



# SAFETY DATA SHEET

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## 1. Identification

**Product identifier** Bismuth nitrate  
**Other means of identification**  
**Product code** 1267  
**Recommended use** Catalyst  
**Recommended restrictions** None known.  
**Manufacturer/Importer/Supplier/Distributor information**  
**Manufacturer**

**Manufacturer / Supplier:** The Shepherd Chemical Company  
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Norwood, Ohio 45212 USA  
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## 2. Hazard(s) identification

**Physical hazards** Oxidizing solids Category 2  
**Health hazards** Serious eye damage/eye irritation Category 1  
**Environmental hazards** Not classified.  
**OSHA defined hazards** Not classified.

### Label elements



**Signal word** Danger  
**Hazard statement** May intensify fire; oxidizer. Causes serious eye damage.  
**Precautionary statement**  
**Prevention** Keep away from heat. Keep away from clothing and other combustible materials. Take any precaution to avoid mixing with combustibles. Wear protective gloves/eye protection/face protection.  
**Response** If in eyes: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. Immediately call a poison center/doctor. In case of fire: Use appropriate media to extinguish.  
**Storage** Store away from incompatible materials.  
**Disposal** Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local/regional/national/international regulations.  
**Hazard(s) not otherwise classified (HNOC)** None known.  
**Supplemental information** Not applicable.

## 3. Composition/information on ingredients

### Mixtures

Chemical name	Common name and synonyms	CAS number	%
Bismuth trinitrate		10361-44-1	81%
Water		7732-18-5	19%

\*Designates that a specific chemical identity and/or percentage of composition has been withheld as a trade secret.

## 4. First-aid measures

**Inhalation** Move to fresh air. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. Call a physician if symptoms develop or persist. If not breathing, give artificial respiration, preferably mouth-to-mouth. Call a physician.  
**Skin contact** Wash off with soap and water. Get medical attention if irritation develops and persists. Wash skin thoroughly with soap and water. Contact physician if irritation continues.

<b>Eye contact</b>	Immediately flush eyes with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. Get medical attention immediately.
<b>Ingestion</b>	Call a physician immediately. Rinse mouth. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. If swallowed, induce vomiting immediately as directed by medical personnel. Give several glasses of water.
<b>Most important symptoms/effects, acute and delayed</b>	Symptoms may include stinging, tearing, redness, swelling, and blurred vision. Permanent eye damage including blindness could result.
<b>Indication of immediate medical attention and special treatment needed</b>	Provide general supportive measures and treat symptomatically. Keep victim under observation. Symptoms may be delayed.
<b>General information</b>	Ensure that medical personnel are aware of the material(s) involved, and take precautions to protect themselves.

## 5. Fire-fighting measures

<b>Suitable extinguishing media</b>	Water fog. Foam. Dry chemical powder. Carbon dioxide (CO2).
<b>Unsuitable extinguishing media</b>	None known.
<b>Specific hazards arising from the chemical</b>	May intensify fire; oxidizer.
<b>Special protective equipment and precautions for firefighters</b>	Firefighters must use standard protective equipment including flame retardant coat, helmet with face shield, gloves, rubber boots, and in enclosed spaces, SCBA.
<b>Fire-fighting equipment/instructions</b>	In the event of fire, cool tanks with water spray. Move containers from fire area if you can do so without risk. For massive fire in cargo area, use unmanned hose holder or monitor nozzles, if possible. If not, withdraw and let fire burn out.
<b>Specific methods</b>	Cool containers exposed to flames with water until well after the fire is out.
<b>General fire hazards</b>	May intensify fire; oxidizer.

## 6. Accidental release measures

<b>Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures</b>	Keep unnecessary personnel away. Keep people away from and upwind of spill/leak. Keep out of low areas. Wear appropriate protective equipment and clothing during clean-up. Do not touch damaged containers or spilled material unless wearing appropriate protective clothing. Ventilate closed spaces before entering them. Local authorities should be advised if significant spillages cannot be contained. For personal protection, see section 8 of the SDS.
<b>Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up</b>	Eliminate all ignition sources (no smoking, flares, sparks, or flames in immediate area). Keep combustibles (wood, paper, oil, etc.) away from spilled material. Stop the flow of material, if this is without risk. Prevent entry into waterways, sewer, basements or confined areas. Following product recovery, flush area with water. For waste disposal, see section 13 of the SDS.
<b>Environmental precautions</b>	Avoid discharge into drains, water courses or onto the ground.

## 7. Handling and storage

<b>Precautions for safe handling</b>	Keep away from heat. Take any precaution to avoid mixing with combustibles. Do not get this material in contact with eyes. Provide adequate ventilation. Wear appropriate personal protective equipment. Observe good industrial hygiene practices. Wash thoroughly after handling. Avoid contact with eyes, skin, and clothing. Avoid breathing dust or vapor.
<b>Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities</b>	Keep in a dry, cool place. Keep away from heat. Store in original tightly closed container. Store in a cool, dry place out of direct sunlight. Store away from incompatible materials (see Section 10 of the SDS). Do not store near combustible materials. Store in closed containers. Keep away from flammable and combustible materials.

## 8. Exposure controls/personal protection

<b>Occupational exposure limits</b>	No exposure limits noted for ingredient(s).
<b>Biological limit values</b>	No biological exposure limits noted for the ingredient(s).
<b>Appropriate engineering controls</b>	Good general ventilation (typically 10 air changes per hour) should be used. Ventilation rates should be matched to conditions. If applicable, use process enclosures, local exhaust ventilation, or other engineering controls to maintain airborne levels below recommended exposure limits. If exposure limits have not been established, maintain airborne levels to an acceptable level. Provide eyewash station. Provide general and/or local exhaust ventilation.
<b>Individual protection measures, such as personal protective equipment</b>	
<b>Eye/face protection</b>	Wear eye/face protection. Wear safety glasses with side shields (or goggles) and a face shield.
<b>Skin protection</b>	
<b>Hand protection</b>	Wear protective gloves.
<b>Other</b>	Wear suitable protective clothing.
<b>Respiratory protection</b>	Use a NIOSH/MSHA approved respirator if there is a risk of exposure to dust/fume at levels exceeding the exposure limits.

<b>Thermal hazards</b>	Wear appropriate thermal protective clothing, when necessary.
<b>General hygiene considerations</b>	Always observe good personal hygiene measures, such as washing after handling the material and before eating, drinking, and/or smoking. Routinely wash work clothing and protective equipment to remove contaminants. Always observe good personal hygiene measures, such as washing after handling the material and before eating, drinking, and/or smoking. Routinely wash work clothing and protective equipment to remove contaminants.

## 9. Physical and chemical properties

<b>Appearance</b>	crystals
<b>Physical state</b>	Solid.
<b>Form</b>	Solid.
<b>Color</b>	Colorless.
<b>Odor</b>	Nitric acid.
<b>Odor threshold</b>	Not available.
<b>pH</b>	Not available.
<b>Melting point/freezing point</b>	Not available.
<b>Initial boiling point and boiling range</b>	Not available.
<b>Flash point</b>	Not available.
<b>Evaporation rate</b>	Not available.
<b>Flammability (solid, gas)</b>	Not available.
<b>Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits</b>	
<b>Flammability limit - lower (%)</b>	Not available.
<b>Flammability limit - upper (%)</b>	Not available.
<b>Explosive limit - lower (%)</b>	Not available.
<b>Explosive limit - upper (%)</b>	Not available.
<b>Vapor pressure</b>	0 hPa estimated
<b>Vapor density</b>	Not available.
<b>Relative density</b>	Not available.
<b>Solubility(ies)</b>	
<b>Solubility (water)</b>	Not available.
<b>Partition coefficient (n-octanol/water)</b>	Not available.
<b>Auto-ignition temperature</b>	Not available.
<b>Decomposition temperature</b>	Not available.
<b>Viscosity</b>	Not available.
<b>Other information</b>	
<b>Molecular formula</b>	Bi.3HNO3
<b>Percent volatile</b>	0 % estimated estimated
<b>Specific gravity</b>	2.83
<b>VOC (Weight %)</b>	0 % estimated
<b>Loose Packing Density</b>	Not available.

## 10. Stability and reactivity

<b>Reactivity</b>	The product is stable and non-reactive under normal conditions of use, storage and transport.
<b>Chemical stability</b>	This product is stable. Hazardous polymerization will not occur.
<b>Possibility of hazardous reactions</b>	No dangerous reaction known under conditions of normal use.
<b>Conditions to avoid</b>	Excessive heat. Contact with incompatible materials.
<b>Incompatible materials</b>	Incompatible with easily oxidizable materials.
<b>Hazardous decomposition products</b>	Thermal decomposition may produce toxic oxides of nitrogen, which are harmful to eyes, skin and respiratory tract.

## 11. Toxicological information

### Information on likely routes of exposure

<b>Ingestion</b>	Expected to be a low ingestion hazard.
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**Inhalation** No adverse effects due to inhalation are expected.

**Skin contact** Not available.

**Eye contact** Causes serious eye damage.

**Symptoms related to the physical, chemical and toxicological characteristics** Symptoms may include stinging, tearing, redness, swelling, and blurred vision. Permanent eye damage including blindness could result.

#### Information on toxicological effects

##### Acute toxicity

Product	Species	Test Results
Bismuth nitrate (CAS Mixture)		
<b>Acute</b>		
<i>Other</i>		
LDL0	Mouse	21 mg/kg intravenous

\* Estimates for product may be based on additional component data not shown.

**Skin corrosion/irritation** Prolonged skin contact may cause temporary irritation.

**Serious eye damage/eye irritation** Causes serious eye damage.

##### Respiratory or skin sensitization

**Respiratory sensitization** Not available.

**Skin sensitization** This product is not expected to cause skin sensitization.

**Germ cell mutagenicity** No data available to indicate product or any components present at greater than 0.1% are mutagenic or genotoxic.

**Carcinogenicity** This product is not considered to be a carcinogen by IARC, ACGIH, NTP, or OSHA.

**Reproductive toxicity** This product is not expected to cause reproductive or developmental effects.

**Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure** Not classified.

**Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure** Not classified.

**Aspiration hazard** Not available.

## 12. Ecological information

**Ecotoxicity** The product is not classified as environmentally hazardous. However, this does not exclude the possibility that large or frequent spills can have a harmful or damaging effect on the environment.

Product	Species	Test Results
Bismuth nitrate (CAS Mixture)		
Crustacea	EC50 Daphnia	16.1852 mg/l, 48 hours estimated

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**Persistence and degradability** No data is available on the degradability of this product.

**Bioaccumulative potential** No data available.

**Mobility in soil** No data available.

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

## 13. Disposal considerations

**Disposal instructions** Collect and reclaim or dispose in sealed containers at licensed waste disposal site. This material and its container must be disposed of as hazardous waste. Do not allow this material to drain into sewers/water supplies. Do not contaminate ponds, waterways or ditches with chemical or used container. Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local/regional/national/international regulations. Neutralize and flush solution into sewer connected to wastewater treatment system in compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

**Local disposal regulations** Dispose in accordance with all applicable regulations.

**Hazardous waste code** The waste code should be assigned in discussion between the user, the producer and the waste disposal company.

**Waste from residues / unused products** Dispose of in accordance with local regulations. Empty containers or liners may retain some product residues. This material and its container must be disposed of in a safe manner (see: Disposal instructions).

**Contaminated packaging** Empty containers should be taken to an approved waste handling site for recycling or disposal. Since emptied containers may retain product residue, follow label warnings even after container is emptied.

## 14. Transport information

### DOT

**UN number** UN1477  
**UN proper shipping name** NITRATES, INORGANIC, N.O.S. (Bismuth nitrate)  
**Transport hazard class(es)**  
**Class** 5.1  
**Subsidiary risk** -  
**Packing group** III  
**Special precautions for user** Read safety instructions, SDS and emergency procedures before handling.

### IATA

**UN number** UN1477  
**UN proper shipping name** NITRATES, INORGANIC, N.O.S. (Bismuth nitrate)  
**Transport hazard class(es)**  
**Class** 5.1  
**Subsidiary risk** -  
**Packing group** III  
**Environmental hazards** No.  
**Special precautions for user** Read safety instructions, SDS and emergency procedures before handling.  
**Other information**  
**Passenger and cargo aircraft** Forbidden.  
**Cargo aircraft only** Allowed.

### IMDG

**UN number** UN1477  
**UN proper shipping name** NITRATES, INORGANIC, N.O.S. (Bismuth nitrate)  
**Transport hazard class(es)**  
**Class** 5.1  
**Subsidiary risk** -  
**Packing group** III  
**Environmental hazards**  
**Marine pollutant** No.  
**EmS** Not available.  
**Special precautions for user** Read safety instructions, SDS and emergency procedures before handling.

**Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL 73/78 and the IBC Code** Not applicable.

### DOT



### IATA; IMDG



**Further information** Not available.

## 15. Regulatory information

**US federal regulations** This product is a "Hazardous Chemical" as defined by the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard, 29 CFR 1910.1200.

### TSCA Section 12(b) Export Notification (40 CFR 707, Subpt. D)

Not regulated.

**CERCLA Hazardous Substance List (40 CFR 302.4)**

Not listed.

**US. OSHA Specifically Regulated Substances (29 CFR 1910.1001-1050)**

Not listed.

**Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA)**

**Hazard categories**  
 Immediate Hazard - Yes  
 Delayed Hazard - No  
 Fire Hazard - Yes  
 Pressure Hazard - No  
 Reactivity Hazard - No

**SARA 302 Extremely hazardous substance** No

**SARA 311/312 Hazardous chemical** Yes

**SARA 313 (TRI reporting)**

Chemical name	CAS number	% by wt.
Nitrate compounds (water dissociable)	10361-44-1	81%

**Other federal regulations****Clean Air Act (CAA) Section 112 Hazardous Air Pollutants (HAPs) List**

Not regulated.

**Clean Air Act (CAA) Section 112(r) Accidental Release Prevention (40 CFR 68.130)**

Not regulated.

**Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA)** Not regulated.

**US state regulations****US. Massachusetts RTK - Substance List**

Not regulated.

**US. New Jersey Worker and Community Right-to-Know Act**

Not regulated.

**US. Pennsylvania RTK - Hazardous Substances**

Not regulated.

**US. Rhode Island RTK**

Not regulated.

**US. California Proposition 65**

California Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (Proposition 65): This material is not known to contain any chemicals currently listed as carcinogens or reproductive toxins.

**International Inventories**

Country(s) or region	Inventory name	On inventory (yes/no)*
Australia	Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances (AICS)	Yes
Canada	Domestic Substances List (DSL)	Yes
Canada	Non-Domestic Substances List (NDSL)	No
China	Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances in China (IECSC)	Yes
Europe	European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances (EINECS)	Yes
Europe	European List of Notified Chemical Substances (ELINCS)	No
Japan	Inventory of Existing and New Chemical Substances (ENCS)	Yes
Korea	Existing Chemicals List (ECL)	Yes
New Zealand	New Zealand Inventory	Yes
Philippines	Philippine Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances (PICCS)	Yes
United States & Puerto Rico	Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) Inventory	Yes

\*A "Yes" indicates that all components of this product comply with the inventory requirements administered by the governing country(s)

A "No" indicates that one or more components of the product are not listed or exempt from listing on the inventory administered by the governing country(s).

**16. Other information, including date of preparation or last revision**

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**Revision Information**

Product and Company Identification: Product and Company Identification  
Hazards Identification: US Hazardous  
Composition / Information on Ingredients: Ingredients  
Physical & Chemical Properties: Multiple Properties  
Toxicological Information: Toxicological Data  
Transport Information: Proper Shipping Name/Packing Group  
Regulatory Information: Safety Phrases  
HazReg Data: North America  
GHS: Classification