

## SAFETY DATA SHEET

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### 1. Identification

**Product Name** Sodium nitrate

**Cat No. :** A12327

**CAS-No** 7631-99-4  
**Synonyms** Chile saltpeter.; Cubic niter; Soda niter

**Recommended Use** Laboratory chemicals.  
**Uses advised against** Food, drug, pesticide or biocidal product use.  
**Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet**

**Company**

Alfa Aesar  
Thermo Fisher Scientific Chemicals, Inc.  
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Ward Hill, MA 01835-8099  
Tel: 800-343-0660  
Fax: 800-322-4757  
**Email:** tech@alfa.com  
www.alfa.com

**Emergency Telephone Number**

During normal business hours (Monday-Friday, 8am-7pm EST), call (800) 343-0660.  
After normal business hours, call Carechem 24 at (866) 928-0789.

### 2. Hazard(s) identification

**Classification**

This chemical is considered hazardous by the 2012 OSHA Hazard Communication Standard (29 CFR 1910.1200)

Oxidizing solids	Category 3
Serious Eye Damage/Eye Irritation	Category 2
Specific target organ toxicity - (repeated exposure)	Category 2
Target Organs - Liver, Heart, Blood.	

**Label Elements**

**Signal Word**

Warning

**Hazard Statements**

May intensify fire; oxidizer  
Causes serious eye irritation  
May cause damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure



### Precautionary Statements

#### Prevention

Wash face, hands and any exposed skin thoroughly after handling  
 Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray  
 Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area  
 Keep away from heat/sparks/open flames/hot surfaces. - No smoking  
 Keep/Store away from clothing/ other combustible materials  
 Take any precaution to avoid mixing with combustibles  
 Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection

#### Response

Get medical attention/advice if you feel unwell

#### Inhalation

IF INHALED: Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing  
 Call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician if you feel unwell

#### Eyes

IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing  
 If eye irritation persists: Get medical advice/attention

#### Fire

In case of fire: Use CO<sub>2</sub>, dry chemical, or foam for extinction

#### Storage

Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed  
 Store locked up

#### Disposal

Dispose of contents/container to an approved waste disposal plant

#### Hazards not otherwise classified (HNOC)

None identified

## 3. Composition/Information on Ingredients

Component	CAS-No	Weight %
Sodium nitrate	7631-99-4	>95

## 4. First-aid measures

<b>General Advice</b>	If symptoms persist, call a physician.
<b>Eye Contact</b>	Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids, for at least 15 minutes. Get medical attention.
<b>Skin Contact</b>	Wash off immediately with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Get medical attention.
<b>Inhalation</b>	Remove to fresh air. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. Get medical attention.
<b>Ingestion</b>	Do NOT induce vomiting. Get medical attention.
<b>Most important symptoms and effects</b>	None reasonably foreseeable.
<b>Notes to Physician</b>	Treat symptomatically

## 5. Fire-fighting measures

**Suitable Extinguishing Media** Substance is nonflammable; use agent most appropriate to extinguish surrounding fire.

**Unsuitable Extinguishing Media** Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>)

**Flash Point** No information available  
**Method -** No information available

**Autoignition Temperature**

**Explosion Limits**

**Upper** No data available

**Lower** No data available

**Oxidizing Properties** Oxidizer

**Sensitivity to Mechanical Impact** No information available

**Sensitivity to Static Discharge** No information available

**Specific Hazards Arising from the Chemical**

Oxidizer: Contact with combustible/organic material may cause fire. May ignite combustibles (wood paper, oil, clothing, etc.). Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating gases and vapors.

**Hazardous Combustion Products**

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

**Protective Equipment and Precautions for Firefighters**

As in any fire, wear self-contained breathing apparatus pressure-demand, MSHA/NIOSH (approved or equivalent) and full protective gear.

**NFPA**

**Health**  
2

**Flammability**  
0

**Instability**  
2

**Physical hazards**  
OX

## 6. Accidental release measures

**Personal Precautions** Ensure adequate ventilation. Use personal protective equipment as required. Avoid dust formation.

**Environmental Precautions** Avoid release to the environment. See Section 12 for additional Ecological Information.

**Methods for Containment and Clean Up** Sweep up and shovel into suitable containers for disposal. Avoid dust formation.

## 7. Handling and storage

**Handling** Wear personal protective equipment/face protection. Ensure adequate ventilation. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Avoid ingestion and inhalation. Avoid dust formation. Keep away from clothing and other combustible materials.

**Storage** Keep containers tightly closed in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place. Do not store near combustible materials.

## 8. Exposure controls / personal protection

**Exposure Guidelines** This product does not contain any hazardous materials with occupational exposure limits established by the region specific regulatory bodies.

**Engineering Measures** Ensure that eyewash stations and safety showers are close to the workstation location. Ensure adequate ventilation, especially in confined areas.

**Personal Protective Equipment**

<b>Eye/face Protection</b>	Wear appropriate protective eyeglasses or chemical safety goggles as described by OSHA's eye and face protection regulations in 29 CFR 1910.133 or European Standard EN166.
<b>Skin and body protection</b>	Wear appropriate protective gloves and clothing to prevent skin exposure.
<b>Respiratory Protection</b>	Follow the OSHA respirator regulations found in 29 CFR 1910.134 or European Standard EN 149. Use a NIOSH/MSHA or European Standard EN 149 approved respirator if exposure limits are exceeded or if irritation or other symptoms are experienced.
<b>Hygiene Measures</b>	Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.

**9. Physical and chemical properties**

<b>Physical State</b>	Solid Crystalline
<b>Appearance</b>	White
<b>Odor</b>	Odorless
<b>Odor Threshold</b>	No information available
<b>pH</b>	5.5-8 5% aq. solution
<b>Melting Point/Range</b>	306 °C / 582.8 °F
<b>Boiling Point/Range</b>	380 °C / 716 °F
<b>Flash Point</b>	No information available
<b>Evaporation Rate</b>	Not applicable
<b>Flammability (solid,gas)</b>	No information available
<b>Flammability or explosive limits</b>	
<b>Upper</b>	No data available
<b>Lower</b>	No data available
<b>Vapor Pressure</b>	No information available
<b>Vapor Density</b>	Not applicable
<b>Specific Gravity</b>	No information available
<b>Solubility</b>	No information available
<b>Partition coefficient; n-octanol/water</b>	No data available
<b>Autoignition Temperature</b>	
<b>Decomposition Temperature</b>	380 °C
<b>Viscosity</b>	Not applicable
<b>Molecular Formula</b>	N Na O3
<b>Molecular Weight</b>	84.99

**10. Stability and reactivity**

<b>Reactive Hazard</b>	Yes
<b>Stability</b>	Stable under normal conditions. Oxidizer: Contact with combustible/organic material may cause fire. Hygroscopic.
<b>Conditions to Avoid</b>	Avoid dust formation. Incompatible products. Combustible material. Excess heat. Exposure to air or moisture over prolonged periods.
<b>Incompatible Materials</b>	Strong oxidizing agents, Strong reducing agents, Combustible material
<b>Hazardous Decomposition Products</b>	Sodium oxides, Nitrogen oxides (NOx)
<b>Hazardous Polymerization</b>	Hazardous polymerization does not occur.
<b>Hazardous Reactions</b>	None under normal processing.

**11. Toxicological information****Acute Toxicity**

**Product Information****Component Information**

Component	LD50 Oral	LD50 Dermal	LC50 Inhalation
Sodium nitrate	>2000 mg/kg ( Rat )	Not listed	Not listed

**Toxicologically Synergistic Products** No information available

**Delayed and immediate effects as well as chronic effects from short and long-term exposure**

**Irritation** Irritating to eyes, respiratory system and skin

**Sensitization** No information available

**Carcinogenicity**

Component	CAS-No	IARC	NTP	ACGIH	OSHA	Mexico
Sodium nitrate	7631-99-4	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed

*IARC (International Agency for Research on Cancer)*

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*Group 1 - Carcinogenic to Humans*

*Group 2A - Probably Carcinogenic to Humans*

*Group 2B - Possibly Carcinogenic to Humans*

**Mutagenic Effects** No information available

**Reproductive Effects** No information available.

**Developmental Effects** No information available.

**Teratogenicity** No information available.

**STOT - single exposure** None known

**STOT - repeated exposure** Liver Heart Blood

**Aspiration hazard** No information available

**Symptoms / effects, both acute and delayed** No information available

**Endocrine Disruptor Information** No information available

**Other Adverse Effects** The toxicological properties have not been fully investigated.

## 12. Ecological information

**Ecotoxicity**

Do not empty into drains.

Component	Freshwater Algae	Freshwater Fish	Microtox	Water Flea
Sodium nitrate	-	LC50: 994.4 - 1107 mg/L, 96h static (Oncorhynchus mykiss) LC50: = 2000 mg/L, 96h static (Lepomis macrochirus)	-	6000 mg/L 24h

**Persistence and Degradability** Soluble in water Persistence is unlikely based on information available.

**Bioaccumulation/ Accumulation** No information available.

**Mobility** . Will likely be mobile in the environment due to its water solubility.

Component	log Pow
Sodium nitrate	-3.8

### 13. Disposal considerations

**Waste Disposal Methods** Chemical waste generators must determine whether a discarded chemical is classified as a hazardous waste. Chemical waste generators must also consult local, regional, and national hazardous waste regulations to ensure complete and accurate classification.

### 14. Transport information

**DOT**

**UN-No** UN1498  
**Proper Shipping Name** SODIUM NITRATE  
**Hazard Class** 5.1  
**Packing Group** III

**TDG**

**UN-No** UN1498  
**Proper Shipping Name** SODIUM NITRATE  
**Hazard Class** 5.1  
**Packing Group** III

**IATA**

**UN-No** UN1498  
**Proper Shipping Name** SODIUM NITRATE  
**Hazard Class** 5.1  
**Packing Group** III

**IMDG/IMO**

**UN-No** UN1498  
**Proper Shipping Name** SODIUM NITRATE  
**Hazard Class** 5.1  
**Packing Group** III

### 15. Regulatory information

**United States of America Inventory**

Component	CAS-No	TSCA	TSCA Inventory notification - Active/Inactive	TSCA - EPA Regulatory Flags
Sodium nitrate	7631-99-4	X	ACTIVE	-

**Legend:**

**TSCA** - Toxic Substances Control Act, (40 CFR Part 710)

X - Listed

'-' - Not Listed

**TSCA 12(b)** - Notices of Export Not applicable

**International Inventories**

Canada (DSL/NDSL), Europe (EINECS/ELINCS/NLP), Philippines (PICCS), Japan (ENCS), Australia (AICS), China (IECSC), Korea (ECL).

Component	CAS-No	DSL	NDSL	EINECS	PICCS	ENCS	AICS	IECSC	KECL
Sodium nitrate	7631-99-4	X	-	231-554-3	X	X	X	X	KE-31545

**U.S. Federal Regulations****SARA 313**

Component	CAS-No	Weight %	SARA 313 - Threshold Values %
Sodium nitrate	7631-99-4	>95	1.0

**SARA 311/312 Hazard Categories** See section 2 for more information

**CWA (Clean Water Act)** Not applicable

**Clean Air Act** Not applicable

**OSHA - Occupational Safety and Health Administration** Not applicable

**CERCLA** Not applicable

**California Proposition 65** This product does not contain any Proposition 65 chemicals.

**U.S. State Right-to-Know Regulations**

Component	Massachusetts	New Jersey	Pennsylvania	Illinois	Rhode Island
Sodium nitrate	X	X	X	X	X

**U.S. Department of Transportation**

Reportable Quantity (RQ): N

DOT Marine Pollutant N

DOT Severe Marine Pollutant N

**U.S. Department of Homeland Security**

This product contains the following DHS chemicals:

**Legend** - STQs = Screening Threshold Quantities, APA = A placarded amount

Component	DHS Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standard
Sodium nitrate	Theft STQs - 400lb

**Other International Regulations**

**Mexico - Grade** No information available

## 16. Other information

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