

## MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET POTASSIUM SULFATE

### 1: Chemical Product and Company Identification

Product Name: Potassium sulphate  
Catalogue Codes: SLP5365, SLP1528  
CAS#: 7778-80-5  
RTECS: TT5900000  
TSCA: TSCA 8(b) inventory: Potassium sulphate  
CI#: Not available.  
Synonym:  
Chemical Name: Not available.  
Chemical Formula: K<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>

### 2. Composition and Information on Ingredients

Composition:

Name	CAS #	% by Weight
Potassium sulphate	7778-80-5	100

Toxicological Data on Ingredients: Potassium sulphate: ORAL (LD50): Acute: 6600 mg/kg [Rat].

### 3: Hazards Identification

Potential Acute Health Effects:

Hazardous in case of skin contact (irritant), of eye contact (irritant), of ingestion, of inhalation.  
Slightly hazardous in case of skin contact (permeator).

Potential Chronic Health Effects:

CARCINOGENIC EFFECTS: Not available.

MUTAGENIC EFFECTS: Not available.

TERATOGENIC EFFECTS: Not available.

DEVELOPMENTAL TOXICITY: Not available. The substance is toxic to lungs, mucous membranes.  
Repeated or prolonged exposure to the substance can produce target organs damage.

### 4: First Aid Measures

Eye Contact:

Check for and remove any contact lenses. Immediately flush eyes with running water for at least 15 minutes, keeping eyelids open. Cold water may be used. Do not use an eye ointment. Seek medical attention.

Skin Contact:

After contact with skin, wash immediately with plenty of water. Gently and thoroughly wash the contaminated skin with running water and non-abrasive soap. Be particularly careful to clean folds, crevices, creases and groin. Cold water may be used. Cover the irritated skin with an emollient. If irritation persists, seek medical attention.

Serious Skin Contact:

Wash with a disinfectant soap and cover the contaminated skin with an anti-bacterial cream. Seek medical attention.

Inhalation: Allow the victim to rest in a well-ventilated area. Seek immediate medical attention.

Serious Inhalation: Not available.

Ingestion:

Do not induce vomiting. Loosen tight clothing such as a collar, tie, belt or waistband. If the victim is not breathing, perform mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. Seek immediate medical attention.

Serious Ingestion: Not available.

## 5: Fire and Explosion Data

Flammability of the Product:	Non-flammable.
Auto-Ignition Temperature:	Not applicable.
Flash Points:	Not applicable.
Flammable Limits:	Not applicable.
Products of Combustion:	Not available.
Fire Hazards in Presence of Various Substances:	Not applicable.
Explosion Hazards in Presence of Various Substances:	
Risks of explosion of the product in presence of mechanical impact:	Not available.
Risks of explosion of the product in presence of static discharge:	Not available.
Fire Fighting Media and Instructions:	Not applicable.
Special Remarks on Fire Hazards:	Not available.
Special Remarks on Explosion Hazards:	Not available.

## 6: Accidental Release Measures

### Small Spill:

Use appropriate tools to put the spilled solid in a convenient waste disposal container. Finish cleaning by spreading water on the contaminated surface and dispose of according to local and regional authority requirements.

### Large Spill:

Use a shovel to put the material into a convenient waste disposal container. Finish cleaning by spreading water on the contaminated surface and allow to evacuate through the sanitary system.

## 8: Exposure Controls/Personal Protection

### Engineering Controls:

Use process enclosures, local exhaust ventilation, or other engineering controls to keep airborne levels below recommended exposure limits. If user operations generate dust, fume or mist, use ventilation to keep exposure to airborne contaminants below the exposure limit.

### Personal Protection:

Splash goggles. Lab coat. Dust respirator. Be sure to use an approved/certified respirator or equivalent. Gloves.

### Personal Protection in Case of a Large Spill:

Splash goggles. Full suit. Dust respirator. Boots. Gloves. A self-contained breathing apparatus should be used to avoid inhalation of the product. Suggested protective clothing might not be sufficient; consult a specialist BEFORE handling this product.

Exposure Limits: Not available.

## 9: Physical and Chemical Properties

Physical state and appearance: Solid.

Odour:	Not available.
Taste:	Not available.
Molecular Weight:	174.26 g/mole
Colour:	Not available.
pH (1% soln/water):	Not available.
Boiling Point:	1689°C (3072.2°F)
Melting Point:	1067°C (1952.6°F)
Critical Temperature:	Not available.
Specific Gravity:	2.66 (Water = 1)
Vapor Pressure:	Not applicable.
Vapor Density:	Not available.
Volatility:	Not available.

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Water/Oil Dist. Coeff.: Not available.  
Ionicity (in Water): Not available.  
Dispersion Properties: See solubility in water.  
Solubility: Partially soluble in cold water.

#### **10: Stability and Reactivity Data**

Stability: The product is stable.  
Instability Temperature: Not available.  
Conditions of Instability: Not available.  
Incompatibility with various substances: Not available.  
Corrosivity: Non-corrosive in presence of glass.  
Special Remarks on Reactivity: Not available.  
Special Remarks on Corrosivity: Not available.  
Polymerization: No.

#### **11: Toxicological Information**

Routes of Entry: Absorbed through skin. Eye contact. Inhalation. Ingestion.  
Toxicity to Animals: Acute oral toxicity (LD50): 6600 mg/kg [Rat].  
Chronic Effects on Humans: The substance is toxic to lungs, mucous membranes.  
Other Toxic Effects on Humans:  
Hazardous in case of skin contact (irritant), of ingestion, of inhalation. Slightly hazardous in case of skin contact (permeator).  
Special Remarks on Toxicity to Animals: Not available.  
Special Remarks on Chronic Effects on Humans: Not available.  
Special Remarks on other Toxic Effects on Humans: Not available.

#### **12: Ecological Information**

Ecotoxicity: Not available.  
BOD5 and COD: Not available.  
Products of Biodegradation:  
Possibly hazardous short-term degradation products are not likely. However, long term degradation products may arise.  
Toxicity of the Products of Biodegradation: The products of degradation are more toxic.  
Special Remarks on the Products of Biodegradation: Not available.

#### **13: Disposal Considerations**

Waste Disposal:

#### **14: Transport Information**

DOT Classification: Not a DOT controlled material  
Identification: Not applicable.  
Special Provisions for Transport: Not applicable.

#### **15: Other Regulatory Information**

Other Regulations: OSHA: Hazardous by definition of Hazard Communication Standard (29 CFR 1910.1200).  
Protective Equipment:  
Gloves. Lab coat. Dust respirator. Be sure to use an approved/certified respirator or equivalent.  
Wear appropriate respirator when ventilation is inadequate. Splash goggles.

## **16. Other Information**

References: Not available.

Other Special Considerations: Not available.

### **EXCLUSION OF LIABILITY**

All information and instructions provided in this Material Safety Data Sheet in respect of the substance is given solely in terms of the provisions of the Occupational Health and Safety Act No 85 of 1993

and Regulations (“the Act”), is based on scientific and technical knowledge as at the date indicated on this MS Material Safety Data Sheet and is presented in good faith to be correct.

The information and instructions provided in this MSDS apply only to the substance in its present form and not to any formulation or mix, in which event it is the sole responsibility of the user of the substance as formulated and/or mixed to investigate and establish any danger which may arise out of its use, wherever such user may be situated.

It is the sole responsibility of the person in receipt of this Material Safety Data Sheet wherever such recipient may be situated, to ensure that the information provided is communicated to and understood by any person who may come in contact with the substance in any place and in any manner whatsoever. If such recipient produces formulations or mixes using the substance, then it is such recipient’s sole responsibility to comply with the provisions of the Act in respect of the provision of the necessary Material Safety Data Sheet, or to comply with any other applicable legislation.