

SAFETY DATA SHEET

Potassium Sulphate



Section 1: SUBSTANCE IDENTIFICATION AND SUPPLIER

Product Name:	Potassium Sulphate
Other names:	Sulfuric Acid, Dipotassium Salt, Dipotassium Sulphate
Chemical formula:	K_2SO_4
Recommended Use:	Fertiliser
Company Identification:	Hortigro Ltd
Address:	164 Manukau Road, Pukekohe 2120, New Zealand
Contact Phone:	09 237 1777
National Poisons Information Centre:	0800 POISON (0800 764 766)
Emergency Telephone Number:	0800 CHEMCALL (0800 243 622) (24hr) (Emergencies Only)
Transport Emergency Phone:	111 - tell operator what service is needed: Fire, Ambulance, Police

Section 2: HAZARD IDENTIFICATION

Statement of Hazardous Nature:	Classified as hazardous according to criteria in the HS (Minimum Degrees of Hazard) Regulations 2001.
Hazard Classifications:	6.3B
Priority Identifiers:	Harmful if swallowed. Harmful if inhaled. Causes serious eye irritation. Harmful to terrestrial vertebrates.
Secondary Identifiers:	6.3B = Causes mild skin irritation.



Section 3: COMPOSITION INFORMATION

INGREDIENT	CAS No.	CONTENT
Potassium Sulphate	7778-80-5	100%

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Section 4: FIRST AID MEASURES

First Aid Measures:	IF SKIN IRRITATION OCCURS: get medical attention/advice. Consult the National Poisons Centre on 0800 POISON (0800 764 766) or a doctor immediately in every case of suspected poisoning.
Inhalation:	Remove patient to fresh air and keep at rest in position comfortable for breathing. Seek medical assistance if effects persist
Ingestion:	Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. If large quantities are ingested five 1 or 2 glasses of fluid to dilute, do NOT induce vomiting. Seek medical advice
Skin:	Wash affected area thoroughly with water, then soap and water. Wash hands thoroughly. Remove contaminated clothing.
Eye:	IMMEDIATELY flush with large amounts of water for at least 15 minutes, holding eyelids open if necessary. Remove contact lenses if present and easy to do. Seek medical attention.
Advice to Doctor:	Treat symptomatically.

Section 5: FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

Flash Point:	N/A (Non-flammable)
Combustion Products:	Sulphur oxides, potassium oxides
Extinguishing Media:	Based on surrounding materials
Protective Equipment:	Breathing apparatus, goggles and protective gloves
HAZCHEM Code:	None allocated.

Section 6: ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Spills and Disposal:	Protect yourself and others from injury. Wear appropriate protective clothing. Contain spill and sweep up. Collect and place in sealable containers. Avoid generating dust. Reuse or recycle where possible.
Protective Clothing:	For appropriate personal protective equipment see section 8.
Environmental	Avoid unintended release of excessive amounts into waterways or sewers.

Section 7: HANDLING AND STORAGE

Handling:	Avoid generating dusts, do not breathe dusts. Avoid contact with substance Approved Handler: Not required Tracking: Not required Record Keeping: Not required
Storage:	Store in a cool, dry area
Precautionary Statements:	Keep out of reach of children. Wash hands thoroughly after handling. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. Avoid unintended release to the environment.

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Section 8: EXPOSURE CONTROL/PERSONAL PROTECTION

Exposure Limits:	Workplace Exposure Standards (WES): Particulates not otherwise classified: Inspirable dust 10mg.m ⁻³ Respirable dust 3mg.m ⁻³
Total Exposure Limit (TEL):	Not assigned
Protective Equipment:	Overalls, safety glasses and gloves. If dust is present wear dust mask and goggles. Eye wash facilities should be available.
Engineering Controls:	Handle in well ventilated area. If dust generated use local extraction to control. Avoid inhalation of dust.
Hygiene Precautions:	Remove protective clothing and wash hands and face before meals and after work.

Section 9: PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Appearance:	White or cream powder.
Odour:	None
Specific Gravity:	2.66 g/cm ⁻³
Bulk Density:	1340 kg/m ³
pH:	(50g.L ⁻¹ in water, 20°C) 5.5-7.5
Solubility in Water:	Soluble
Flash Point:	N/A
Melting Point	1069°C
Vapour pressure:	Not available
Vapour density:	Not available
Boiling point:	1689°C
Auto-ignition temperature:	N/A

Section 10: STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Stability:	Stable under normal conditions.
Hazardous Polymerisation:	Will not occur
Hazardous Decomposition Products:	Sulphur oxides.
Conditions to Avoid:	Strong heat.
Materials to Avoid:	No specific incompatibilities.
Hygroscopic:	No

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Section 11: TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

ERMA Classifications:	6.3B
Ingestion:	Ingestion of large quantities may lead to vomiting, diarrhoea, potassium toxicity.
Inhalation:	Nuisance dust
Skin:	No adverse effects expected.
Eye:	Mechanical irritation.
Other Information:	No adverse health effects expected under normal conditions
Toxicity Data:	LD ₅₀ (oral, rat) 6600mg.kg ⁻¹

Section 12: ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

ERMA Classifications:	Not assigned
Ecotoxicity:	Avoid washing excessive amounts into streams and waterways.

Section 13: DISPOSAL INFORMATION

Product Disposal:	Observe any local authority restrictions that may apply. Collection into sealable containers and dispose of in an approved land fill. If practicable apply excess fertiliser at recommended rates to appropriate land.
Container Disposal:	Rinse containers thoroughly prior to reuse. Otherwise render unusable and dispose of as waste.

Section 14: TRANSPORT INFORMATION

UN Number:	None Allocated.
Proper Shipping Name:	None Allocated.
DG Class:	None Allocated.
Other Information:	No special transport requirements necessary

Section 15: REGULATORY INFORMATION

Exposure limits:	(see sections 8 & 12)
ERMA:	Approved pursuant to the HSNO Act 1996, Approval number HSR002794 See www.erna.govt.nz for approval controls.

Section 16: OTHER INFORMATION

This SDS supersedes all previous versions and was reviewed to include HSNO requirements.

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