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### SECTION 1. IDENTIFICATION

Product identifier used on the label

: **Potassium Sulphate**

Product Code(s) : None assigned.

Recommended use of the chemical and restrictions on use

: Fertilizer, horticultural chemical.  
Use pattern: professional use  
Recommended restrictions: None known.

Chemical family : Inorganic fertilizer

Name, address, and telephone number of the manufacturer:

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24 Hr. Emergency Tel # : CANUTEC: 1-888-CANUTEC (1-888-226-8832)

### SECTION 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

Classification of the chemical

Appearance: solid, crystalline - granular

Odour: Odourless.

This material is not classified as hazardous under U.S. OSHA regulations (29CFR 1910.1200) (Hazcom 2012) and Canadian WHMIS regulations (Hazardous Products Regulations) (WHMIS 2015).

Label elements

*Signal Word*

Not applicable.

*Hazard statement(s)*

Not applicable.

*Precautionary statement(s)*

Not applicable.

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### Other hazards

No OSHA defined hazard classes.

Other hazards which do not result in classification:

Toxic fumes, gases or vapours may evolve on burning.

Product dust may be irritating to eyes, skin and respiratory system.

Ingestion may cause gastrointestinal irritation, nausea, vomiting and diarrhea.

Chronic skin contact with low concentrations may cause dermatitis.

Ecological information:

Harmful to aquatic life. Avoid release to the environment.

See Section 12 for more environmental information.

### SECTION 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Pure substance

<u>Chemical name</u>	<u>Common name and synonyms</u>	<u>CAS #</u>	<u>Concentration (% by weight)</u>
Potassium Sulphate	Sulfuric acid, Potassium Salt	7778-80-5	100%

### SECTION 4. FIRST-AID MEASURES

#### Description of first aid measures

- Ingestion* : Rinse mouth thoroughly. Do NOT induce vomiting. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Get medical advice/attention if you feel unwell.
- Inhalation* : Remove exposed person to fresh air immediately. If breathing has stopped, give artificial respiration. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen by qualified medical personnel only. Get medical advice/attention if you feel unwell.
- Skin contact* : Wash off with soap and plenty of water. Remove and wash contaminated clothing before re-use. Get medical attention if irritation develops and persists.
- Eye contact* : Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids, for at least 15 minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Get medical attention if irritation develops and persists.

#### Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed

- : Product dust may be irritating to eyes, skin and respiratory system.
- Direct contact with eyes may cause temporary irritation. Symptoms may include tearing, redness and discomfort.
- Direct skin contact may cause temporary redness. Symptoms may include redness, itching and swelling.
- Inhalation of dusts may cause respiratory irritation. May cause coughing and breathing difficulties.
- Ingestion may cause gastrointestinal irritation, nausea, vomiting and diarrhea.
- Chronic skin contact with low concentrations may cause dermatitis.

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

- : Provide general supportive measures and treat symptomatically.

### SECTION 5. FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES

#### Extinguishing media

*Suitable extinguishing media*

- : Use media suitable for the surrounding area.

*Unsuitable extinguishing media*

- : Do not use a solid water stream as it may scatter and spread fire.

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### Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture / Conditions of flammability

- : Not considered flammable. Toxic fumes, gases or vapours may evolve on burning. This product may form a corrosive fog, if involved in a fire. Closed containers may rupture if exposed to excess heat or flame due to a build-up of internal pressure.

### Flammability classification (OSHA 29 CFR 1910.106)

- : Not flammable.

### Hazardous combustion products

- : Sulfur oxides, Potassium oxides.

### Special protective equipment and precautions for firefighters

#### *Protective equipment for fire-fighters*

- : Firefighters must use standard protective equipment including flame retardant coat, helmet with face shield, gloves, rubber boots, and in enclosed spaces, SCBA. Firefighters should wear proper protective equipment and self-contained breathing apparatus with full face piece operated in positive pressure mode. Normal protective clothing (bunker gear) may not be adequate. A full-body encapsulating chemical protective suit may be necessary.

#### *Special fire-fighting procedures*

- : Move containers from fire area if safe to do so. Cool closed containers exposed to fire with water spray. Do not allow run-off from fire fighting to enter drains or water courses. Dike for water control.

## SECTION 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

### Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

- : Restrict access to area until completion of clean-up. Keep people away from and upwind of spill/leak. All persons dealing with the clean-up should wear the appropriate chemically protective equipment. Refer to protective measures listed in sections 7 and 8.

**Environmental precautions** : Keep material, as well as water from fire-fighting efforts, from entering streams, drains and other water systems.

### Methods and material for containment and cleaning up

- : Ventilate the area. Remove all sources of ignition. Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so. Vacuum or sweep up spilled material using a method that does not generate airborne dust. Place in clean, dry and labeled containers. Clean surface thoroughly to remove residual contamination. After cleaning, flush away traces with water. Do not flush into surface water or sanitary sewer system. Refer to Section 13 for disposal of contaminated material. Contact the proper local authorities.

### Special spill response procedures

- : For 24-hour emergency assistance, call: 1-613-996-6666 (CANUTEC). If a spill/release in excess of the EPA reportable quantity is made into the environment, immediately notify the national response center in the United States (phone: 1-800-424-8802).

EPA/CERCLA Reportable quantity (RQ):  
None known.

## SECTION 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

### Precautions for safe handling

- : Avoid dust formation. Use in a well-ventilated area. Avoid breathing dust. Wear appropriate protective equipment. Avoid contact with skin, eyes and clothing. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. Wash hands thoroughly after handling. Keep away from incompatibles. Keep away from extreme heat and flame. Keep containers closed when not in use. Empty containers retain residue and can be dangerous.

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- Conditions for safe storage** : Store in a cool, dry, well ventilated area. Store away from incompatible materials. Keep containers tightly closed when not in use. Keep away from heat and sources of ignition. Containers which are opened must be carefully resealed and kept upright to prevent leakage.  
Storage area should be clearly identified, clear of obstruction and accessible only to trained and authorized personnel. No smoking. Inspect periodically for damage or leaks. Have appropriate fire extinguishers and spill clean-up equipment in or near storage area.
- Incompatible materials** : Strong oxidizing agents, Reducing agents, Metals.

### SECTION 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

<u>Exposure Limits:</u>				
<u>Chemical Name</u>	<u>ACGIH TLV</u>		<u>OSHA PEL</u>	
	<u>TWA</u>	<u>STEL</u>	<u>PEL</u>	<u>STEL</u>
Potassium Sulphate	N/Av	N/Av	N/Av	N/Av

#### Exposure controls

##### **Ventilation and engineering measures**

- : Use only in well-ventilated areas. Apply technical measures to comply with the occupational exposure limits. Where reasonably practicable this should be achieved by the use of local exhaust ventilation and good general extraction. In case of insufficient ventilation wear suitable respiratory equipment.

##### **Respiratory protection**

- : If engineering controls and work practices are not effective in controlling exposure to this material, then wear suitable approved respiratory protection. Use a NIOSH approved dust respirator if dust levels exceed exposure limits. Respirators should be selected based on the form and concentration of contaminants in air, and in accordance with OSHA (29 CFR 1910.134) or CSA Z94.4-02. Advice should be sought from respiratory protection specialists.

##### **Skin protection**

- : Wear protective gloves. The suitability for a specific workplace should be discussed with the producers of the protective gloves.

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

- : Chemical goggles should be worn if there is a potential for exposure to particles which could cause eye contact or injury.

##### **Other protective equipment**

- : Emergency showers and eyewash facilities should be nearby. Other equipment may be required depending on workplace standards.

##### **General hygiene considerations**

- : Avoid breathing dust. Avoid contact with skin, eyes and clothing. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. Wash hands thoroughly after using this product, and before eating, drinking or smoking. Remove and wash contaminated clothing before re-use. Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.

### SECTION 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

- Appearance** : solid, crystalline - granular
- Odour** : Odourless.
- Odour threshold** : N/Av
- pH** : 4.5 - 7.5 (5% solution)
- Melting/Freezing point** : 1960°F / 1069°C Melting point
- Initial boiling point and boiling range** : 3610°F / 1989°C
- Flash point** : N/Av
- Flashpoint (Method)** : N/Av

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**Evaporation rate (BuAe = 1)** : N/Ap  
**Flammability (solid, gas)** : Not considered flammable.  
**Lower flammable limit (% by vol.)**  
: N/Ap  
**Upper flammable limit (% by vol.)**  
: N/Ap  
**Oxidizing properties** : None known.  
**Explosive properties** : Not explosive  
**Vapour pressure** : N/Ap  
**Vapour density** : N/Ap  
**Relative density / Specific gravity**  
: 2.66  
**Solubility in water** : Soluble (111 g/l@68°F (20°C))  
**Other solubility(ies)** : Insoluble in organic solvents.  
**Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water or Coefficient of water/oil distribution**  
: N/Ap  
**Auto-ignition temperature** : N/Ap  
**Decomposition temperature** : N/Av  
**Viscosity** : N/Ap  
**Volatiles (% by weight)** : N/Ap  
**Volatile organic Compounds (VOC's)**  
: N/Ap  
**Absolute pressure of container**  
: N/Ap  
**Flame projection length** : N/Ap  
**Other physical/chemical comments**  
: Not sensitive to static discharge or mechanical impact under normal conditions of use and handling.

### SECTION 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

**Reactivity** : Not normally reactive.  
**Chemical stability** : Stable under normal conditions.  
**Possibility of hazardous reactions**  
: Hazardous polymerization does not occur. No dangerous reaction known under conditions of normal use.  
**Conditions to avoid** : Moisture. High humidity. Extreme heat.  
Ensure adequate ventilation, especially in confined areas. Avoid contact with incompatible materials.  
**Incompatible materials** : Strong oxidizing agents, Reducing agents, Metals.  
**Hazardous decomposition products**  
: Sulfur oxides, Potassium oxides.

### SECTION 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

#### Information on likely routes of exposure:

**Routes of entry inhalation** : YES  
**Routes of entry skin & eye** : YES  
**Routes of entry Ingestion** : YES

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**Routes of exposure skin absorption**

: NO

**Potential Health Effects:**

**Signs and symptoms of short-term (acute) exposure**

*Sign and symptoms Inhalation*

: Inhalation of dusts may cause respiratory irritation. May cause coughing and breathing difficulties.

*Sign and symptoms ingestion*

: Ingestion may cause gastrointestinal irritation, nausea, vomiting and diarrhea.

*Sign and symptoms skin*

: Direct skin contact may cause temporary redness. Symptoms may include redness, itching and swelling.

*Sign and symptoms eyes*

: Direct eye contact may cause irritation. Symptoms may include redness, itching and swelling.

**Potential Chronic Health Effects**

: Chronic skin contact with low concentrations may cause dermatitis.

**Mutagenicity**

: Not expected to be mutagenic in humans.

**Carcinogenicity**

: No component of this product present at levels greater than, or equal to, 0.1% is identified as a carcinogen or potential carcinogen by ACGIH, IARC, OSHA, or NTP.

**Reproductive effects & Teratogenicity**

: Not expected to cause reproductive effects.

**Sensitization to material**

: Not expected to be a skin or respiratory sensitizer.

**Specific target organ effects**

: Not classified as a specific target organ toxicity-single exposure.  
Not classified as specific target organ toxicity-repeated exposure.

**Medical conditions aggravated by overexposure**

: Pre-existing skin, eye and respiratory disorders.

**Synergistic materials**

: No information available.

**Toxicological data**

: Not classified for acute toxicity based on available data. See below for toxicological data on the substance.

<u>Chemical name</u>	<u>LC<sub>50</sub>(4hr)</u>	<u>LD<sub>50</sub></u>	
	<u>inh, rat</u>	<u>(Oral, rat)</u>	<u>(Rabbit, dermal)</u>
Potassium Sulphate	n/av	6600 mg/kg	>2000 mg/kg (No mortality)

**Other important toxicological hazards**

: None reported by the manufacturer.

### SECTION 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

**Ecotoxicity**

: Not expected to be harmful to aquatic organisms. The product should not be allowed to enter drains or water courses, or be deposited where it can affect ground or surface waters. See the following tables for the substance's ecotoxicity data.

**Ecotoxicity data:**

<u>Ingredients</u>	CAS No	<u>Toxicity to Fish</u>		
		<u>LC50 / 96h</u>	<u>NOEC / 21 day</u>	<u>M Factor</u>
Potassium Sulphate	7778-80-5	680 mg/L Fathead minnow	N/Av	None.

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<u>Ingredients</u>	CAS No	<u>Toxicity to Daphnia</u>		
		<u>EC50 / 48h</u>	<u>NOEC / 21 day</u>	<u>M Factor</u>
Potassium Sulphate	7778-80-5	720 mg/L Daphnia magna (Water flea)	N/Av	None.

<u>Ingredients</u>	CAS No	<u>Toxicity to Algae</u>		
		<u>EC50 / 96h or 72h</u>	<u>NOEC / 96h or 72h</u>	<u>M Factor</u>
Potassium Sulphate	7778-80-5	N/Av	N/Av	N/Av

**Persistence and degradability**

: Biodegradation is not applicable to inorganic substances.

**Bioaccumulation potential**

: Not expected to bioaccumulate.  
See the following data for ingredient information.

<u>Components</u>	<u>Partition coefficient n-octanol/water (log Kow)</u>	<u>Bioconcentration factor (BCF)</u>
Potassium Sulphate (CAS 7778-80-5)	N/Av	Not expected to bioaccumulate.

**Mobility in soil**

: There is no data available for this product.

**Other Adverse Environmental effects**

: No other adverse environmental effects (e.g. ozone depletion, photochemical ozone creation potential, endocrine disruption, global warming potential) are expected from this component.

### SECTION 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

**Handling for Disposal**

: Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice. Since emptied containers may retain product residue, follow label warnings even after container is emptied. Refer to protective measures listed in sections 7 and 8.


**Methods of Disposal**

: Dispose in accordance with all applicable federal, state, provincial and local regulations.

**RCRA**

: If this product, as supplied, becomes a waste in the United States, it may meet the criteria of a hazardous waste as defined under RCRA, Title 40 CFR 261. It is the responsibility of the waste generator to determine the proper waste identification and disposal method. For disposal of unused or waste material, check with local, state and federal environmental agencies.

### SECTION 14. TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

Regulatory Information	UN Number	UN proper shipping name	Transport hazard class(es)	Packing Group	Label
49CFR/DOT	None.	Not regulated.	not regulated	none	
<b>49CFR/DOT Additional information</b>	None.				


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TDG	None.	Not regulated.	not regulated	none	
<b>TDG Additional information</b>	None.				

**Special precautions for user** : Keep away from extreme heat and flame. Appropriate advice on safety must accompany the package.

**Environmental hazards** : This substance does not meet the criteria for an environmentally hazardous substance according to the IMDG Code. See ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION, Section 12.

**Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL 73/78 and the IBC Code**  
: This information is not available.

### SECTION 15 - REGULATORY INFORMATION

**US Federal Information:**

Components listed below are present on the following U.S. Federal chemical lists:

<u>Ingredients</u>	CAS #	TSCA Inventory	CERCLA Reportable Quantity(RQ) (40 CFR 117.302):	SARA TITLE III: Sec. 302, Extremely Hazardous Substance, 40 CFR 355:	SARA TITLE III: Sec. 313, 40 CFR 372, Specific Toxic Chemical	
					Toxic Chemical	de minimus Concentration
Potassium Sulphate	7778-80-5	Yes	N/Ap	N/Ap	No	N/Ap

SARA TITLE III: Sec. 311 and 312, SDS Requirements, 40 CFR 370 Hazard Classes: None.

**US State Right to Know Laws:**

The following chemicals are specifically listed by individual States:

<u>Ingredients</u>	CAS #	California Proposition 65		State "Right to Know" Lists					
		Listed	Type of Toxicity	CA	MA	MN	NJ	PA	RI
Potassium Sulphate	7778-80-5	No	N/Ap	No	No	No	No	No	No

**Canadian Information:**

Canadian Environmental Protection Act (CEPA) information: All ingredients listed appear on the Domestic Substances List (DSL).

WHMIS information: Refer to Section 2 for a WHMIS Classification for this product.

**International Information:**

Components listed below are present on the following International Inventory list:

<u>Ingredients</u>	CAS #	European EINECS	Australia AICS	Philippines PICCS	Japan ENCS	Korea KECI/KECL	China IECSC	NewZealand IOC
Potassium Sulphate	7778-80-5	231-915-5	Present	Present	(1)-454	KE-29200	Present	HSR002794



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### SECTION 16. OTHER INFORMATION

**Legend**

: ACGIH: American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists  
 AICS: Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances  
 CA: California  
 CAS: Chemical Abstract Services  
 CERCLA: Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980  
 CFR: Code of Federal Regulations  
 CSA: Canadian Standards Association  
 EC50: Effective Concentration 50%.  
 EINECS: European Inventory of Existing Commercial chemical Substances  
 ENCS: Existing and New Chemical Substances  
 EPA: Environmental Protection Agency  
 IECSC: Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances  
 Inh: Inhalation  
 IOC: Inventory of Chemicals  
 KECI: Korean Existing Chemicals Inventory  
 KECL: Korean Existing Chemicals List  
 LC: Lethal Concentration  
 LD: Lethal Dose  
 MA: Massachusetts  
 MN: Minnesota  
 N/Ap: Not Applicable  
 N/Av: Not Available  
 NIOSH: National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health  
 NJ: New Jersey  
 NOEC: No observable effect concentration  
 NTP: National Toxicology Program  
 OSHA: Occupational Safety and Health Administration  
 PA: Pennsylvania  
 PEL: Permissible exposure limit  
 PICCS: Philippine Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances  
 RCRA: Resource Conservation and Recovery Act  
 RI: Rhode Island  
 SARA: Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act  
 SDS: Safety Data Sheet / MSDS: Material Safety Data Sheet  
 STEL: Short Term Exposure Limit  
 TDG: Canadian Transportation of Dangerous Goods Act & Regulations  
 TLV: Threshold Limit Values  
 TSCA: Toxic Substance Control Act  
 TWA: Time Weighted Average  
 WHMIS: Workplace Hazardous Materials Identification System

**References**

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 5. US EPA Title III List of Lists: March2015 Version  
 6. California Proposition 65 List: April 22, 2016 Version  
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**Other special considerations for handling**

: Provide adequate information, instruction and training for operators.

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