BOC GASES

MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

PRODUCT NAME: ARGON, REFRIGERATED LIQUID

1. Chemical Product and Company Identification

BOC Gases,
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EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN NO: 2-0101

PRODUCT NAME: ARGON, REFRIGERATED LIQUID
CHEMICAL NAME: Argon
COMMON NAMES/SYNONYMS: Argon, liquid
TDG (Canada) CLASSIFICATION: 2.2
WHMIS CLASSIFICATION: A

PREPARED BY: Loss Control (908)464-8100/(905)501-1700
PREPARATION DATE: 6/1/95
REVIEW DATES: 6/1/99

2. Composition, Information on Ingredients

EXPOSURE LIMITS[1]:

INGREDIENT	% VOLUME	PEL-OSHA[2]	TLV-ACGIH[3]	LD_{50} or LC_{50} Route/Species
Argon FORMULA: Ar CAS: 7440-37-1 RTECS #: CF2300000	100.0	None Established	Simple Asphyxiant	Not Available

[1] Refer to individual state of provincial regulations, as applicable, for limits which may be more stringent than those listed here.
[2] As stated in 29 CFR 1910, Subpart Z (revised July 1, 1993)
[3] As stated in the ACGIH 1998-1999 Threshold Limit Values for Chemical Substances and Physical Agents.

OSHA Regulatory Status: This material is classified as hazardous under OSHA regulations.

3. Hazards Identification

EMERGENCY OVERVIEW

Odorless, colorless, non-flammable liquefied gas. Simple Asphyxiant - This product does not contain oxygen and may cause asphyxia if released in a confined area. Maintain oxygen levels above 19.5%. Contact with product may cause frostbite or freeze burns in exposed tissues. Contents under pressure. Use and store below 125 °F.

ROUTE OF ENTRY:

Skin Contact	Skin Absorption	Eye Contact	Inhalation	Ingestion
Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No

HEALTH EFFECTS:

Exposure Limits	Irritant	Sensitization
No	No	No
Teratogen	Reproductive Hazard	Mutagen
No	No	No
Synergistic Effects None reported		

Carcinogenicity: -- NTP: No IARC: No OSHA: No

EYE EFFECTS:
Contact with product may cause tissue freezing.

SKIN EFFECTS:
Contact with rapidly evaporating liquid can cause cryogenic "burns" or frostbite. Frostbite effects are a change in color of the skin to gray or white, possibly followed by blistering.

INGESTION EFFECTS:
Ingestion is unlikely. Contact with product may cause tissue freezing.

INHALATION EFFECTS:
Product is a non-toxic simple asphyxiant. Effects of oxygen deficiency resulting from simple asphyxiants may include: rapid breathing, diminished mental alertness, impaired muscular coordination, faulty judgement, depression of all sensations, emotional instability, and fatigue. As asphyxiation progresses, nausea, vomiting, prostration, and loss of consciousness may result, eventually leading to convulsions, coma, and death.

Oxygen deficiency during pregnancy has produced developmental abnormalities in humans and experimental animals.

MEDICAL CONDITIONS AGGRAVATED BY EXPOSURE: None known.

NFPA HAZARD CODES	HMIS HAZARD CODES	RATINGS SYSTEM
Health: 3	Health: 3	0 = No Hazard
Flammability: 0	Flammability: 0	1 = Slight Hazard
Instability: 0	Reactivity: 0	2 = Moderate Hazard
		3 = Serious Hazard
		4 = Severe Hazard

4. First Aid Measures

EYES:
Never introduce ointment or oil into the eyes without medical advice! In case of freezing or cryogenic "burns" caused by rapidly evaporating liquid. DO NOT WASH THE EYES WITH HOT OR EVEN TEPID WATER! Remove victim from the source of contamination. Open eyelids wide to allow liquid to evaporate. If pain is present, refer the victim to an ophthalmologist for treatment and follow up. If the victim cannot tolerate light, protect the eyes with a light bandage.

SKIN:
For dermal contact or frostbite: Remove contaminated clothing and flush affected areas with lukewarm water. DO NOT USE HOT WATER. A physician should see the patient promptly if the cryogenic "burn" has resulted in blistering of the dermal surface or deep tissue freezing.

INGESTION:
Not expected. A physician should see the patient promptly if the cryogenic "burn" has resulted in blistering of the dermal surface or deep tissue freezing.

INHALATION:
PROMPT MEDICAL ATTENTION IS MANDATORY IN ALL CASES OF OVEREXPOSURE. RESCUE PERSONNEL SHOULD BE EQUIPPED WITH SELF-CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUS. Victims should be assisted to an uncontaminated area and inhale fresh air. Quick removal from the contaminated area is most important. Unconscious persons should be moved to an uncontaminated area, and if breathing has stopped, administer artificial resuscitation and supplemental oxygen. Further treatment should be symptomatic and supportive.

5. Fire Fighting Measures

Conditions of Flammability: Nonflammable		
Flash point: None	Method: Not Applicable	Autoignition Temperature: None
LEL(%): None	UEL(%): None	
Hazardous combustion products: None		
Sensitivity to mechanical shock: None		
Sensitivity to static discharge: None		

FIRE AND EXPLOSION HAZARDS:
Nonflammable. Cylinder may rupture violently from pressure when involved in a fire situation.

EXTINGUISHING MEDIA:
None required. Use as appropriate for surrounding materials.

FIREFIGHTING INSTRUCTIONS:
Firefighters should wear respiratory protection (SCBA) and full turnout or Bunker gear. Continue to cool fire-exposed containers until well after flames are extinguished.

6. Accidental Release Measures

Evacuate all personnel from affected area. Use appropriate protective equipment. If leak is in user's equipment, be certain to purge piping with inert gas prior to attempting repairs. If leak is in container or container valve, contact the appropriate emergency telephone number listed in Section 1 or call your closest BOC location.

7. Handling and Storage

Electrical classification:
Non-hazardous

This liquefied gas is noncorrosive and may be used with all common structural materials.

Use only in well-ventilated areas in accordance with manufacturer's and BOC instructions. Do not drag, slide or roll cylinders**.**

Stationary customer site vessels should be operated in accordance with the manufacturer's and BOC's instructions. Do not attempt to repair, adjust or in any other way modify the operation of these vessels. If there is a malfunction or other type of operations problem with the vessel, contact the closest BOC location immediately for assistance.

Liquid argon is delivered into stationary vacuum jacketed vessels at the customer's location or in portable vacuum-jacketed "liquid" cylinders requiring special handling methods. Consult manufacturer's instructions.

Due to the extremely cold liquid, uninsulated transfer lines may condense air. The liquefied air may flash of nitrogen, leaving an oxygen enriched liquid. Do not allow the liquefied air to contact oils, greases, or other combustible materials such as asphalt and motor oil.

Vessels for liquid argon are designed specifically for argon service. Vessels and associated structures are not designed to support higher density fluids. Density, liquid at saturation pressure at 2.17 ^{o}K (-271°C) : 0.146 Kg/l.

For additional recommendations, consult Compressed Gas Association Pamphlets P-18, AV-5, p-18, G11.1, P-9, P-12, P-14, P-15 and Safety Bulletin SB-2.

Never carry a compressed gas cylinder or a container of a gas in cryogenic liquid form in an enclosed space such as a car trunk, van or station wagon. A leak can result in a fire, explosion, asphyxiation or a toxic exposure.

8. Exposure Controls, Personal Protection

ENGINEERING CONTROLS:
Local exhaust to prevent accumulation of high concentrations and maintain air oxygen levels at or above 19.5%.

EYE/FACE PROTECTION:
Safety goggles with full faceshield or where contact may occur.

SKIN PROTECTION:
Protective gloves of material appropriate for the job. Insulated gloves recommended when handling cryogenic liquid material.

RESPIRATORY PROTECTION:
Positive pressure air line with full-face mask and escape bottle or self-contained breathing apparatus should be available for emergency use.

OTHER/GENERAL PROTECTION:
Safety shoes or other footwear as appropriate for the job.

9. Physical and Chemical Properties

PARAMETER	VALUE	UNITS
Physical state (gas, liquid, solid)	: Gas	
Vapor pressure	: Above critical temp.	
Vapor density (Air = 1)	: 1.38	
Evaporation point	: Not Available	
Boiling point	: -302.6	^oF
	: -185.9	^oC
Freezing point	: -308.9	^oF
	: -189.4	^oC
PH	: Not Applicable	
Specific gravity	: Not Available	
Oil/water partition coefficient	: Not Available	
Solubility (H_20)	: Very slight	
Odor threshold	: Not Applicable	
Odor and appearance	: Colorless, odorless gas	

10. Stability and Reactivity

STABILITY:
Stable

INCOMPATIBLE MATERIALS:
None

HAZARDOUS POLYMERIZATION:
Does not occur.

11. Toxicological Information

Argon acts as a non-toxic simple asphyxiant. Oxygen deficiency during pregnancy has produced developmental abnormalities in humans and experimental animals.

12. Ecological Information

No data given.

13. Disposal Considerations

Do not attempt to dispose of residual waste or unused quantities. Return in the shipping container PROPERLY LABELED, WITH ANY VALVE OUTLET PLUGS OR CAPS SECURED AND VALVE PROTECTION CAP IN PLACE to BOC Gases or authorized distributor for proper disposal.

14. Transport Information

PARAMETER	United States DOT	Canada TDG
PROPER SHIPPING NAME:	Argon, refrigerated liquid	Argon, refrigerated liquid
HAZARD CLASS:	2.2	2.2
IDENTIFICATION NUMBER:	UN 1951	UN 1951
SHIPPING LABEL:	NONFLAMMABLE GAS	NONFLAMMABLE GAS

15. Regulatory Information

SARA TITLE III NOTIFICATIONS AND INFORMATION

SARA TITLE III - HAZARD CLASSES:
Acute Health Hazard
Sudden Release of Pressure Hazard

16. Other Information

ACGIH	American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists
DOT	Department of Transportation
IARC	International Agency for Research on Cancer
NTP	National Toxicology Program
OSHA	Occupational Safety and Health Administration
PEL	Permissible Exposure Limit
SARA	Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act
STEL	Short Term Exposure Limit
TDG	Transportation of Dangerous Goods
TLV	Threshold Limit Value
WHMIS	Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System

Compressed gas cylinders shall not be refilled without the express written permission of the owner. Shipment of a compressed gas cylinder which has not been filled by the owner or with his/her (written) consent is a violation of transportation regulations.

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