

**FORANE® 408A****1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION****Company**

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**Fluorochemicals**

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**Emergency Information**

**Transportation:** CHEMTREC: (800) 424-9300  
(24 hrs., 7 days a week)  
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(24 hrs., 7 days a week)

**Product Information**

**Product name:** FORANE® 408A  
**Synonyms:** R-408A, HFC 408A, FORANE FX 10  
**Molecular formula:** Complex Mixture  
**Chemical family:** Hydrochlorofluorocarbon  
**Molecular weight:** 87.01 g/mol  
**Product use:** Low temperature refrigerant, Air conditioning

**2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION****Emergency Overview**

**Color:** Clear - colourless  
**Physical state:** gaseous  
**Form:** Liquefied gas  
**Odor:** Slightly ether-like

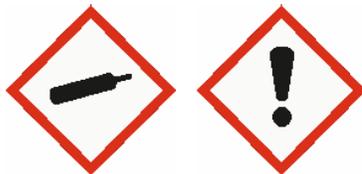
**\*Classification of the substance or mixture:**

Gases under pressure, Liquefied gas, H280  
Hazardous to the ozone layer, Category 1, H420

\*For the full text of the H-Statements mentioned in this Section, see Section 16.

**FORANE® 408A****GHS-Labeling**

Hazard pictograms:



Signal word:

**Warning****Hazard statements:**

H280 : Contains gas under pressure; may explode if heated.

H420 : Harms public health and the environment by destroying ozone in the upper atmosphere.

**Supplemental Hazard Statements:**

Overheating or overpressurizing may cause gas release or violent cylinder bursting. May decompose on contact with flames or extremely hot metal surfaces to produce toxic and corrosive products. May cause frostbite. May cause headache, nausea, dizziness, drowsiness, loss of consciousness. May cause cardiac sensitization/cardiac arrhythmia. May displace oxygen and cause rapid suffocation.

**Precautionary statements:****Storage:**

P403 : Store in a well-ventilated place.

P410 : Protect from sunlight.

**Disposal:**

P502 : Refer to manufacturer/ supplier for information on recovery/ recycling.

**Supplemental information:****Potential Health Effects:**

Liquid : Contact with liquid or refrigerated gas can cause cold burns and frostbite. Vapor: Vapor is heavier than air and can cause suffocation by reducing oxygen available for breathing. If inhaled: Central nervous system effects: headache, nausea, dizziness, drowsiness, loss of consciousness. Stress induced heart effects: Inhalation may cause an increase in the sensitivity of the heart to adrenaline, which could result in irregular or rapid heartbeats and reduced heart function.

**Medical conditions aggravated by overexposure:**

Heart disease or compromised heart function.

**3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS**

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Chemical Name	CAS-No.	Wt/Wt	GHS Classification**
Methane, chlorodifluoro-	75-45-6	>= 30 - < 60 %	H280, H420
Ethane, 1,1,1-trifluoro-	420-46-2	>= 30 - < 60 %	H220, H280
Ethane, pentafluoro-	354-33-6	>= 5 - < 10 %	H280

\*\*For the full text of the H-Statements mentioned in this Section, see Section 16.

**4. FIRST AID MEASURES**

**Inhalation:**

If inhaled, remove victim to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. Get medical attention.

**Skin:**

If on skin, flush exposed skin with lukewarm water (not hot), or use other means to warm skin slowly. Get medical attention if frostbitten by liquid or if irritation occurs. Remove contaminated clothing and shoes. Wash clothing before reuse. Thoroughly clean shoes before reuse.

**Eyes:**

Immediately flush eye(s) with plenty of water.

**Ingestion:**

Ingestion is not applicable - product is a gas at ambient temperatures.

**Notes to physician:**

Do not give drugs from adrenaline-ephedrine group.

**5. FIREFIGHTING MEASURES**

**Extinguishing media (suitable):**

Use extinguishing media appropriate to surrounding fire conditions.

**Protective equipment:**

Fire fighters and others who may be exposed to products of combustion should wear full fire fighting turn out gear (full Bunker Gear) and self-contained breathing apparatus (pressure demand / NIOSH approved or equivalent).

**Further firefighting advice:**

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Fight fire with large amounts of water from a safe distance.  
Stop the flow of gas if possible.  
Water mist should be used to reduce vapor concentrations in air.  
Cool closed containers exposed to fire with water spray.  
Closed containers of this material may explode when subjected to heat from surrounding fire.  
After a fire, wait until the material has cooled to room temperature before initiating clean-up activities.  
Fire fighting equipment should be thoroughly decontaminated after use.

**Fire and explosion hazards:**

May decompose on contact with flames or extremely hot metal surfaces to produce toxic and corrosive products.  
Liquid and gas under pressure, overheating or overpressurizing may cause gas release and/or violent cylinder bursting.

Container may explode if heated due to resulting pressure rise.

Some mixtures of HCFCs and/or HFCs, and air or oxygen may be combustible if pressurized and exposed to extreme heat or flame.

When burned, the following hazardous products of combustion can occur:

hydrofluoric acid  
Carbon oxides  
Carbonyl halides

**6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES****In case of spill or leak:**

Prevent further leakage or spillage if you can do so without risk. Evacuate area of all unnecessary personnel.  
Eliminate all ignition sources. Use Halogen leak detector or other suitable means to locate leaks or check atmosphere. Keep upwind. Evacuate enclosed spaces and disperse gas with floor-level forced-air ventilation. Avoid breathing leaked material. Consult a regulatory specialist to determine appropriate state or local reporting requirements, for assistance in waste characterization and/or hazardous waste disposal and other requirements listed in pertinent environmental permits.

**7. HANDLING AND STORAGE****Handling****General information on handling:**

Avoid breathing gas.  
Avoid contact with skin, eyes and clothing.  
Keep away from heat, sparks and flames.  
Wear cold-insulating gloves/face shield/eye protection.  
Keep container closed.  
Use only with adequate ventilation.  
Use equipment rated for cylinder pressure.  
Use a backflow preventative device in piping.  
Wash thoroughly after handling.  
Close valve after each use and when empty.  
Do not enter confined spaces unless adequately ventilated.  
DO NOT CUT, DRILL, GRIND, OR WELD ON OR NEAR THIS CONTAINER.  
Emptied container retains vapor and product residue.  
Observe all labeled safeguards until container is cleaned, reconditioned or destroyed.

**Storage**

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**General information on storage conditions:**

Keep away from direct sunlight. Keep cylinders restrained. Store in cool, dry, well ventilated area away from sources of ignition such as flame, sparks and static electricity.

**Storage stability – Remarks:**

Do not apply direct flame to cylinder. Do not store cylinder in direct sun or expose it to heat above 120 F (48.9 C.). Do not drop or refill this cylinder.

**Storage incompatibility – General:**

Store separate from:

Finely divided metals (aluminium, magnesium, zinc...)

Strong bases

Alkali metals

Alkaline earth metals

Strong oxidizing agents

**Temperature tolerance – Do not store above:**

118 °F (48 °C)

**8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION**

**Airborne Exposure Guidelines:**

**Methane, chlorodifluoro- (75-45-6)**

US. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values

Time weighted average	1,000 ppm
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**Ethane, 1,1,1-trifluoro- (420-46-2)**

US. OARS. WEELs Workplace Environmental Exposure Level Guide

Time weighted average	1,000 ppm (3,400 mg/m3)
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<b>Remarks:</b>	Listed
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**Ethane, pentafluoro- (354-33-6)**

US. OARS. WEELs Workplace Environmental Exposure Level Guide

Time weighted average	1,000 ppm (4,900 mg/m3)
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<b>Remarks:</b>	Listed
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Only those components with exposure limits are printed in this section. Limits with skin contact designation above have skin contact effect. Air sampling alone is insufficient to accurately quantitate exposure. Measures to prevent significant cutaneous absorption may be required. Limits with a sensitizer designation above mean that exposure to this material may cause allergic reactions.

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**Engineering controls:**

Investigate engineering techniques to reduce exposures below airborne exposure limits or to otherwise reduce exposures. Provide ventilation if necessary to minimize exposures or to control exposure levels to below airborne exposure limits (if applicable see above). If practical, use local mechanical exhaust ventilation at sources of air contamination such as open process equipment.

Monitor carbon monoxide and oxygen levels in tanks and enclosed spaces. Consult ACGIH ventilation manual, NFPA Standard 91 and NFPA Standard 654 for design of exhaust system and safe handling.

**Respiratory protection:**

Avoid breathing gas. Where airborne exposure is likely or airborne exposure limits are exceeded (if applicable, see above), use NIOSH approved respiratory protection equipment appropriate to the material and/or its components (full facepiece recommended). Consult respirator manufacturer to determine appropriate type equipment for a given application. Observe respirator use limitations specified by NIOSH or the manufacturer. For emergency and other conditions where there may be a potential for significant exposure or where exposure limit may be significantly exceeded, use an approved full face positive-pressure, self-contained breathing apparatus or positive-pressure airline with auxiliary self-contained air supply. Respiratory protection programs must comply with 29 CFR § 1910.134.

**Skin protection:**

Wear appropriate chemical resistant protective clothing and chemical resistant gloves to prevent skin contact. Consult glove manufacturer to determine appropriate type glove material for given application. Rinse immediately if skin is contaminated. Wash contaminated clothing and clean protective equipment before reuse. Wash thoroughly after handling.

**Eye protection:**

Use good industrial practice to avoid eye contact.

<b>9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES</b>
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<b>Color:</b>	Clear - colourless
<b>Physical state:</b>	gaseous
<b>Form:</b>	Liquefied gas
<b>Odor:</b>	Slightly ether-like
<b>Odor threshold:</b>	not determined
<b>Flash point</b>	Not applicable
<b>Auto-ignition temperature:</b>	not determined
<b>Lower flammable limit (LFL):</b>	None.
<b>Upper flammable limit (UFL):</b>	None.

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<b>pH:</b>	Not applicable
<b>Density:</b>	not determined
<b>Specific Gravity (Relative density):</b>	1.06 (77 °F( 25 °C))
<b>Vapor pressure:</b>	7,834 mmHg (70.0 °F (21.1 °C))
<b>Vapor density:</b>	3.02 kg/m3
<b>Boiling point/boiling range:</b>	-46.3 °F (-43.5 °C)
<b>Freezing point:</b>	not determined
<b>Melting point:</b>	not determined
<b>Evaporation rate:</b>	No data available
<b>Solubility in water:</b>	Slightly soluble
<b>% Volatiles:</b>	100 %
<b>Molecular weight:</b>	87.01 g/mol
<b>Oil/water partition coefficient:</b>	No data available
<b>Thermal decomposition</b>	No data available
<b>Flammability:</b>	See GHS Classification in Section 2

<b>10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY</b>
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**Stability:**  
This material is chemically stable under normal and anticipated storage, handling and processing conditions.

**Materials to avoid:**  
Alkaline earth metals  
Strong oxidizing agents  
Finely divided metals (aluminium, magnesium, zinc...)  
Alkali metals  
Strong bases

**Conditions / hazards to avoid:**  
Heat

**Hazardous decomposition products:**  
  
Thermal decomposition giving toxic and corrosive products :  
Hydrogen fluoride  
Carbonyl halides

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Carbon oxides

**11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

Data on this material and/or its components are summarized below.

**Data for Methane, chlorodifluoro- (75-45-6)****Acute toxicity****Inhalation:**

Practically nontoxic. (Rat) 4 h LC50 220000 ppm. (Gas)

**Skin Irritation:**

Practically non-irritating. (Rabbit) (Rapid evaporation of the liquid may cause frostbite.)

**Eye Irritation:**

Causes mild eye irritation. (Rabbit) (30 s) signs: Rapid evaporation of the liquid may cause frostbite (gas spray)

**Sensitization:**

Causes cardiac sensitization. (dog, rat, mouse, rabbit and monkey) irregular heart beat, rapid heart beat, in some cases, sudden death

**Skin Sensitization:**

Not a sensitizer. Repeated skin exposure. (Guinea pig) No skin allergy was observed

**Repeated dose toxicity**

Chronic inhalation administration to rat, mouse / No adverse systemic effects reported.

Chronic oral administration to Rat / No adverse systemic effects reported.

**Carcinogenicity**

Chronic inhalation administration to mice / signs: No increase in tumor incidence was reported.

Chronic inhalation administration to female rat / signs: No increase in tumor incidence was reported.

Chronic inhalation administration to male rat / affected organ(s): salivary gland / signs: Increased incidence of tumors was reported.

**Genotoxicity****Assessment in Vitro:**

Genetic changes were observed in laboratory tests using: bacteria

No genetic changes were observed in laboratory tests using: animal cells, yeast

**Genotoxicity****Assessment in Vivo:**

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No genetic changes were observed in laboratory tests using: mice

**Developmental toxicity**

Exposure during pregnancy. inhalation (Rat) / Birth defects were observed. (eye)  
Exposure during pregnancy. inhalation (Rabbit) / No birth defects were observed.

**Reproductive effects**

Reproduction test. inhalation (rat and mouse) / No toxicity to reproduction / (males)

**Human experience****Inhalation:**

Lung: Asphyxia, suffocation.

Heart: Palpitation. (based on reports of occupational exposure to workers)

**Human experience****Skin contact:**

Skin: irritation, redness, swelling. (repeated or prolonged exposure)

**Data for Ethane, 1,1,1-trifluoro- (420-46-2)****Acute toxicity****Inhalation:**

No deaths occurred. (Rat) 4 h LC0 > 591000 ppm.

**Sensitization:**

Causes cardiac sensitization. Inhalation. (Dog) Stress induced heart effects: irregular heart beat, rapid heart beat, in some cases, sudden death (Reaction may occur in response to stress (natural adrenaline release) or administration of epinephrine.)

**Repeated dose toxicity**

Repeated inhalation administration to rat and guinea pig / affected organ(s): lung / signs: irritation, bronchitis, pneumonia

Chronic oral administration to rat / No adverse effects reported.

**Carcinogenicity**

Chronic oral administration to rat / signs: No increase in tumor incidence was reported.

**Genotoxicity****Assessment in Vitro:**

No genetic changes were observed in laboratory tests using: bacteria, human cells

**Genotoxicity****Assessment in Vivo:**

No genetic changes were observed in laboratory tests using: mice

**Developmental toxicity**

Exposure during pregnancy. Inhalation (rat and rabbit) / No birth defects were observed.

**Data for Ethane, pentafluoro- (354-33-6)**

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**Acute toxicity**

**Inhalation:**

Practically nontoxic. (Rat) 4 h LC50 > 800000 ppm. (Gas)

**Sensitization:**

Causes cardiac sensitization. inhalation. (Dog) Stress induced heart effects: irregular heart beat, rapid heart beat, in some cases, sudden death (Reaction may occur in response to stress (natural adrenaline release) or administration of epinephrine.)

**Repeated dose toxicity**

Subchronic inhalation administration to Rat / No adverse systemic effects reported.

**Genotoxicity**

**Assessment in Vitro:**

No genetic changes were observed in laboratory tests using: bacteria, animal cells, human cells

**Genotoxicity**

**Assessment in Vivo:**

No genetic changes were observed in laboratory tests using: mice

**Developmental toxicity**

Exposure during pregnancy. inhalation (rat and rabbit) / No birth defects were observed.

<b>12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION</b>
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**Chemical Fate and Pathway**

Data on this material and/or its components are summarized below.

**Data for Methane, chlorodifluoro- (75-45-6)**

**Biodegradation:**

Not readily biodegradable. (28 d) biodegradation 0 %

**Octanol Water Partition Coefficient:**

log Pow = 1.08 (Practically no potential to bioaccumulate.)

**Photodegradation:**

Half-life direct photolysis: = 8.4 y

**Mobility and Distribution in the Environment:**

Moderate adsorption / Log Koc = 1.8

**Global Warming Potential:**

GWP 1,810 (Global warming potential with respect to CO2 (time horizon 100 years))

GWP 0.33 (Halocarbon global warming potential; HGWP; (R-11 = 1))

**Ozone Depletion Potential:**

ODP 0.055 (Ozone depletion potential; ODP; (R-11 = 1))

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**Data for Ethane, 1,1,1-trifluoro- (420-46-2)****Biodegradation:**

Not readily biodegradable. (28 d) biodegradation 3 - 10 % / similar material

**Octanol Water Partition Coefficient:**

log Pow = 1.73 (calculated)

**Global Warming Potential:**

GWP 3,800 (Global warming potential with respect to CO<sub>2</sub> (time horizon 100 years))

**Ozone Depletion Potential:**

ODP 0 (Ozone depletion potential; ODP; (R-11 = 1))

**Data for Ethane, pentafluoro- (354-33-6)****Biodegradation:**

Not readily biodegradable. (Closed Bottle test, 28 d) biodegradation 5 %

**Octanol Water Partition Coefficient:**

log Pow = 1.48

**Global Warming Potential:**

GWP 0.84 (Halocarbon global warming potential; HGWP; (R-11 = 1))

GWP 3,450 (Global warming potential with respect to CO<sub>2</sub> (time horizon 100 years))

**Ozone Depletion Potential:**

ODP 0.001 (Ozone depletion potential; ODP; (R-11 = 1))

**Ecotoxicology**

Data on this material and/or its components are summarized below.

**Data for Methane, chlorodifluoro- (75-45-6)****Aquatic toxicity data:**

Practically nontoxic. Brachydanio rerio (zebrafish) 96 h LC<sub>50</sub> = 777 mg/l

**Aquatic invertebrates:**

Practically nontoxic. Daphnia magna (Water flea) 48 h EC<sub>50</sub> = 433 mg/l

**Microorganisms:**

Bacteria 24 h Toxicity threshold > 400 mg/l (under anaerobic conditions)

**Data for Ethane, 1,1,1-trifluoro- (420-46-2)****Aquatic toxicity data:**

No adverse effects reported. Oncorhynchus mykiss (rainbow trout) 96 h LC<sub>0</sub> >= 175 mg/l (Nominal concentration)

**Aquatic invertebrates:**

Practically nontoxic. Daphnia magna (Water flea) 48 h EC<sub>50</sub> = 300 mg/l

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**13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS**

**Waste disposal:**

Do not vent the container contents, or product residuals, to the atmosphere. Recover and reclaim unused contents or residuals as appropriate. Recovered/reclaimed product can be returned to an approved certified reclaimer or back to the seller depending on the material. Completely emptied disposable containers can be disposed of as recyclable steel. Returnable cylinders must be returned to seller. Dispose of in accordance with federal, state and local regulations. Consult a regulatory specialist to determine appropriate state or local reporting requirements, for assistance in waste characterization and/or hazardous waste disposal and other requirements listed in pertinent environmental permits. Note: Chemical additions to, processing of, or otherwise altering this material may make this waste management information incomplete, inaccurate, or otherwise inappropriate. Furthermore, state and local waste disposal requirements may be more restrictive or otherwise different from federal laws and regulations.

**14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION**

**US Department of Transportation (DOT)**

UN Number : 3163  
 Proper shipping name : Liquefied gas, n.o.s.  
 Technical name : (Chlorodifluoromethane, 1.1.1-TRIFLUOROETHANE)  
 Class : 2.2  
 Marine pollutant : no

**International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code (IMDG)**

UN Number : 3163  
 Proper shipping name : LIQUEFIED GAS, N.O.S.  
 Technical name : (CHLORODIFLUOROMETHANE, 1.1.1-TRIFLUOROETHANE)  
 Class : 2.2  
 Marine pollutant : no

**15. REGULATORY INFORMATION**

**Chemical Inventory Status**

EU. EINECS	EINECS	Conforms to
US. Toxic Substances Control Act	TSCA	The components of this product are all on the TSCA Inventory.
Australia. Industrial Chemical (Notification and Assessment) Act	AICS	Conforms to
Canada. Canadian Environmental Protection Act (CEPA). Domestic Substances List (DSL)	DSL	All components of this product are on the Canadian DSL.
Japan. Kashin-Hou Law List	ENCS (JP)	Does not conform
Korea. Existing Chemicals Inventory (KECI)	KECI (KR)	Conforms to

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Philippines. The Toxic Substances and Hazardous and Nuclear Waste Control Act	PICCS (PH)	Conforms to
China. Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances	IECSC (CN)	Conforms to
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**United States – Federal Regulations**

**SARA Title III – Section 302 Extremely Hazardous Chemicals:**

The components in this product are either not SARA Section 302 regulated or regulated but present in negligible concentrations.

**SARA Title III - Section 311/312 Hazard Categories:**

Acute Health Hazard, Sudden Release of Pressure Hazard

**SARA Title III – Section 313 Toxic Chemicals:**

<u>Chemical Name</u>	<u>CAS-No.</u>	<u>De minimis concentration</u>	<u>Reportable threshold:</u>
Methane, chlorodifluoro-	75-45-6	1.0 %	25000 lbs (Manufacturing and processing) 10000 lbs (Otherwise used (non-manufacturing/processing))

**Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) - Reportable Quantity (RQ):**

The components in this product are either not CERCLA regulated, regulated but present in negligible concentrations, or regulated with no assigned reportable quantity.

**United States – State Regulations**

**New Jersey Right to Know**

<u>Chemical Name</u>	<u>CAS-No.</u>
Methane, chlorodifluoro-	75-45-6
Ethane, 1,1,1-trifluoro-	420-46-2

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**New Jersey Right to Know – Special Health Hazard Substance(s)**

<u>Chemical Name</u>	<u>CAS-No.</u>
Ethane, 1,1,1-trifluoro-	420-46-2

**Pennsylvania Right to Know**

<u>Chemical Name</u>	<u>CAS-No.</u>
Methane, chlorodifluoro-	75-45-6
Ethane, pentafluoro-	354-33-6
Ethane, 1,1,1-trifluoro-	420-46-2

**Pennsylvania Right to Know – Environmentally Hazardous Substance(s)**

<u>Chemical Name</u>	<u>CAS-No.</u>
Methane, chlorodifluoro-	75-45-6

**California Prop. 65**

This product does not contain any chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer, birth defects, or any other reproductive defects.

<b>16. OTHER INFORMATION</b>
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**Full text of H-Statements referred to under sections 2 and 3.**

H220 Extremely flammable gas.  
H280 Contains gas under pressure; may explode if heated.  
H420 Harms public health and the environment by destroying ozone in the upper atmosphere.

**Latest Revision(s):**

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