

POTASSIUM SULPHATE

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SECTION 1: IDENTIFICATION

1.1 GHS Product identifier:

POTASSIUM SULPHATE

Synonyms: Sulphate of Potash (SOP); Potassium sulfate; Arcanite

CAS: 7778-80-5

Other means of identification:

Not relevant

1.2 Recommended use of the chemical and restrictions on use:

Relevant uses: Fertiliser raw material (source of potassium for chloride-sensitive crops); raw material for potassium alum and other potassium salts; glass manufacture; pyrotechnics (colouring agent). For industrial user only.

Uses advised against: All uses not specified in this section or in section 7.3.

1.3 Supplier's details:

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SECTION 2: HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture:

GHS:

Classification of this product has been carried out in accordance with the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS).

Not classified as hazardous substance or mixture under GHS criteria based on available data.

2.2 GHS label elements, including precautionary statements:

GHS: No signal word, pictogram or hazard statement required.

Hazard statements:

None assigned.

Precautionary statements:

P270: Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.

P280: Wear protective gloves/eye protection.

P264: Wash exposed skin thoroughly after handling.

2.3 Other hazards which do not result in classification:

Dust generated during handling may cause mechanical/transient irritation to eyes, skin and respiratory tract through nuisance-dust effects, not from specific toxicity. Not a PBT or vPvB substance.

SECTION 3: COMPOSITION / INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

3.1 Substances:

Chemical description: Potassium Sulphate

In accordance with Annex 4.3.3 of the GHS, the product contains:

Identification	Chemical Name / Classification	Concentration
CAS: 7778-80-5	Potassium Sulphate — Not classified as hazardous	≥ 95% (technical/fertiliser grade; remainder moisture and trace salts)

To obtain more information on the hazards of the substances, consult sections 11, 12 and 16.

3.2 Mixtures:

Non-applicable

SECTION 4: FIRST AID MEASURES

4.1 Description of necessary first-aid measures:

Request medical assistance in case of discomfort or when in doubt, showing the SDS of this product.

By inhalation:

If dust is inhaled and irritation occurs, remove the affected person to fresh air and keep at rest. Seek medical attention if discomfort persists.

By skin contact:

Remove contaminated clothing. Wash skin thoroughly with plenty of water and soap.

By eye contact:

Rinse immediately with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes, holding the eyelids open. Remove contact lenses if present and easy to do. Seek medical attention if irritation persists.

By ingestion/aspiration:

Rinse the mouth with water. If a large quantity is swallowed, seek medical attention. Do not induce vomiting unless directed by medical personnel.

4.2 Most important symptoms/effects, acute and delayed:

May cause transient mechanical irritation to eyes, skin and respiratory tract due to dust. No significant systemic effects expected at normal occupational exposure.

4.3 Indication of immediate medical attention and special treatment needed, if necessary:

Treat symptomatically. No specific antidote.

SECTION 5: FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES

5.1 Suitable extinguishing media:

Suitable: Product is non-combustible; use extinguishing media appropriate to the surrounding fire (water spray, foam, dry chemical powder, carbon dioxide).

Unsuitable: None known.

5.2 Specific hazards arising from the chemical:
Non-combustible. Does not support combustion. Not explosive. No specific fire hazard from this product itself.

5.3 Special protective actions for fire-fighters:
No special measures required beyond standard fire-fighting protective equipment (self-contained breathing apparatus and full protective clothing) when fighting fires involving surrounding combustible materials.

Additional provisions:
Cool containers/bulk storage exposed to fire with water spray if safe to do so.

SECTION 6: ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

6.1 Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures:
For non-emergency personnel:
Evacuate unnecessary personnel. Keep upwind. Ventilate the area. Use the personal protective equipment described in Section 8. Avoid contact with skin, eyes and clothing. Avoid generating and inhaling dust.
For emergency responders:
Wear suitable protective equipment as described in Section 8. Act only if trained and equipped for the task.

6.2 Environmental precautions:
Prevent large spills from entering drains, watercourses or soil. Contain and collect for recovery or disposal. Not expected to pose significant environmental risk in small quantities.

6.3 Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up:
Sweep up or vacuum (avoid dust generation) and place in a suitable, labelled container for reuse (preferred) or disposal. Avoid dry sweeping where dust generation can be minimised by damping down.

6.4 Reference to other sections:
See sections 8 and 13.

SECTION 7: HANDLING AND STORAGE

7.1 Precautions for safe handling:
A. General precautions for safe use:
Avoid generating and inhaling dust. Use local exhaust ventilation where dusting may occur. Avoid contact with eyes and prolonged skin contact.
B. Technical recommendations for the prevention of fires and explosions:
Not applicable – product is non-combustible and does not present fire or explosion hazards under normal conditions.
C. Technical recommendations on general occupational hygiene:
Do not eat, drink or smoke during handling; wash hands and exposed skin thoroughly after handling.
D. Technical recommendations to prevent environmental risks:
Avoid uncontrolled discharge to the environment. Follow the protective measures given in Section 8.

7.2 Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities:
A. Specific storage requirements:

Storage temperature	Ambient
Maximum shelf life	Typical value — refer to current specification sheet

B. General conditions for storage:
Store in a cool, dry, well-ventilated place in tightly closed containers/bags, away from moisture. Non-hygroscopic under normal conditions but protect from prolonged dampness/caking.

7.3 Specific end use(s):
Except for the instructions already specified, it is not necessary to provide any special recommendation regarding the uses of this product.

SECTION 8: EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

8.1 Control parameters:
No specific occupational exposure limit established for potassium sulphate. Treat as a nuisance dust: as a general guide, the Factories Act, 1948 framework recommends total inhalable dust not otherwise classified be kept below 10 mg/m³ (TWA, 8 hr) and respirable dust below 4 mg/m³ (TWA, 8 hr).

8.2 Appropriate engineering controls:
Ensure adequate general and/or local exhaust ventilation to keep exposure below the occupational exposure limits (where established) and to keep dust concentrations as low as reasonably practicable. Eyewash station and safety shower should be available in the work area. Consult the manufacturer's information leaflet for storage, use, cleaning and maintenance of PPE.

B. Respiratory protection:
Not normally required with adequate ventilation. Where dust levels may be exceeded, use a particulate filter (dust) mask.

C. Specific protection for the hands:
Protective gloves against minor risks (e.g. cotton or nitrile).

D. Eye and face protection:
Safety glasses or goggles when handling/charging to avoid dust contact with eyes.

E. Bodily protection:
Standard industrial workwear; dust mask/apron for prolonged bulk handling.

F. Additional emergency measures:
Emergency shower (ANSI Z358-1, ISO 3864-1:2011, ISO 3864-4:2011) and eyewash stations (DIN 12 899, ISO 3864-1:2011, ISO 3864-4:2011) should be available in the immediate work area.

Environmental exposure controls:
Avoid release of the product to drains, soil and watercourses. See subsection 7.1.D and Section 12.

SECTION 9: PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties:

Appearance	
Physical state at 20°C	Solid (crystalline powder/granules)
Appearance	White crystalline solid
Odor	Odourless
Odour threshold	Not relevant (odourless)
Volatility	
Boiling point at atmospheric pressure	Not applicable (decomposes before boiling)
Vapour pressure at 20°C	Negligible
Evaporation rate at 20°C	Not relevant (solid)
Product Description	
Density / Relative density at 20°C	2.66 g/cm³
Bulk density	Typical value — refer to current specification sheet

pH (aqueous solution, 5% w/v)	≈ 7.0 – 9.0
Partition coefficient n-octanol/water	Not applicable (inorganic salt)
Solubility in water at 20°C	≈ 111 g/L
Decomposition temperature	Not relevant below melting point
Melting point/freezing point	1069°C
Flammability	
Flash Point	Non-applicable (inorganic solid)
Flammability (solid, gas)	Non-flammable
Autoignition temperature	Non-applicable
Lower / Upper flammability limit	Non-applicable
Particle Characteristics	
Median equivalent diameter	Typical value — refer to current specification sheet

Molecular weight: 174.26 g/mol. Values are typical literature/specification values for this well-characterised commercial grade; minor batch-to-batch variation is normal.

9.2 Other information:

Explosive properties	Not explosive
Oxidising properties	Not oxidising
Corrosive to metals	Not corrosive
Heat of combustion	Not relevant (non-combustible)
Surface tension at 20°C	Not relevant (solid)
Refraction index	Not relevant

SECTION 10: STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

10.1 Reactivity:

Stable under normal conditions of use. No hazardous reactivity expected with common materials.

10.2 Chemical stability:

Chemically stable under the indicated conditions of storage, handling and use.

10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions:

Under the specified conditions, hazardous reactions are not expected.

10.4 Conditions to avoid:

Shock/Friction	Contact with Air	Increase in Temperature	Sunlight	Humidity
Not applicable	No specific hazard	No specific hazard	No specific hazard	Avoid prolonged dampness (caking)

10.5 Incompatible materials:

Strong Acids	Strong Oxidisers	Moisture
Avoid contact (slow reaction liberating sulphate/sulphuric fumes)	No specific reaction known	Avoid prolonged exposure (caking)

10.6 Hazardous decomposition products:

Negligible under normal conditions; decomposes only at very high temperature, potentially giving sulphur oxides.

SECTION 11: TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

11.1 Information on toxicological effects:

Potassium sulphate is of low acute toxicity. In case of exposure that is repetitive, prolonged, or at concentrations higher than the recommended occupational exposure limits, adverse health effects may result depending on the means of exposure:

A. Ingestion (acute effect):

Low toxicity. Large doses may cause gastrointestinal discomfort, nausea, vomiting and diarrhoea.

B. Inhalation (acute effect):

Dust may cause mechanical irritation of the respiratory tract.

C. Contact with skin and eyes (acute effect):

Not irritating to skin under normal handling; may cause transient mechanical irritation to eyes from dust.

D. CMR effects (carcinogenicity, mutagenicity, reproductive toxicity):

Classification criteria are not met based on available data. Not listed by IARC.

E. Sensitizing effects:

Classification criteria for respiratory or skin sensitisation are not met based on available data.

F. Specific target organ toxicity (STOT) – single exposure:

Classification criteria are not met based on available data.

G. Specific target organ toxicity (STOT) – repeated exposure:

Classification criteria are not met based on available data.

H. Aspiration hazard:

Not relevant (solid).

Product-specific toxicological information:

Identification	Acute Toxicity	Genus
Potassium Sulphate CAS: 7778-80-5	LD50 oral: > 2000 mg/kg	Rat
	LD50 dermal: Not established for this grade	–

SECTION 12: ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Not classified as hazardous to the aquatic environment under GHS criteria based on available data.

12.1 Toxicity:

Identification	Acute Toxicity	Species	Genus
Potassium Sulphate CAS: 7778-80-5	LC50: > 1000 mg/L (96h)	Non-applicable	Fish

	EC50: Not established for this grade	Non-applicable	Crustacean
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12.2 Persistence and degradability:
Inorganic salt; the concept of biodegradability does not apply. Dissociates fully in water into potassium and sulphate ions, both naturally occurring.

12.3 Bioaccumulative potential:
Not expected to bioaccumulate (inorganic, highly water-soluble ions).

12.4 Mobility in soil:

Koc	Henry	Dry Soil	Moist Soil
Not relevant (ionic salt)	Not relevant	Mobile (soluble)	Mobile (soluble)

12.5 Results of PBT and vPvB assessment:
Non-applicable (inorganic substance; PBT/vPvB criteria apply to organic substances).

12.6 Other adverse effects:
Not described. Used widely as a fertiliser nutrient source.

SECTION 13: DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

13.1 Disposal methods:
Recover for reuse where possible. Non-hazardous waste; dispose of via an authorised waste contractor or, where permitted, as general inert/inorganic waste, in accordance with local regulations. Refer to national and local regulations on waste management. In India, dispose of in accordance with the Hazardous and Other Wastes (Management and Transboundary Movement) Rules, 2016, as amended, through an authorised waste handler/recycler, or as advised by the State Pollution Control Board.

SECTION 14: TRANSPORT INFORMATION

Transport of dangerous goods by land (ADR 2023 / RID 2023 principles, as adapted for India):

14.1 UN number	Not assigned – not a dangerous good
14.2 UN proper shipping name	Non-applicable
14.3 Transport hazard class(es)	Not classified
14.4 Packing group	N/A
14.5 Environmental hazard	No
14.6 Special precautions for user	Non-hazardous for transport; physico-chemical properties: see section 9
14.7 Transport in bulk	Permitted subject to standard bulk-solid handling practice

Transport of dangerous goods by sea (IMDG):

14.1 UN number	Not assigned – not a dangerous good
14.2 UN proper shipping name	Non-applicable
14.3 Transport hazard class(es)	Not classified
14.4 Packing group	N/A
14.5 Marine pollutant	No
14.6 Special precautions for user	Non-hazardous for transport
14.7 Transport in bulk	Permitted subject to standard bulk-solid handling practice

Transport of dangerous goods by air (IATA/ICAO):

14.1 UN number	Not assigned – not a dangerous good
14.2 UN proper shipping name	Non-applicable
14.3 Transport hazard class(es)	Not classified
14.4 Packing group	N/A
14.5 Environmental hazard	No
14.6 Special precautions for user	Non-hazardous for transport
14.7 Transport in bulk	Permitted subject to standard bulk-solid handling practice

SECTION 15: REGULATORY INFORMATION

15.1 Safety, health and environmental regulations specific for the product in question:
It is recommended to use the information included in this safety data sheet as data used in a risk evaluation of local circumstances, in order to establish the necessary risk prevention measures for the manipulation, use, storage and disposal of this product.

Other legislation (India):
Manufacture, Storage and Import of Hazardous Chemicals Rules, 1989 (as amended)
The Factories Act, 1948 (Act No. 63 of 1948), as amended by the Factories (Amendment) Act, 1987 (Act 20 of 1987)
The Chemical Accidents (Emergency Planning, Preparedness, and Response) Rules, 1996
Public Liability Insurance Act, 1991
Hazardous and Other Wastes (Management and Transboundary Movement) Rules, 2016

SECTION 16: OTHER INFORMATION

Legislation related to safety data sheets:
This safety data sheet has been designed in accordance with Annex 4 – Guidance on the preparation of Safety Data Sheets of the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS).

Texts of the legislative phrases mentioned in sections 2 and 3:
Not applicable – no hazard classification assigned to this product.
The phrases indicated do not refer to the product itself; they are present merely for informative purposes and refer to the individual components which appear in section 3.

Advice related to training:
Minimal training is recommended to prevent industrial risks for staff using this product, in order to facilitate their comprehension and interpretation of this safety data sheet, as well as the label on the product.

Principal bibliographical sources:
United Nations Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS); European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) Classification & Labelling Inventory; United Nations Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (Model Regulations).

Abbreviations and acronyms:
ADR: European agreement concerning the international carriage of dangerous goods by road | IMDG: International maritime dangerous goods code | IATA: International Air Transport Association | ICAO: International Civil Aviation Organisation | PG: Packing Group | BCF: Bioconcentration factor | LD50: Lethal Dose 50 | LC50: Lethal Concentration 50 | EC50: Effective Concentration 50 | Log-Pow: Octanol-water partition coefficient | IARC: International Agency for Research on Cancer | STOT SE/RE: Specific Target Organ Toxicity, Single/Repeated Exposure | PBT/vPvB: Persistent, Bioaccumulative and Toxic / very Persistent, very Bioaccumulative

The information contained in this safety data sheet is based on sources, technical knowledge and current legislation, without being able to guarantee its accuracy. This information cannot be considered a guarantee of the properties of the product; it is simply a description of the security requirements. The occupational methodology and conditions for users of this product are not within Suraj Chemicals' awareness or control, and it is ultimately the responsibility of the user to take the necessary measures to obtain the legal requirements concerning the manipulation, storage, use and disposal of chemical products. The information on this safety data sheet only refers to this product, which should not be used for needs other than those specified.

END OF SAFETY DATA SHEET