogenicity)	No individual IARC monograph for this CAS — this is not confirmation of the absence of carcinogenicity (cf. CLP/GHS classification in section 2).
Reproductive toxicity	Not classified for this hazard (outside the scope of the harmonised classification in CLP Annex VI; verify supplier self-classification) [3][8]
STOT — single exposure	Not classified for this hazard (outside the scope of the harmonised classification in CLP Annex VI; verify supplier self-classification) [3][8]
STOT — repeated exposure	Not classified for this hazard (outside the scope of the harmonised classification in CLP Annex VI; verify supplier self-classification) [3][8]
Aspiration hazard	Not classified for this hazard (outside the scope of the harmonised classification in CLP Annex VI; verify supplier self-classification) [3][8]

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12. Ecological information

Aquatic toxicity	Harmonised classification (CLP Annex VI): H400 — Very toxic to aquatic life (Aquatic Acute 1). Numerical LC_{50}/EC_{50} data unverified in the available dataset — do not assume absence of toxicity. (M-factor for acute/chronic cat. 1 — to be verified per Table 3 of Annex VI, if assigned.)
Persistence / biodegradability	No data available.
Bioaccumulative potential	No data available.
Mobility in soil	No data available.
PBT/vPvB assessment	Insufficient data to assess PBT/vPvB.
Endocrine disrupting properties	Reported endocrine effects in aquatic organisms (ecotoxicological data, US EPA ECOTOX; not a regulatory ED classification under 2018/605). [13]

13. Disposal considerations

Disposal method	Hand over for disposal to licensed contractors in accordance with national and local regulations. Do not discharge into sewers.
Waste code (EWC)	16 05 06* — Laboratory and analytical chemicals (e.g. chemical reagents) containing hazardous substances. Verification of the EWC code required. [9]
Packaging	Cleaned packaging may be recycled. Contaminated packaging must be treated as hazardous waste.

14. Transport information



Class 5.1 — Oxidising substances



Class 6.1 — Toxic substances

UN number	UN 1488 [7]
Transport hazard class	Suggested from GHS classification — VERIFICATION REQUIRED.
Environmental hazard	CLP classification (H400) indicates aquatic environmental hazard — marine pollutant marking may be required; confirm per ADR 2.2.9 / IMDG criteria [3]
Special precautions	Handle as dangerous goods according to the assigned class (ADR/IMDG/IATA); apply the precautions appropriate to that class.
CN/HS code	CN/HS code: verification required in the Eurostat Combined Nomenclature.
Notes	UN number per the indicated source. Verify the transport class and packing group in ADR Table A / UN Model Regulations before shipment. [7]
Environmentally hazardous (mark: fish and tree)	Yes

15. Regulatory information

SVHC status	SVHC status not verified against the available dataset — check the current ECHA Candidate List; do not assume absence. [1]
REACH Annex XIV	Not verified against the ECHA Authorisation List — check REACH Annex XIV. [1]
REACH Annex XVII	Not confirmed in the available Annex XVII dataset — verify against the current ECHA list before placing on the market; do not assume absence of restriction. [1]

16. Other information

`Substance type: oxidizer`

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Legal status of classification: harmonised under CLP Annex VI — Reg. (EC) No 1272/2008 (as at the date of issue).Entries with an entry-into-force date after 21.10.2026 were omitted as future (not yet applicable).

Data aggregated automatically from public reference databases (PubChem, ECHA, NIST and others).

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Abbreviations

ADR	European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road
ATE	Acute Toxicity Estimate
CAS	Chemical Abstracts Service
CLP	Classification, Labelling and Packaging (Reg. (EC) 1272/2008)
CMR	Carcinogenic, Mutagenic, toxic to Reproduction
DNEL	Derived No-Effect Level
EC	European Community number
EPI	Personal protective equipment
GHS	Globally Harmonized System
IATA	International Air Transport Association
IMDG	International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code
SDS	Safety Data Sheet
LC50	Lethal Concentration, 50%
LD50	Lethal Dose, 50%
NDS	Maximum admissible concentration (workplace, PL)
NDSCh	Short-term exposure limit (PL)

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OEL	Occupational Exposure Limit
PBT	Persistent, Bioaccumulative and Toxic
PNEC	Predicted No-Effect Concentration
REACH	Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (Reg. (EC) 1907/2006)
STOT	Specific Target Organ Toxicity
SVHC	Substance of Very High Concern
TPSA	Topological Polar Surface Area
vPvB	very Persistent and very Bioaccumulative

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External links

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NFPA 704 (supplementary information — NFPA/USA system; not a required element of an EU safety data sheet under REACH Annex II)



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