

# Argon, refrigerated liquid

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| UN No.    | 1951 |
| CLS       | 2.2  |
| Trans Cat | 3    |
| EAC       | 2RE  |
| HIN       | 22   |

## Product

- Colourless, odourless, deeply refrigerated liquefied gas

## Nature of hazard

- The gas is suffocating without warning
- Spilled liquid evaporates quickly, the gas is very cold and produces mist, restricting visibility
- The gas is heavier than air, and will spread along the ground
- Liquid contact with skin results in cold burns (injuries may be permanent)
- Liquid contact with eyes results in severe injury (injuries may be permanent)
- Heating will cause pressure rise, severe risk of bursting and subsequent explosion
- Spilled liquid has very low temperature, can cause material embrittlement

## PPE for vehicle crew

- Suitable eye protection
- Suitable gloves providing thermal insulation
- Protective boots

## Emergency Actions by driver

### Notify Police and Fire Brigade *immediately* then:

#### Do

- Move vehicle to open ground, where practical
- Stop engine, isolate electrics
- Keep public away from danger
- Keep upwind
- Avoid contact with liquid
- Advise and assist Emergency Services

#### Do not

- Allow naked lights (possibility of spilled fuel)
- Smoke (possibility of spilled fuel)
- Enter dense vapour clouds
- Touch liquid or bare pipes without suitable protection
- Attempt to deal with any fire involving the load, but minor vehicle fires should be tackled with the vehicle fire extinguishers, if safe to do so
- Enter pits, hollows or troughs
- Allow water to be sprayed onto relief valves

## Emergency Information (Driver and Emergency Services)

### First Aid

- In case of contact with liquid, slowly thaw frosted parts with cold water, then remove clothing carefully
- Seek medical treatment when anyone has symptoms apparently due to inhalation or contact with skin or eyes

## Emergency Services Information

### PPE

- Emergency Services as per vehicle crew. Emergency Action Code requires full protection
- Breathing apparatus, harness and life lines for confined space

### Fire

- Keep load cool by spraying with water - significant risk of catastrophic failure due to increasing pressure when exposed to fire
- Keep personnel away and upwind

### Spillage

- Shut off leaks, if safe to do so
- Keep personnel away and upwind
- Warn personnel in pits, hollows and troughs
- Prevent fluid entering pits, hollows or troughs
- Contain leaking liquid with sand or earth, allow to evaporate naturally - do not use water
- Safety devices may operate unexpectedly when heat applied or insulating jacket damaged, causing danger from cryogenic liquid spraying onto personnel

## Emergency telephone number

**UK: 0500 020202**

**Republic of Ireland: 01 4566526**

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