

## SAFETY DATA SHEET

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### 1. Identification

**Product Name** Potassium nitrite

**Cat No. :** L13289

**CAS No** 7758-09-0  
**Synonyms** Nitrous acid, potassium salt.

**Recommended Use** Laboratory chemicals.  
**Uses advised against** Food, drug, pesticide or biocidal product use.

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

##### Company

Thermo Fisher Scientific Chemicals, Inc.  
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Ward Hill, MA 01835-8099  
Tel: 800-343-0660  
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##### **Emergency Telephone Number**

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Emergency Number **US**:001-201-796-7100 / **Europe**: +32 14 57 52 99  
**CHEMTREC** Tel. No. **US**:001-800-424-9300 / **Europe**:001-703-527-3887

### 2. Hazard(s) identification

#### **Classification**

This chemical is considered hazardous by the 2012 OSHA Hazard Communication Standard (29 CFR 1910.1200)

Oxidizing solids	Category 2
Acute oral toxicity	Category 3
Combustible dust	Yes

#### Label Elements

##### **Signal Word**

Danger

##### **Hazard Statements**

May form combustible dust concentrations in air  
May intensify fire; oxidizer  
Toxic if swallowed

**Precautionary Statements****Prevention**

Obtain special instructions before use  
Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood  
Use personal protective equipment as required  
Wash face, hands and any exposed skin thoroughly after handling  
Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product  
Keep away from heat/sparks/open flames/hot surfaces. - No smoking  
Keep/Store away from clothing/ other combustible materials  
Take any precaution to avoid mixing with combustibles

**Response**

IF exposed or concerned: Get medical attention/advice

**Ingestion**

IF SWALLOWED: Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician

Rinse mouth

**Fire**

In case of fire: Use CO<sub>2</sub>, dry chemical, or foam for extinction

**Storage**

Store locked up

Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed

**Disposal**

Dispose of contents/container to an approved waste disposal plant

**Hazards not otherwise classified (HNOC)**

Very toxic to aquatic life

### 3. Composition/Information on Ingredients

Component	CAS No	Weight %
Potassium nitrite	7758-09-0	>95

### 4. First-aid measures

**Eye Contact**

Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids, for at least 15 minutes. Get medical attention.

**Skin Contact**

Wash off immediately with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Get medical attention if symptoms occur.

**Inhalation**

Remove to fresh air. Do not use mouth-to-mouth method if victim ingested or inhaled the substance; give artificial respiration with the aid of a pocket mask equipped with a one-way valve or other proper respiratory medical device. Immediate medical attention is required. If not breathing, give artificial respiration.

**Ingestion**

Do NOT induce vomiting. Call a physician or poison control center immediately.

**Most important symptoms and effects**

No information available.

**Notes to Physician**

Treat symptomatically

## 5. Fire-fighting measures

<b>Suitable Extinguishing Media</b>	Water spray, carbon dioxide (CO <sub>2</sub> ), dry chemical, alcohol-resistant foam. Water mist may be used to cool closed containers.
<b>Unsuitable Extinguishing Media</b>	No information available
<b>Flash Point</b>	No information available
<b>Method -</b>	No information available
<b>Autoignition Temperature</b>	510 °C / 950 °F
<b>Explosion Limits</b>	
<b>Upper</b>	No data available
<b>Lower</b>	No data available
<b>Oxidizing Properties</b>	Oxidizer
<b>Sensitivity to Mechanical Impact</b>	No information available
<b>Sensitivity to Static Discharge</b>	No information available

### Specific Hazards Arising from the Chemical

Oxidizer: Contact with combustible/organic material may cause fire. Fine dust dispersed in air may ignite. Containers may explode when heated. Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating gases and vapors. Keep product and empty container away from heat and sources of ignition. May ignite combustibles (wood paper, oil, clothing, etc.). Do not allow run-off from fire-fighting to enter drains or water courses.

### Hazardous Combustion Products

Nitrogen oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>).

### Protective Equipment and Precautions for Firefighters

As in any fire, wear self-contained breathing apparatus pressure-demand, MSHA/NIOSH (approved or equivalent) and full protective gear.

### NFPA

Health  
2

Flammability  
1

Instability  
2

Physical hazards  
OX

## 6. Accidental release measures

<b>Personal Precautions</b>	Use personal protective equipment as required. Ensure adequate ventilation. Avoid dust formation. Avoid contact with skin, eyes or clothing.
<b>Environmental Precautions</b>	Do not flush into surface water or sanitary sewer system. Do not allow material to contaminate ground water system. Prevent product from entering drains. Local authorities should be advised if significant spillages cannot be contained.
<b>Methods for Containment and Clean Up</b>	Keep combustibles (wood, paper, oil, etc) away from spilled material. Sweep up and shovel into suitable containers for disposal. Avoid dust formation. Soak up with inert absorbent material. Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal. Sweep up and shovel into suitable containers for disposal.

## 7. Handling and storage

<b>Handling</b>	Wear personal protective equipment/face protection. Ensure adequate ventilation. Avoid dust formation. Avoid contact with skin, eyes or clothing. Avoid ingestion and inhalation. Keep away from clothing and other combustible materials.
<b>Storage.</b>	Keep containers tightly closed in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place. Do not store near combustible materials. Incompatible Materials. Organic materials. Acids. Amines. Strong reducing agents. Cyanides. Metals. Finely powdered metals. Combustible material.

## 8. Exposure controls / personal protection

<b>Exposure Guidelines</b>	This product does not contain any hazardous materials with occupational exposure limits established by the region specific regulatory bodies.
<b>Engineering Measures</b>	Ensure adequate ventilation, especially in confined areas. Ensure that eyewash stations and safety showers are close to the workstation location.
<b>Personal Protective Equipment</b>	
<b>Eye/face Protection</b>	Wear appropriate protective eyeglasses or chemical safety goggles as described by OSHA's eye and face protection regulations in 29 CFR 1910.133 or European Standard EN166.
<b>Skin and body protection</b>	Wear appropriate protective gloves and clothing to prevent skin exposure.
<b>Respiratory Protection</b>	Follow the OSHA respirator regulations found in 29 CFR 1910.134 or European Standard EN 149. Use a NIOSH/MSHA or European Standard EN 149 approved respirator if exposure limits are exceeded or if irritation or other symptoms are experienced.
<b>Recommended Filter type:</b>	Particulates filter conforming to EN 143.
<b>Hygiene Measures</b>	Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.

## 9. Physical and chemical properties

<b>Physical State</b>	Solid
<b>Appearance</b>	Off-white
<b>Odor</b>	Odorless
<b>Odor Threshold</b>	No information available
<b>pH</b>	7-10 5% aq.sol
<b>Melting Point/Range</b>	387 °C / 728.6 °F
<b>Boiling Point/Range</b>	No information available
<b>Flash Point</b>	No information available
<b>Evaporation Rate</b>	Not applicable
<b>Flammability (solid,gas)</b>	No information available
<b>Flammability or explosive limits</b>	
Upper	No data available
Lower	No data available
<b>Vapor Pressure</b>	No information available
<b>Vapor Density</b>	Not applicable
<b>Specific Gravity</b>	1.9150
<b>Solubility</b>	No information available
<b>Partition coefficient; n-octanol/water</b>	No data available
<b>Autoignition Temperature</b>	510 °C / 950 °F
<b>Decomposition Temperature</b>	> 350°C
<b>Viscosity</b>	Not applicable
<b>Molecular Formula</b>	K N O <sub>2</sub>
<b>Molecular Weight</b>	85.1

## 10. Stability and reactivity

<b>Reactive Hazard</b>	Yes
<b>Stability</b>	Hygroscopic. Oxidizer: Contact with combustible/organic material may cause fire.
<b>Conditions to Avoid</b>	Avoid dust formation. Incompatible products. Excess heat. Exposure to moist air or water. Combustible material.

**Incompatible Materials** Organic materials, Acids, Amines, Strong reducing agents, Cyanides, Metals, Finely powdered metals, Combustible material

**Hazardous Decomposition Products** Nitrogen oxides (NOx)

**Hazardous Polymerization** Hazardous polymerization does not occur.

**Hazardous Reactions** None under normal processing.

## 11. Toxicological information

### Acute Toxicity

#### Product Information Component Information

Component	LD50 Oral	LD50 Dermal	LC50 Inhalation
Potassium nitrite	Not listed	Not listed	85 g/m <sup>3</sup> /2H (Mouse)

**Toxicologically Synergistic Products** No information available

### Delayed and immediate effects as well as chronic effects from short and long-term exposure

**Irritation** No information available

**Sensitization** No information available

**Carcinogenicity** The table below indicates whether each agency has listed any ingredient as a carcinogen.

Component	CAS No	IARC	NTP	ACGIH	OSHA	Mexico
Potassium nitrite	7758-09-0	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed

**Mutagenic Effects** No information available

**Reproductive Effects** No information available.

**Developmental Effects** No information available.

**Teratogenicity** No information available.

**STOT - single exposure** None known

**STOT - repeated exposure** None known

**Aspiration hazard** No information available

**Symptoms / effects, both acute and delayed** No information available

**Endocrine Disruptor Information** No information available

**Other Adverse Effects** The toxicological properties have not been fully investigated.

## 12. Ecological information

### Ecotoxicity

Very toxic to aquatic organisms. The product contains following substances which are hazardous for the environment.

**Persistence and Degradability** Soluble in water Persistence is unlikely based on information available.

**Bioaccumulation/ Accumulation** No information available.

**Mobility** Will likely be mobile in the environment due to its water solubility.

### 13. Disposal considerations

#### Waste Disposal Methods

Chemical waste generators must determine whether a discarded chemical is classified as a hazardous waste. Chemical waste generators must also consult local, regional, and national hazardous waste regulations to ensure complete and accurate classification.

### 14. Transport information

#### DOT

UN-No UN1488  
 Proper Shipping Name POTASSIUM NITRITE  
 Hazard Class 5.1  
 Packing Group II

#### TDG

UN-No UN1488  
 Proper Shipping Name POTASSIUM NITRITE  
 Hazard Class 5.1  
 Packing Group II

#### IATA

UN-No UN1488  
 Proper Shipping Name POTASSIUM NITRITE  
 Hazard Class 5.1  
 Packing Group II

#### IMDG/IMO

UN-No UN1488  
 Proper Shipping Name POTASSIUM NITRITE  
 Hazard Class 5.1  
 Packing Group II

### 15. Regulatory information

#### United States of America Inventory

Component	CAS No	TSCA	TSCA Inventory notification - Active-Inactive	TSCA - EPA Regulatory Flags
Potassium nitrite	7758-09-0	X	ACTIVE	S

#### Legend:

**TSCA** US EPA (TSCA) - Toxic Substances Control Act, (40 CFR Part 710)

X - Listed

'-' - Not Listed

S - Indicates a substance that is identified in a proposed or final Significant New Use Rule.

#### TSCA - Per 40 CFR 751, Regulation of Certain Chemical Substances & Mixtures, Under TSCA Section 6(h) (PBT)

Not applicable

#### TSCA 12(b) - Notices of Export

Component	CAS No	TSCA 12(b) - Notices of Export
Potassium nitrite	7758-09-0	Section 5

#### International Inventories

Canada (DSL/NDL), Europe (EINECS/ELINCS/NLP), Philippines (PICCS), Japan (ENCS), Japan (ISHL), Australia (AICS), China (IECSC), Korea (KECL).

Component	CAS No	DSL	NDL	EINECS	PICCS	ENCS	ISHL	AICS	IECSC	KECL
Potassium nitrite	7758-09-0	X	-	231-832-4	X	X	X	X	X	KE-29165

KECL - NIER number or KE number (<http://ncis.nier.go.kr/en/main.do>)

#### U.S. Federal Regulations

**SARA 313**

Section 313 of Title III of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA). This product does not contain any chemicals which are subject to the reporting requirements of the Act and Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 372

**SARA 311/312 Hazard Categories**

Should this product meet EPCRA 311/312 Tier reporting criteria at 40 CFR 370, refer to Section 2 of this SDS for appropriate classifications.

**CWA (Clean Water Act)** Not applicable

**Clean Air Act** Not applicable

**OSHA - Occupational Safety and Health Administration** Not applicable

**CERCLA**

This material, as supplied, does not contain any substances regulated as hazardous substances under the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) (40 CFR 302) or the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) (40 CFR 355). There may be specific reporting requirements at the local, regional, or state level pertaining to releases of this material.

**California Proposition 65** This product does not contain any Proposition 65 chemicals.

**U.S. State Right-to-Know Regulations**

Component	Massachusetts	New Jersey	Pennsylvania	Illinois	Rhode Island
Potassium nitrite	-	X	-	X	-

**U.S. Department of Transportation**

Reportable Quantity (RQ): N  
DOT Marine Pollutant N  
DOT Severe Marine Pollutant N

**U.S. Department of Homeland Security** This product does not contain any DHS chemicals.

**Other International Regulations**

**Mexico - Grade** No information available

**Authorisation/Restrictions according to EU REACH**

Component	CAS No	REACH (1907/2006) - Annex XIV - Substances Subject to Authorization	REACH (1907/2006) - Annex XVII - Restrictions on Certain Dangerous Substances	REACH Regulation (EC 1907/2006) article 59 - Candidate List of Substances of Very High Concern (SVHC)
Potassium nitrite	7758-09-0	-	Use restricted. See item 75. (see link for restriction details)	-

**REACH links**

<https://echa.europa.eu/substances-restricted-under-reach>

**Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture**

Component	CAS No	OECD HPV	Persistent Organic Pollutant	Ozone Depletion Potential	Restriction of Hazardous Substances (RoHS)
Potassium nitrite	7758-09-0	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable

Contains component(s) that meet a 'definition' of per & poly fluoroalkyl substance (PFAS)?

Not applicable

#### Other International Regulations

Component	CAS No	Seveso III Directive (2012/18/EC) - Qualifying Quantities for Major Accident Notification	Seveso III Directive (2012/18/EC) - Qualifying Quantities for Safety Report Requirements	Rotterdam Convention (PIC)	Basel Convention (Hazardous Waste)
Potassium nitrite	7758-09-0	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable

## 16. Other information

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**Revision Summary**

New emergency telephone response service provider.

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**End of SDS**