1 IDENTIFICATION OF THE SUBSTANCE/PREPARATION AND OF THE COMPANY

Product name: R125 (Pentafluoroethane)
Chemical formula: C2HF5
Company identification: see heading and/or footer
Emergency phone numbers: see heading and/or footer

2 COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Substance/Preparation: Substance.
Components/Impurities: Contains no other components or impurities which will influence the classification of the product.
CAS Nr: 354-33-6
EC Nr (from EINECS): 206-557-8

3 HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

Hazards identification: Liquefied gas
In high concentrations may cause asphyxiation.

4 FIRST AID MEASURES

Inhalation: In low concentrations may cause narcotic effects. Symptoms may include dizziness, headache, nausea and loss of co-ordination.
In high concentrations may cause asphyxiation. Symptoms may include loss of mobility/consciousness. Victim may not be aware of asphyxiation.
Remove victim to uncontaminated area wearing self contained breathing apparatus. Keep victim warm and rested. Call a doctor. Apply artificial respiration if breathing stopped.

Skin/eye contact: In case of frostbite spray with water for at least 15 minutes. Apply a sterile dressing.
Immediately flush eyes thoroughly with water for at least 15 minutes.
Obtain medical assistance

Ingestion: Ingestion is not considered a potential route of exposure.

5 FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

Specific hazards: Exposure to fire may cause containers to rupture/explose.
Non flammable

Hazardous combustion products: If involved in a fire the following toxic and/or corrosive fumes may be produced by thermal decomposition:
Carbonyl fluoride
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6 ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Personal precautions
- Evacuate area.
- Wear self-contained breathing apparatus when entering area unless atmosphere is proved to be safe.
- Ensure adequate air ventilation.

Environmental precautions
- Try to stop release.
- Prevent from entering sewers, basements and workpits, or any place where its accumulation can be dangerous.

Clean up methods
- Ventilate area.

7 HANDLING AND STORAGE

Handling and storage
- Suck back of water into the container must be prevented.
- Do not allow backfeed into the container.
- Use only properly specified equipment which is suitable for this product, its supply pressure and temperature. Contact your gas supplier if in doubt.
- Refer to supplier's container handling instructions.
- Keep container below 50°C in a well ventilated place.

8 EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

Exposure limit value for country
- UK: LTDL: 1000ppm

Personal protection
- Ensure adequate ventilation.
- Do not smoke while handling product.

9 PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Molecular weight
- 120

Melting point
- -103 °C

Boiling point
- -48.5 °C

Relative density, gas
- 4.1 (air=1)
Relative density, liquid 1.2 (water=1)
Vapour Pressure 20°C 11.1 bar
Solubility mg/l water 900 mg/l at 25°C
Appearance/Colour Colourless gas
Odour Ethereal
Other data Gas/vapour heavier than air. May accumulate in confined spaces, particularly at or below ground level.

10 STABILITY AND REACTIVITY
Stability and reactivity Stable under normal conditions. Thermal decomposition yields toxic products which can be corrosive in the presence of moisture.

11 TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION
General May produce irregular heart beat and nervous symptoms.

12 ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION
General Not covered by the 'Montreal Protocol'.
Ozone depletion factor 0
Global warming factor 0.84 (R11=1)

13 DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS
General Avoid discharge to atmosphere. Do not discharge into any place where its accumulation could be dangerous. Refer to supplier's waste gas recovery programme. Contact supplier if guidance is required.

14 TRANSPORT INFORMATION
UN Nr 3220
Class 2.2
ADR/RID Classification code 2, 2°A
ADR/RID Hazard Nr 20
Labelling ADR Label 2.2: non flammable non toxic gas
Other transport information

Avoid transport on vehicles where the load space is not separated from the driver's compartment.

Ensure vehicle driver is aware of the potential hazards of the load and knows what to do in the event of an accident or an emergency.

Before transporting product containers ensure that they are firmly secured and:
- cylinder valve is closed and not leaking
- valve outlet cap nut or plug (where provided) is correctly fitted
- valve protection device (where provided) is correctly fitted
- there is adequate ventilation.
- compliance with applicable regulations.

15 REGULATORY INFORMATION

Number in Annex I of Dir 67/548 Not included in Annex I.

EC Classification Not classified as dangerous preparation.

Labelling of cylinders
- Labels
  - Label 2.2: non flammable non toxic gas

16 OTHER INFORMATION

Ensure all national/local regulations are observed.

Contact with liquid may cause cold burns/frost bite.

Asphyxiant in high concentrations.

Keep container in well ventilated place.

Do not breathe the gas.

The hazard of asphyxiation is often overlooked and must be stressed during operator training.

Users of breathing apparatus must be trained.
Before using this product in any new process or experiment, a thorough material compatibility and safety study should be carried out.

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