GUIDE INFECTIOUS SUBSTANCES 158

POTENTIAL HAZARDS

HEALTH

- Inhalation or contact with substance may cause infection, disease or death.
- Category A Infections Substances (UN2814 or UN2900) are more hazardous, or are in a more hazardous form, than infectious substances shipped as Category B Biological Substances (UN3373) or clinical waste / medical waste (UN3291).
- Runoff from fire control may cause environmental contamination.
- Note: Damaged packages containing solid CO₂ as a refrigerant may produce water or frost from condensation of air. Do not touch this solid or liquid as it could be contaminated by the contents of the parcel.
- Contact with solid CO₂ may cause burns, severe injury and/or frostbite.

FIRE OR EXPLOSION

- · Some of these materials may burn, but none ignite readily.
- Some may be transported in flammable liquids.

PUBLIC SAFETY

- CALL EMERGENCY RESPONSE Telephone Number on Shipping Paper first. If Shipping Paper not available or no answer, refer to appropriate telephone number listed on the inside back cover.
- As an immediate precautionary measure, isolate spill or leak area for at least 25 meters (75 feet) in all directions.
- · Keep unauthorized personnel away.
- · Stay upwind, uphill and/or upstream.
- · Identify the substance involved.

PROTECTIVE CLOTHING

- Wear respiratory protection, such as fit-tested N95 respirator (at minimum), powered air purifying respirator (PAPR), or positive pressure self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA).
- Wear full coverage body protection (e.g., Tyvek suit), faceshield, and disposable fluid-resistant gloves (e.g., latex or nitrile).
- Wear appropriate footwear; disposable shoe covers can be worn to protect against contamination.
- Puncture- and cut-resistant gloves should be worn over fluid-resistant gloves if sharp objects (e.g., broken glass, needles) are present.
- Wear insulated gloves (e.g. cryo gloves) over fluid-resistant gloves when handling dry ice (UN1845).
- Decontaminate protective clothing and personal protective equipment after use and before cleaning
 or disposal with an appropriate chemical disinfectant (e.g., 10% solution of bleach, equivalent to 0.5%
 sodium hypochlorite) or through a validated decontamination technology (e.g., autoclave) or process.
- Structural firefighters' protective clothing will only provide limited protection.



In Canada, an Emergency Response Assistance Plan (ERAP) may be required for this product. Please consult the shipping document and/or the ERAP Program Section (page 391).

EMERGENCY RESPONSE

FIRE

Small Fire

Dry chemical, soda ash, lime or sand.

Large Fire

- Use extinguishing agent suitable for type of surrounding fire.
- Do not scatter spilled material with high-pressure water streams.
- Move containers from fire area if you can do it without risk.

SPILL OR LEAK

- · Do not touch or walk through spilled material.
- Do not touch damaged containers or spilled material unless wearing appropriate protective clothing.
- · Absorb with earth, sand or other non-combustible material.
- Cover damaged package or spilled material with absorbent material such as paper towel, towel or rag to
 absorb any liquids, and, beginning from outside edge, pour liquid bleach or other chemical disinfectant to
 saturate. Keep wet with liquid bleach or other disinfectant.
- DO NOT CLEAN-UP OR DISPOSE OF, EXCEPT UNDER SUPERVISION OF A SPECIALIST.

FIRST AID

- Ensure that medical personnel are aware of the material(s) involved and take precautions to protect themselves.
- · Move victim to a safe isolated area.

CAUTION: Victim may be a source of contamination.

- Call 911 or emergency medical service.
- · Remove and isolate contaminated clothing and shoes.
- In case of contact with substance, immediately flush skin or eyes with running water for at least 20 minutes.
- Effects of exposure (inhalation, ingestion, injection/inoculation or skin contact) to substance may be delayed. Victim should consult medical professional for information regarding symptoms and treatment.
- For further assistance, contact your local Poison Control Center.