

## SAFETY DATA SHEET

ACCORDING TO THE SOUTH AFRICAN REGULATIONS FOR HAZARDOUS CHEMICAL AGENTS - 2021

### ZINC NITRATE

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#### SECTION 1: Product and Company Identification

##### Identification of the product/preparation

Product Name:	ZINC NITRATE
Trade Name/Synonyms:	ZINC NITRATE
Registration Number:	B4050
Product Description and Type:	A water soluble zinc fertiliser for foliar feeding and fertigation.

##### Active Ingredient

Formula:	Multi-Constituent Substance
CAS Number:	Not Applicable

##### Supplier

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 South Africa  
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##### Emergency Phone Numbers

Nature of Emergency	Emergency Operator	Telephone Number
Office hour poisoning helpline	Rolfes Agri (Pty)Ltd	+27 (12) 803 0145
Spill Response and Transport Incidents	Spill Tech, Oil and chemical pollution control	086 100 0366 083 253 6618 www.spilltech.co.za

**Relevant identified uses of the product and uses advised against**

For use in Agriculture and use as per the product label

**SECTION 2: Hazards Identification****Classification of the substance or mixture**

This product is classified as hazardous according to the criteria in South Africa - GHS classification and labelling of chemicals and the Regulations for Hazardous Chemical Agents - 2021.

**Classification:**

Hazard class	Category	Hazard Statement Number
Oxidising Liquids; Oxidising Solids	2	H272
Acute Toxicity; Oral	4	H302
Skin Corrosion/Irritant	2	H315
Serious Eye Damage/Eye Irritation	2	H319
STOT, Single Exposure. Respiratory Tract Irritation	3	H335
Hazardous to the Aquatic Environment, Acute Hazard	1	H400
Hazardous to the aquatic environment, long-term hazards	2	H411

**Label Elements**

South Africa. GHS classification and labelling of chemicals and the Regulations for Hazardous Chemical Agents - 2021.

**Pictograms:****Signal Word:**

Danger

**Hazard Statements:**

Statement Number	Hazard Statement
H272	May intensify fire; oxidiser.
H302	Harmful if swallowed.
H315	Causes skin irritation.
H319	Causes serious eye irritation.
H335	May cause respiratory irritation.
H400	Very toxic to aquatic life.
H411	Toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects.

**Zinc Nitrate****Precautionary Statements:****General -**

<b>Statement Number</b>	<b>Precautionary Statement</b>
P101	If medical advice is needed, have product container or label at hand.
P102	Keep out of reach of children.
P103	Read carefully and follow all instructions.

**Prevention -**

<b>Statement Number</b>	<b>Precautionary Statement</b>
P210	Keep away from heat, hot surfaces, sparks, open flames and other ignition sources. No smoking.
P220	Keep away from clothing and other combustible materials
P261	Avoid breathing fume/vapours.
P264+P265	Wash hands and affected area thoroughly after handling. Do not touch eyes.
P270	Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.
P271	Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area.
P273	Avoid release to the environment.
P280	Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection.

**Response –**

<b>Statement Number</b>	<b>Precautionary Statement</b>
P301+317	IF SWALLOWED: Get medical help.
P302 + P352	IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of water.
P304 + P340	IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing.
P305+ P351 + P338	IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.
P319	Get medical help if you feel unwell.
P321	Specific treatment (see first aid on this SDS)
P330	Rinse mouth.
P332 + P317	If skin irritation occurs: Get medical help.
P337 + P317	If eye irritation persists: Get medical help
P362 + P364	Take off contaminated clothing and wash it before reuse.
P370 + P378	In case of fire: Use suitable material to extinguish.
P391	Collect spillage.

**Storage –**

<b>Statement Number</b>	<b>Precautionary Statement</b>
P403 + P233	Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed.
P405	Store locked up.

**Disposal -**

<b>Statement Number</b>	<b>Precautionary Statement</b>
P501	Empty all contents from the container by placing it upside down over the spray tank and holding it there for at least 30 seconds. Puncture the rinsed container to render it useless and send to a recycler.

**Other Hazards**

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None known

### SECTION 3: Composition/Information on Ingredients

Mixture

<b>Common Name:</b>	Zinc Nitrate
<b>IUPAC/Chemical Name:</b>	Zinc Nitrate
<b>Chemical Family:</b>	
<b>Formulation:</b>	Multi-Constituent Substance

#### Ingredients with Hazard Concerns (GHS)

According to UN GHS criteria

Hazardous Component	CAS Number	Weight - %	GHS Classification
Zinc Nitrate	10196-18-6	30-60	Oxidizing solids (Category 2), Acute toxicity, Oral (Category 4), Skin irritation (Category 2), Eye irritation (Category 2), Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure (Category 3), Respiratory system, Short-term (acute) aquatic hazard (Category 1), Long-term (chronic) aquatic hazard (Category 2)

**NOTE:** There are no other ingredients present according to the current knowledge of the supplier (considering their concentrations present in the product) that are classified as hazardous to health or the environment and that cause/contribute to the correct GHS classification of this product. These ingredients are therefore, in terms of the South African Hazardous Chemical Agent Regulations 2021; Regulation 14(b), not listed.

### SECTION 4: First-Aid Measures

#### Description of First-aid Measures

<b>General Advice</b>	The symptoms resulting from direct exposure to the product could appear a while after exposure. If there is persistent discomfort, seek medical attention. Provide this SDS to medical personnel for treatment. Immediately remove contaminated clothing and remove the affected person from the contamination area. Keep the person warm, calm and covered up. First Aid personnel should pay attention to their own safety.
<b>Eye Contact</b>	IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for 15-20 minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. If eye irritation persists: Get medical help
<b>Skin Contact</b>	IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of water. If skin irritation occurs: Get medical help. Take off contaminated clothing and wash it before reuse.

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<b>Inhalation</b>	IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing.
<b>Ingestion</b>	IF SWALLOWED: Get medical help. Rinse mouth.

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

Symptoms of exposure to the product include: eye irritation and skin irritation.

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

Notes to physician: None

Specific treatments: Treat symptomatically and supportively.

## SECTION 5: Firefighting Measures

<b>Suitable (and unsuitable) extinguishing media</b>	Use carbon dioxide, dry chemical, alcohol resistant foam, or water spray. Do not use water jets.
<b>Specific hazards arising from the chemical including thermal decomposition products</b>	Fires involving the product may produce irritating or poisonous vapours, mists, or other products of combustion. Closed containers may explode from vapour expansion in high heat.
<b>Special protective equipment and precautions for fire-fighters</b>	Firefighters must wear emergency equipment including positive pressure self-contained breathing apparatus with a full-face mask. Remove unaffected containers from fire area if possible.
<b>Additional provisions</b>	Act in accordance with the site's Internal Emergency Plan and the Workplace Specific Procedures for actions to be taken after an accident or other emergencies.

## SECTION 6: Accidental Release Measures

### Personal precautions, protective equipment, and emergency procedures

Ventilate the area of the spill or leak, especially when in confined areas.

Do not touch or walk through spilled material as slippery when spilt.

Contain spills if it can be done without risk and clean-up immediately.

Wear appropriate protective clothing recommended in Section 8 of the SDS.

### Environmental Precautions

Prevent spillage or further leakage if safe to do so.

Do not allow the spilt product to enter water courses and drains and avoid contact with soil.

Do not allow the spilt product to spread to other areas - keep the spilt material contained and isolated.

Report spills and releases as required to appropriate authorities if the spilt product has caused environmental pollution (sewers, water ways, soil or air).

### Methods for cleaning up

**For small spills**, soak up with damp earth or sand, or other non-Combustible absorbent material. Place into a labelled waste container subsequent reclamation or disposal. Keep the wash water out of drains, sewers, and waterways.

**For large spills,** contain the spillage with absorbent material (non-combustible for flammable products). Sweep up with absorbent material, contain and collect spilt product in suitable containers for proper disposal. Keep the wash water out of drains, sewers, and waterways.

#### Reference to other sections

See Section 1 for emergency contact information.

See Section 8 for information on appropriate personal protective equipment.

See Section 13 for additional waste treatment information.

## SECTION 7: Handling and Storage

#### Precautions for safe handling

Always provide good ventilation in the work area. Prevent contact with eyes, skin and clothing. Do not breathe in dust/vapours/spray mists. Wear protective clothing and equipment during handling as described in Section 8 of the SDS.

Do not eat or drink during use. Wash the hands and face thoroughly with soap after handling. Keep containers closed when not in use. Do not permit smoking in use or storage areas.

Locate emergency showers and eye-rinsing facility near the work/handling area. Maintain good normal industrial hygiene and housekeeping practices in areas where the product is used/handled.

#### Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Always store locked up and keep containers tightly closed when not in use. Store in a cool, dry and well-ventilated place, out of direct sunlight. Check storage containers regularly for leaks and protect containers from physical damage. Store in the original container, avoid cross contamination with other agricultural products. Keep out of reach of children, uninformed persons, and animals. Do not contaminate water, food, or feed by storage or disposal.

It is recommended to have appropriate spill control kits equipped with absorbent material in close proximity to storage areas (see Section 6).

#### Specific end use(s)

Use as directed. Use original container.

## SECTION 8: Exposure Controls and Personal Protection

#### National Occupational Exposure Limits – Restricted limits for hazardous chemical agents:

Component	Type	Control Parameter	Update	Basis
Not applicable	OEL-eight hour TWA	N/A	2021	South African RELs*
	OEL-STEL/C	N/A	2021	South African RELs*

\*REL:

OEL-eight hour

TWA:

Recommended Exposure Limit.

Occupational Exposure Limit- Time Weighted Average. Calculated over an eight-hour working day, for a five-day working week.

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OEL-STEL/C:

Occupational Exposure Limit – short Term Exposure Limit /Ceiling Limit. Peak airborne concentration determined over the shortest analytically practicable period of time, which does not exceed 15 minutes.

### National Biological Exposure Indices (BEIs) for hazardous chemical agents:

Component	Sample Matrix	Sample Time	Value
Not applicable	N/A	N/A	N/A

### Appropriate engineering controls

Good general ventilation should be sufficient to control worker exposure to airborne contaminants.

### Personal Protective Equipment

<b>Respiratory Protection:</b>	Respiratory protection selection must be based on known or anticipated exposure levels, the hazards of the product and the safe working limits of the selected respirator. Use a properly fitted and well-maintained particulate filter respirator, complying with an approved standard. Respirator selection and use should be based on contaminant type, form and concentration. For emergency conditions, use an approved positive-pressure self-contained breathing apparatus.
<b>Skin and Hand Protection:</b>	Select skin and hand protection based on the task being performed and the risks involved with the task. The gloves should be replaced immediately in case of damage or signs of wear. The personal protective clothing must be properly fitted and well maintained
<b>Eye/Face Protection:</b>	Select safety eye/face protection based on the task being performed and the risks involved with the task. Wear tightly fitted and well-maintained safety eyewear compliant with an approved standard.
<b>Hygiene Measures:</b>	Wash the hands and/or face before breaks, eating, smoking, or using the lavatory and at the end of the shift/working period. Eye wash fountains and safety showers should be available and easily accessible. Wash contaminated clothing before reuse.

### Environmental exposure controls

In accordance with the local legislation for the protection of the environment it is recommended to avoid environmental spillage or releases of both the product and its container.

## SECTION 9: Physical and Chemical Properties

Data applicable to mixture

<b>Appearance</b>	Appearance/physical state	Liquid
	Odour characteristics	Slight nitric acid

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	Colour	odor. Colorless to yellowish liquid
<b>Volatility</b>	Boiling point (°C)	Not measured
	Vapour pressure(Pa)	Not measured
	Evaporation Rate at 20 °C	Non-applicable
<b>Product Description</b>	Relative density (kg/m <sup>3</sup> , relative density of water =1)	1.32 – 1.35
	Solubility in water (g/100mL)	Soluble in water
	Decomposition temperature (°C)	Not applicable
	Melting point/freezing point (°C)	Not applicable
	pH	
	Density/relative density(g/cm <sup>3</sup> )	1.32 – 1.35
	Particle characteristics	Not applicable
<b>Flammability</b>	Flammable (Y/N)	N
	Flash point (°C)	Not applicable
	Flammable limits-LEL	Not applicable
	Auto-ignition Temperature (°C)	Not applicable

\*Not relevant due to the nature of the product, not providing information property of its hazards.

### Other Hazard Information

None Known.

## SECTION 10: STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

### Reactivity

The product is stable under normal ambient conditions.

### Chemical Stability

Stable under normal ambient conditions of use, storage and transport.

### Possibility of Hazardous Reactions

None known under conditions of normal use.

### Conditions to Avoid

Avoid extreme temperatures (>50°C). Keep away from heat and ignition sources.

### Incompatible Materials

Incompatible with: Avoid strong oxidizing agents and acids.

### Hazardous Decomposition Products

Under normal conditions of storage and use, hazardous decomposition products should not be produced.

## SECTION 11: Toxicological Information

### Information on likely routes of exposure

#### Toxicokinetics, metabolism and distribution:

Non-human toxicological data: No Information available.

Method: No Information available.

Dosage: No Information available.

Routes of administration: No Information available.



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Results: No Information available.  
Absorption: No Information available.  
Distribution: No Information available.  
Metabolism: No Information available.  
Excretion: No Information available.

### Information on toxicological effects

Acute oral toxicity: Zinc Nitrate

Danger! This substance is considered harmful if swallowed. Category 4.

Acute dermal toxicity: Does not meet the GHS Classification criteria.

Acute inhalation toxicity: Does not meet the GHS Classification criteria.

Skin corrosion/irritation: Zinc Nitrate. Danger! This substance causes skin irritation.  
Category 2.

Serious eye damage/irritation: : Zinc Nitrate. Danger! This substance is causes serious eye irritation. Category 2A.

Respiratory or skin sensitization: Does not meet the GHS Classification criteria.

Germ cell mutagenicity: Does not meet the GHS Classification criteria.

Carcinogenicity: Does not meet the GHS Classification criteria.

Reproductive toxicity: Does not meet the GHS classification criteria..

STOT-single exposure: Zinc Nitrate. Danger! This substance may cause respiratory irritation.  
Category 3.

STOT-repeated exposure: Does not meet the GHS Classification criteria.

Aspiration hazard: Does not meet the GHS Classification criteria.

### Symptoms related to the physical, chemical, and toxicological characteristics

No information available.

## SECTION 12: Ecological Information

### Ecotoxicity

Short-term (Acute) hazard Aquatic : Zinc Nitrate  
Danger! This substance is very toxic to aquatic life.  
Category 1.

Long-term (Chronic) hazard Aquatic: Zinc Nitrate  
Danger! This substance is toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects.  
Category 2.

Bio-degradability in the aquatic environment: No information available.

### Toxicity to other species

Birds: No information available.

Bees: No information available.

### Other Environmental and Adverse Effects:

**Persistence and Degradability**: No information available.

### Bioaccumulative Potential:

No information available

### Mobility in Soil:

No information available.

Other Adverse Effects: None Known

## SECTION 13: Disposal Considerations









### Waste handling and disposal

Dispose product related waste in accordance with all local regulations and prevent the contamination of water, food, or feed by storage or disposal of the waste.

### General container handling

Empty all contents from the container by placing it upside down over the spray tank and holding it there for at least 30 seconds. Puncture the rinsed container to render it useless and send to a recycler. Do not use empty containers for any other purpose.

## SECTION 14: Transport Information

	Land Transport (ADR/RID)	Inland Waterways (AND/ADNR)	See Transport (IMDG)	Air Transport (ICAO-TI/IATA-DGR)
UN Number	1514	1514	1514	1514
UN Proper Shipping Name	Zinc Nitrate	Zinc Nitrate	Zinc Nitrate	Zinc Nitrate
Transport Hazard Class	5.1	5.1	5.1	5.1
Transport Hazard Class Pictogram				
Transport Subsidiary Class	-	-	-	-
Packaging Group	II	II	II	II
Environmental Hazard				

## SECTION 15: Regulatory Information

Safety, health, and environmental regulations/legislation for the mixture.

### South Africa

Regulations for Hazardous Chemical Agents – 2021 – SA Occupational Health and Safety Act. - Handling, labelling and Safety Data Sheets for hazardous and GHS classified substances and mixtures. Occupational Exposure Limits.

Hazardous Substances Act, 1973 (Act No.15 of 1973) - Requirements on the prohibition and control of the importation, manufacture, sale, use, operation, application, modification, disposal or dumping of hazardous substances.

Occupational Health and Safety Act No. 85 of 1993.- Occupational Health and Safety Standards for employers and users working with and around hazardous chemical substances.

National Road Traffic Act, 1996 (ACT NO. 93 of 1996). - The identification and classification of dangerous goods for transport by road and rail modes.

### **Botswana**

Pesticides and Toxic Substances Regulations. 1994 (2006) - Control and management of pesticides and other toxic substances.

Environmental and Pollution Control Act. 1990 - Hazardous waste disposal, hazardous substances, pesticides, and effluent wastewater/discharge.

### **Namibia**

Labour Act 11 of 2007 - Hazardous substances classification, labelling, Chemical Safety Data Sheets and Occupational Exposure Limits. Notification of the use of carcinogens and other controlled substances.

Regulations relating to the Health and Safety of Employees at Work Government Notice 156 of 1997. Labour Act 11 of 2007 schedule, item 2(2). - Occupational Health and Safety Standards for employers and users working with and around hazardous chemical substances.

## **SECTION 16: Other Information**

### **Indication of changes**

Alignment to the GHS.

### **Relevant classification and H-Statements:**

Oxidising Liquids; Oxidising Solids- Category 2

H272: May intensify fire; oxidiser

Acute Toxicity; Oral- Category 4

H302: Harmful if swallowed

Skin Corrosion/Irritant- Category 2

H315: Causes skin irritation

Serious Eye Damage/Eye Irritation- Category 2

H319: Causes serious eye irritation

Specific Target Organ Toxicity, Single Exposure- Category 3

H336: May cause drowsiness or dizziness

Hazardous to the Aquatic Environment, Acute Hazard- Category 1

H400: Very toxic to aquatic life

Hazardous to the aquatic environment, long-term hazards- Category 2

H411: Toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects

### **Key to Abbreviations**

AND	European Provisions concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by inland Waterways
ADR	The European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road
ATE	Acute Toxicity Estimate
COD	Chemical Oxygen Demand
GHS	Globally Harmonised System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals
IATA	International Air Transport Association

ICAO	International Civil Aviation Organisation
IMDG	International Maritime Dangerous Goods
Log <sub>Pow</sub>	Logarithm of the octanol/water partition coefficient
LD <sub>50</sub>	Lethal Dose 50
LC <sub>50</sub>	Lethal Concentration 50
RID	The Regulations concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Rail
SDS	Safety Data Sheet
UN	United Nations

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