

# SAFETY DATA SHEET

according to Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006

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## SECTION 1: Identification of the substance/mixture and of the company/undertaking

### 1.1 Product identifiers

Product name : Potassium nitrate

Product Number : POTN399  
Brand : 6Science LTD  
REACH No. : 01-2119488224-35-XXXX  
CAS-No. : 7757-79-1

### 1.2 Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against

Identified uses : Laboratory chemicals, Manufacture of substances

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

Company : 6 Science LTD  
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UNITED KINGDOM

Telephone : +44 (0)11577 90196  
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### 1.4 Emergency telephone

Emergency Phone # : +44 (0)870 8200418 (CHEMTREC)

## SECTION 2: Hazards identification

### 2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture

**Classification according to Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008 as amended by GB-CLP Regulation, UK SI 2019/720, and UK SI 2020/1567**

Oxidizing solids, (Category 3) H272: May intensify fire; oxidizer.

### 2.2 Label elements

**Labelling according Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008 as amended by GB-CLP Regulation, UK SI 2019/720, and UK SI 2020/1567**

Pictogram



Signal Word

Warning

Hazard Statements	
H272	May intensify fire; oxidizer.
Precautionary 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.
P370 + P378	In case of fire: Use dry sand, dry chemical or alcohol-resistant foam to extinguish.
P501	Dispose of contents/ container to an approved waste disposal plant.
Supplemental Hazard Statements	none

### Reduced Labeling (<= 125 ml)

Pictogram



Signal Word	Warning
Hazard Statements	none
Precautionary Statements	none
Supplemental Hazard Statements	none

## 2.3 Other hazards

This substance/mixture contains no components considered to be either persistent, bioaccumulative and toxic (PBT), or very persistent and very bioaccumulative (vPvB) at levels of 0.1% or higher.

Ecological information:

The substance/mixture does not contain components considered to have endocrine disrupting properties according to REACH Article 57(f) or Commission Delegated regulation (EU) 2017/2100 or Commission Regulation (EU) 2018/605 at levels of 0.1% or higher.

Toxicological information:

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## SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients

### 3.1 Substances

Formula	: KNO <sub>3</sub>
Molecular weight	: 101.10 g/mol
CAS-No.	: 7757-79-1
EC-No.	: 231-818-8

No components need to be disclosed according to the applicable regulations.

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## **SECTION 4: First aid measures**

### **4.1 Description of first-aid measures**

#### **General advice**

Show this material 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**

After swallowing: make victim drink water (two glasses at most). Consult doctor if feeling unwell.

### **4.2 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

### **4.3 Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed**

No data available

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## **SECTION 5: Firefighting measures**

### **5.1 Extinguishing media**

#### **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.

### **5.2 Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture**

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

Potassium oxides

Not combustible.

Has a fire-promoting effect due to release of oxygen.

Ambient fire may liberate hazardous vapours.

### **5.3 Advice for firefighters**

In the event of fire, wear self-contained breathing apparatus.

### **5.4 Further information**

Suppress (knock down) gases/vapors/mists with a water spray jet. Prevent fire extinguishing water from contaminating surface water or the ground water system.

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## **SECTION 6: Accidental release measures**

### **6.1 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.

For personal protection see section 8.

## **6.2 Environmental precautions**

Do not let product enter drains.

## **6.3 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.

## **6.4 Reference to other sections**

For disposal see section 13.

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## **SECTION 7: Handling and storage**

### **7.1 Precautions for safe handling**

#### **Advice on protection against fire and explosion**

Keep away from open flames, hot surfaces and sources of ignition.

#### **Hygiene measures**

Change contaminated clothing. Wash hands after working with substance.  
For precautions see section 2.2.

### **7.2 Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities**

#### **Storage conditions**

Tightly closed. Do not store near combustible materials.

hygroscopic Store under inert gas.

#### **Storage class**

Storage class (TRGS 510): 5.1B: Oxidizing hazardous materials

### **7.3 Specific end use(s)**

Apart from the uses mentioned in section 1.2 no other specific uses are stipulated

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## **SECTION 8: Exposure controls/personal protection**

### **8.1 Control parameters**

#### **Ingredients with workplace control parameters**

Contains no substances with occupational exposure limit values.

### **8.2 Exposure controls**

#### **Personal protective equipment**

##### **Eye/face protection**

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

##### **Skin protection**

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)).

Full contact

Material: Nitrile rubber

Minimum layer thickness: 0.11 mm

Break through time: 480 min

Material tested:KCL 741 Dermatril® L

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Splash contact

Material: Nitrile rubber

Minimum layer thickness: 0.11 mm

Break through time: 480 min

Material tested:KCL 741 Dermatril® L

### **Body Protection**

protective clothing

### **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.

### **Control of environmental exposure**

Do not let product enter drains.

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## **SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties**

### **9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties**

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| a) Physical state                               | crystalline                             |
| b) Color  | No data available                       |
| c) Odor   | No data available                       |
| d) Melting point/freezing point                 | Melting point/ range: 334 °C - lit.     |
| e) Initial boiling point and boiling range      | No data available                       |
| f) Flammability (solid, gas)                    | No data available                       |
| g) Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits | No data available                       |
| h) Flash point                                  | No data available                       |
| i) Autoignition temperature                     | No data available                       |
| j) Decomposition temperature                    | No data available                       |
| k) pH   | No data available                       |
| l) Viscosity                                    | Viscosity, kinematic: No data available |

	Viscosity, dynamic: No data available
m) Water solubility	No data available
n) Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water	Not applicable for inorganic substances
o) Vapor pressure	No data available
p) Density	2.109 g/cm <sup>3</sup> at 16 °C
Relative density	No data available
q) Relative vapor density	No data available
r) Particle characteristics	
Particle Size Distribution	D50 = 306.905 µm Type of distribution: volume distribution Measurement method: ISO 13320 Measurement technique: laser diffraction
s) Explosive properties	Not classified as explosive.
t) Oxidizing properties	The substance or mixture is classified as oxidizing with the category 3.

## 9.2 Other safety information

No data available

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## SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity

### 10.1 Reactivity

No data available

### 10.2 Chemical stability

The product is chemically stable under standard ambient conditions (room temperature) .

### 10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions

Risk of explosion with:

Cyanides  
Sulfides  
combustible substances  
Fluorine  
Potassium  
acetates  
oxidisable substances  
phosphides  
Organic Substances  
Peroxides  
Aluminum  
antimony  
charcoal  
Titanium  
Zinc  
Powdered metals  
arsenic  
Boron

Germanium  
nitrides  
magnesium  
sodium thiosulphate  
phosphorus  
strong reducing agents  
sulfur  
sugars  
Generates dangerous gases or fumes in contact with:  
Acids  
Possible formation of:  
nitrogen dioxide  
Risk of ignition or formation of inflammable gases or vapours with:  
calcium silicide

#### **10.4 Conditions to avoid**

no information available

#### **10.5 Incompatible materials**

No data available

#### **10.6 Hazardous decomposition products**

In the event of fire: see section 5

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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**

No data available

**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

### Endocrine disrupting properties

**Product:**

Assessment

The substance/mixture does not contain components considered to have endocrine disrupting properties according to REACH Article 57(f) or Commission Delegated regulation (EU) 2017/2100 or Commission Regulation (EU) 2018/605 at levels of 0.1% or higher.

Repeated dose toxicity - Rat - male and female - Oral - NOAEL (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.

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## SECTION 12: Ecological information

### 12.1 Toxicity

Toxicity to fish	static test LC50 - Oncorhynchus mykiss (rainbow trout) - > 100 mg/l - 96 h (OECD Test Guideline 203) Remarks: (above the solubility limit in the test medium)
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Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates	EC50 - Daphnia magna (Water flea) - 490 mg/l - 48 h Remarks: (above the solubility limit in the test medium) (ECHA)
Toxicity to algae	static test ErC50 - diatoms - > 1,700 mg/l - 10 Days Remarks: (above the solubility limit in the test medium) (ECHA)
Toxicity to bacteria	EC50 - activated sludge - > 1,000 mg/l - 3 h (OECD Test Guideline 209) Remarks: (above the solubility limit in the test medium)

## 12.2 Persistence and degradability

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

## 12.3 Bioaccumulative potential

No data available

## 12.4 Mobility in soil

No data available

## 12.5 Results of PBT and vPvB assessment

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## 12.6 Endocrine disrupting properties

### Product:

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## 12.7 Other adverse effects

Discharge into the environment must be avoided.

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## SECTION 13: Disposal considerations

### 13.1 Waste treatment methods

#### **Product**

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. Notice Directive on waste 2008/98/EC.

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**SECTION 14: Transport information****14.1 UN number**

ADR/RID: 1486

IMDG: 1486

IATA: 1486

**14.2 UN proper shipping name**

ADR/RID: POTASSIUM NITRATE

IMDG: POTASSIUM NITRATE

IATA: Potassium nitrate

**14.3 Transport hazard class(es)**

ADR/RID: 5.1

IMDG: 5.1

IATA: 5.1

**14.4 Packaging group**

ADR/RID: III

IMDG: III

IATA: III

**14.5 Environmental hazards**

ADR/RID: no

IMDG Marine pollutant: no

IATA: no

**14.6 Special precautions for user**

Tunnel restriction code : (E)

Further information : No data available

**14.7 Maritime transport in bulk according to IMO instruments**

Not applicable for product as supplied.

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**SECTION 15: Regulatory information****15.1 Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture**

This material safety data sheet complies with the requirements of Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006.

**Authorisations and/or restrictions on use**

Regulation (EU) 2019/1148 on the marketing and use of explosives precursors : potassium nitrate

**National legislation**

Seveso III: Directive 2012/18/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council on the control of major-accident hazards involving dangerous substances. P8 OXIDISING LIQUIDS AND SOLIDS

**Other regulations**

Take note of Dir 94/33/EC on the protection of young people at work.

**15.2 Chemical Safety Assessment**

For this product a chemical safety assessment was not carried out

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## SECTION 16: Other information

### Full text of other abbreviations

ADN - European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterways; ADR - Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road; AIIC - Australian Inventory of Industrial Chemicals; ASTM - American Society for the Testing of Materials; bw - Body weight; CMR - Carcinogen, Mutagen or Reproductive Toxicant; DIN - Standard of the German Institute for Standardisation; DSL - Domestic Substances List (Canada); ECx - Concentration associated with x% response; 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; GHS - Globally Harmonized System; GLP - Good Laboratory Practice; 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 Chemical Substances in China; IMDG - International Maritime Dangerous Goods; IMO - International Maritime Organization; ISHL - Industrial Safety and Health Law (Japan); ISO - International Organisation for Standardization; 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; n.o.s. - Not Otherwise Specified; NO(A)EC - No Observed (Adverse) Effect Concentration; NO(A)EL - No Observed (Adverse) Effect Level; NOELR - No Observable Effect Loading Rate; NZIoC - New Zealand Inventory of Chemicals; OECD - Organization 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; REACH - Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals; RID - Regulations concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Rail; SADT - Self-Accelerating Decomposition Temperature; 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

### Further information

The information is believed to be correct but is not exhaustive and will be used solely as a guideline, which is based on current knowledge of the chemical substance or mixture and is applicable to appropriate safety precautions for the product. It does not represent any guarantee of the properties of the product. 6Science LTD shall not be held liable for any damage resulting from handling or from contact with the above product.

