

SAFETY DATA SHEET

1. IDENTIFICATION OF THE MATERIAL AND SUPPLIER

1.1 Product identifier

Product name **MAXIMUM POTASSIUM NITRATE**

Synonyms

1.2 Uses and uses advised against

Uses INDUSTRIAL APPLICATIONS

1.3 Details of the supplier of the product

Supplier name **CAMPBELLS FERTILISERS AUSTRALASIA PTY LTD**
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Telephone (03) 9931 2211
Fax (03) 9931 2201
Email info@campbellsfert.com.au
Website <http://www.campbellsfert.com.au>

1.4 Emergency telephone numbers

Emergency (03) 9931 2211 (8.30am - 5pm Monday - Friday)

Emergency 0418 350 726 (At all other times)

Poison Information 13 11 26
Centre

2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture

CLASSIFIED AS HAZARDOUS ACCORDING TO SAFE WORK AUSTRALIA CRITERIA

Physical Hazards

Oxidizing Solids: Category 3

Health Hazards

Not classified as a Health Hazard

Environmental Hazards

Not classified as an Environmental Hazard

2.2 GHS Label elements

Signal word **WARNING**

Pictograms



Hazard statements

H272 May intensify fire; oxidiser.

Prevention statements

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

PRODUCT NAME MAXIMUM POTASSIUM NITRATE**Response statements**

P370 + P378 In case of fire: Use appropriate media to extinguish.

Storage statements

None allocated.

Disposal statements

P501 Dispose of contents/container in accordance with relevant regulations.

2.3 Other hazards

No information provided.

3. COMPOSITION/ INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

3.1 Substances / Mixtures

Ingredient	CAS Number	EC Number	Content (w/w)
POTASSIUM NITRATE	7757-79-1	231-818-8	>90%

4. FIRST AID MEASURES

4.1 Description of first aid measures

Eye If in eyes, hold eyelids apart and flush continuously with running water. Continue flushing until advised to stop by a Poisons Information Centre, a doctor, or for at least 15 minutes.

Inhalation If inhaled, remove from contaminated area. Apply artificial respiration if not breathing.

Skin If skin or hair contact occurs, remove contaminated clothing and flush skin and hair with running water.

Ingestion For advice, contact a Poisons Information Centre on 13 11 26 (Australia Wide) or a doctor (at once).

First aid facilities Eye wash facilities should be available.

4.2 Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed

See Section 11 for more detailed information on health effects and symptoms.

4.3 Immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

Treat symptomatically.

5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

5.1 Extinguishing media

Use an extinguishing agent suitable for the surrounding fire.

5.2 Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture

Non flammable - oxidising agent. Supports combustion and may cause fire/explosion in contact with incompatible substances, strong acids, reducing agents, combustibles and flammables. May evolve nitrogen oxides when heated to decomposition.

5.3 Advice for firefighters

Evacuate area and contact emergency services. Toxic gases may be evolved in a fire situation. Remain upwind and notify those downwind of hazard. Wear full protective equipment including Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) when combating fire. Use waterfog to cool intact containers and nearby storage areas. May explode from heat, pressure, friction or shock.

5.4 Hazchem code

1Z
1 Coarse Water Spray.
Z Wear full fire kit and breathing apparatus. Contain spill and run-off.

6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

6.1 Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

Wear Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) as detailed in section 8 of the SDS.

6.2 Environmental precautions

Prevent product from entering drains and waterways.

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6.3 Methods of cleaning up

Contain spillage, then collect and place in suitable containers for reuse or disposal.

6.4 Reference to other sections

See Sections 8 and 13 for exposure controls and disposal.

7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

7.1 Precautions for safe handling

Before use carefully read the product label. Use of safe work practices are recommended to avoid eye or skin contact and inhalation. Observe good personal hygiene, including washing hands before eating. Prohibit eating, drinking and smoking in contaminated areas.

7.2 Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Store in a cool, dry, well ventilated area, preferably outdoor or detached, removed from direct sunlight, incompatible substances, heat or ignition sources and foodstuffs. Ensure containers are adequately labelled, protected from physical damage and sealed when not in use. Concrete floors are recommended for storage. If stored bulk, the surface must be treated so that it is resistant to attack by an oxidising agent. Bulk ammonium nitrate fertilisers should not be stored on a bituminous floor. Do not allow to come in contact with water, either from rain, condensation or the surface on which stored. Bagged fertilisers should be stored under cover and out of direct sunlight (which degrades woven polypropylene packs). If stored in the open, do so for short periods only, and cover with a tarpaulin. If stacking is necessary, bulk bags should be stored in a stable manner, preferably in a pyramidal style. Bulk bags should not be stacked more than two high for bags containing 1000 kg or more, or more than four high for bags containing up to 500 kg. The Pallet Capacity Rating (design weight) should not be exceeded on the bottom tier for other packs. High stacking should be avoided as pressure promotes caking. Store away from farm chemicals, e.g. insecticides, fungicides and herbicides. Hygroscopic (absorbs moisture from the air).

7.3 Specific end uses

No information provided.

8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

8.1 Control parameters

Exposure standards

No exposure standards have been entered for this product.

Biological limits

No biological limit values have been entered for this product.

8.2 Exposure controls

Engineering controls Avoid inhalation. Use in well ventilated areas. Where an inhalation risk exists, mechanical explosion proof extraction ventilation is recommended. Wet where possible.

PPE

Eye / Face	At high dust levels, wear dust-proof goggles.
Hands	With prolonged use, wear PVC or rubber gloves.
Body	When using large quantities or where heavy contamination is likely, wear coveralls.
Respiratory	At high dust levels, wear a Class P1 (Particulate) respirator.

9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties

Appearance	WHITE SOLID
Odour	ODOURLESS
Flammability	NON FLAMMABLE
Flash point	NOT RELEVANT
Boiling point	400°C
Melting point	334°C
Evaporation rate	NOT AVAILABLE
pH	4.5 to 8.5 (5 % solution)
Vapour density	NOT AVAILABLE
Relative density	2.11
Solubility (water)	SOLUBLE
Vapour pressure	NOT AVAILABLE
Upper explosion limit	NOT RELEVANT

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9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties

Lower explosion limit	NOT RELEVANT
Partition coefficient	NOT AVAILABLE
Autoignition temperature	NOT AVAILABLE
Decomposition temperature	400°C
Viscosity	NOT AVAILABLE
Explosive properties	NOT EXPLOSIVE
Oxidising properties	OXIDISING SOLID
Odour threshold	NOT AVAILABLE

10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

10.1 Reactivity

Carefully review all information provided in sections 10.2 to 10.6.

10.2 Chemical stability

Stable under recommended conditions of storage.

10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions

Polymerization is not expected to occur.

10.4 Conditions to avoid

Avoid heat, sparks, open flames and other ignition sources.

10.5 Incompatible materials

Oxidising agent. Incompatible with combustible materials, reducing agents (e.g. sulphites), acids (e.g. nitric acid), calcium disilicide, chromium nitride, boron, carbon, sulfur, phosphorus, phosphides, sodium phosphinate, sodium thiosulfate, , sodium acetate, thorium carbide, alkalis (e.g. sodium hydroxide), metals, heat and ignition sources.

10.6 Hazardous decomposition products

May evolve nitrogen oxides when heated to decomposition.

11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

11.1 Information on toxicological effects

Acute toxicity Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.

Information available for the ingredients:

Ingredient	Oral LD50	Dermal LD50	Inhalation LC50
POTASSIUM NITRATE	3015 mg/kg (rat)	> 5000 mg/kg (rat)	> 0.527 mg/L/4h (rat)

Skin Contact may result in irritation, redness, rash and dermatitis.

Eye Contact may result in irritation, lacrimation, pain and redness.

Sensitisation Not classified as causing skin or respiratory sensitisation.

Mutagenicity Not classified as a mutagen.

Carcinogenicity Not classified as a carcinogen.

Reproductive Not classified as a reproductive toxin.

STOT - single exposure Over exposure may result in irritation of the nose and throat, with coughing.

STOT - repeated exposure Not classified as causing organ damage from repeated exposure. Over exposure to nitrates may result in methaemoglobinemia (inability of the blood to transport oxygen) with symptoms including cyanosis (bluish discolouration of the skin and mucous membranes) headache, dizziness, fatigue, heart and thyroid damage. However, due to the product form and nature of use, the risk of adverse health effects may be reduced.

Aspiration Not classified as causing aspiration.

12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

12.1 Toxicity

No information provided.

PRODUCT NAME MAXIMUM POTASSIUM NITRATE**12.2 Persistence and degradability**

No information provided.

12.3 Bioaccumulative potential

No information provided.

12.4 Mobility in soil

No information provided.

12.5 Other adverse effects

Ammonium nitrate is a nutrient in water. Spills can cause massive algal blooms in static waters and affect local species population balance in the aquatic environment. If water is used to disperse ammonium nitrate spilled on soil, the solution produced can end up in the groundwater. Ammonium nitrate will be taken up by bacteria. Nitrate is more persistent in water than the ammonium ion.

13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

13.1 Waste treatment methods**Waste disposal** No special precautions are required for the disposal of this product.**Legislation** Dispose of in accordance with relevant local legislation.

14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

CLASSIFIED AS A DANGEROUS GOOD BY THE CRITERIA OF THE ADG CODE

	LAND TRANSPORT (ADG)	SEA TRANSPORT (IMDG / IMO)	AIR TRANSPORT (IATA / ICAO)
14.1 UN Number	1486	1486	1486
14.2 Proper Shipping Name	POTASSIUM NITRATE	POTASSIUM NITRATE	POTASSIUM NITRATE
14.3 Transport hazard class	5.1	5.1	5.1
14.4 Packing Group	III	III	III

14.5 Environmental hazards

Not a Marine Pollutant.

14.6 Special precautions for user**Hazchem code** 1Z**EmS** F-A, S-Q

15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

15.1 Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture**Poison schedule** A poison schedule number has not been allocated to this product using the criteria in the Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Medicines and Poisons (SUSMP).**Classifications** Safe Work Australia criteria is based on the Globally Harmonised System (GHS) of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS Revision 7).**Inventory listings** **AUSTRALIA: AIIC (Australian Inventory of Industrial Chemicals)**
All components are listed on AIIC, or are exempt.

16. OTHER INFORMATION

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Additional information

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT GUIDELINES:

The recommendation for protective equipment contained within this report is provided as a guide only. Factors such as form of product, method of application, working environment, quantity used, product concentration and the availability of engineering controls should be considered before final selection of personal protective equipment is made.

HEALTH EFFECTS FROM EXPOSURE:

It should be noted that the effects from exposure to this product will depend on several factors including: form of product; frequency and duration of use; quantity used; effectiveness of control measures; protective equipment used and method of application. Given that it is impractical to prepare a report which would encompass all possible scenarios, it is anticipated that users will assess the risks and apply control methods where appropriate.

Abbreviations

ACGIH	American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists
CAS #	Chemical Abstract Service number - used to uniquely identify chemical compounds
CNS	Central Nervous System
EC No.	EC No - European Community Number
EMS	Emergency Schedules (Emergency Procedures for Ships Carrying Dangerous Goods)
GHS	Globally Harmonized System
GTEPG	Group Text Emergency Procedure Guide
IARC	International Agency for Research on Cancer
LC50	Lethal Concentration, 50% / Median Lethal Concentration
LD50	Lethal Dose, 50% / Median Lethal Dose
mg/m ³	Milligrams per Cubic Metre
OEL	Occupational Exposure Limit
pH	relates to hydrogen ion concentration using a scale of 0 (high acidic) to 14 (highly alkaline).
ppm	Parts Per Million
STEL	Short-Term Exposure Limit
STOT-RE	Specific target organ toxicity (repeated exposure)
STOT-SE	Specific target organ toxicity (single exposure)
SUSMP	Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Medicines and Poisons
SWA	Safe Work Australia
TLV	Threshold Limit Value
TWA	Time Weighted Average

Report status

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