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# POTENTIAL HAZARDS

#### HEALTH

- TOXIC; inhalation, ingestion or skin contact with material may cause severe injury or death.
- Contact with molten substance may cause severe burns to skin and eyes.
- · Avoid any skin contact.
- · Effects of contact or inhalation may be delayed.
- · Fire may produce irritating, corrosive and/or toxic gases.
- Runoff from fire control or dilution water may be corrosive and/or toxic and cause environmental contamination.

#### FIRE OR EXPLOSION

- Non-combustible, substance itself does not burn but may decompose upon heating to produce corrosive and/or toxic fumes.
- · Some are oxidizers and may ignite combustibles (wood, paper, oil, clothing, etc.).
- Contact with metals may evolve flammable hydrogen gas.
- Containers may explode when heated.
- For electric vehicles or equipment, GUIDE 147 (lithium ion batteries) or GUIDE 138 (sodium batteries) should also be consulted.

# **PUBLIC SAFETY**

- CALL 911. Then call emergency response telephone number on shipping paper. If shipping paper
  not available or no answer, refer to appropriate telephone number listed on the inside back cover.
- Keep unauthorized personnel away.
- · Stay upwind, uphill and/or upstream.
- · Ventilate closed spaces before entering, but only if properly trained and equipped

#### PROTECTIVE CLOTHING

- Wear positive pressure self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA).
- Wear chemical protective clothing that is specifically recommended by the manufacturer when there is NO RISK OF FIRE.
- Structural firefighters' protective clothing provides thermal protection but only limited chemical protection.

# EVACUATION

## Immediate precautionary measure

 Isolate spill or leak area in all directions for at least 50 meters (150 feet) for liquids and at least 25 meters (75 feet) for solids.

# Spill

- For highlighted materials: see Table 1 Initial Isolation and Protective Action Distances.
- For non-highlighted materials: increase the immediate precautionary measure distance, in the downwind direction, as necessary.

#### Fire

If tank, rail car or tank truck is involved in a fire, ISOLATE for 800 meters (1/2 mile) in all directions; also, consider initial evacuation for 800 meters (1/2 mile) in all directions.



In Canada, an Emergency Response Assistance Plan (ERAP) may be required for this product. Please consult the shipping paper and/or the ERAP Program Section (page 390).

# **EMERGENCY RESPONSE**

#### FIRE

#### Small Fire

Dry chemical, CO<sub>2</sub> or water spray.

#### Large Fire

- Dry chemical, CO<sub>2</sub>, alcohol-resistant foam or water spray.
- If it can be done safely, move undamaged containers away from the area around the fire.
- Dike runoff from fire control for later disposal.

## Fire Involving Tanks or Car/Trailer Loads

- Fight fire from maximum distance or use unmanned master stream devices or monitor nozzles.
- Do not get water inside containers.
- · Cool containers with flooding quantities of water until well after fire is out.
- Withdraw immediately in case of rising sound from venting safety devices or discoloration of tank.
- ALWAYS stay away from tanks engulfed in fire.

#### SPILL OR LEAK

- ELIMINATE all ignition sources (no smoking, flares, sparks or flames) from immediate area.
- Do not touch damaged containers or spilled material unless wearing appropriate protective clothing.
- Stop leak if you can do it without risk.
- Prevent entry into waterways, sewers, basements or confined areas.
- Absorb or cover with dry earth, sand or other non-combustible material and transfer to containers.
- DO NOT GET WATER INSIDE CONTAINERS.

## FIRST AID

- Call 911 or emergency medical service.
- Ensure that medical personnel are aware of the material(s) involved and take precautions to protect themselves.
- Move victim to fresh air if it can be done safely.
- Give artificial respiration if victim is not breathing.
- Do not perform mouth-to-mouth resuscitation if victim ingested or inhaled the substance; wash face and mouth before giving artificial respiration. Use a pocket mask equipped with a one-way valve or other proper respiratory medical device.
- · Administer oxygen if breathing is difficult.
- 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.
- For minor skin contact, avoid spreading material on unaffected skin.
- Keep victim calm and warm.
- Effects of exposure (inhalation, ingestion or skin contact) to substance may be delayed.

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| TABLE 1 - I | NITIAL ISOL | ATION AND PR | ROTECTIVE A | CTION DISTANCES |
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| TABLE 1 - INITIAL ISOLATION AND PROTECTIVE ACTION DISTANCES |       |  |   |                                      |   |          |                                       |   |                                      |                           |        |                             |        |          |
|---|-------|--|---|--------------------------------------|---|----------|---------------------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|--------|-----------------------------|--------|----------|
|   |       |  | SMALL SPILLS<br>(From a small package or small leak from a large package) |                                      |   |          |                                       | LARGE SPILLS (From a large package or from many small packages) |                                      |                           |        |                             |        |          |
|   |       | First<br>ISOLATE<br>in all Directions  |   | Then PROTECT persons Downwind during |   |          | First<br>ISOLATE<br>in all Directions |   | Then PROTECT persons Downwind during |                           |        |                             |        |          |
| ID<br>No.   | Guide | NAME OF MATERIAL   | Meters  | (Feet)                               | DAY NIGH<br>Kilometers (Miles) Kilometers |          |                                       | Meters (Feet)   |                                      | DAY<br>Kilometers (Miles) |        | NIGHT<br>Kilometers (Miles) |        |          |
|   | 154   | Adamsite (when used as a weapon)   | 30 m  | (100 ft)                             | 0.1 km                                    | (0.1 mi) | 0.3 km                                | (0.2 mi)  | 60 m                                 | (200 ft)                  | 0.3 km | (0.2 mi)                    | 1.4 km | (0.9 mi) |
|   | 154   | CX (when used as a weapon)   | 60 m  | (200 ft)                             | 0.2 km                                    | (0.2 mi) | 1.1 km                                | (0.7 mi)  | 200 m                                | (600 ft)                  | 1.2 km | (0.7 mi)                    | 5.1 km | (3.2 mi) |
|   | 154   | DM (when used as a weapon)   | 30 m  | (100 ft)                             | 0.1 km                                    | (0.1 mi) | 0.3 km                                | (0.2 mi)  | 60 m                                 | (200 ft)                  | 0.3 km | (0.2 mi)                    | 1.4 km | (0.9 mi) |
| 1580  | 154   | Chloropicrin   | 60 m  | (200 ft)                             | 0.5 km                                    | (0.3 mi) | 1.2 km                                | (0.8 mi)  | 200 m                                | (600 ft)                  | 2.2 km | (1.4 mi)                    | 3.6 km | (2.3 mi) |
| 1583  | 154   | Chloropicrin mixture, n.o.s.   | 60 m  | (200 ft)                             | 0.5 km                                    | (0.3 mi) | 1.2 km                                | (0.8 mi)  | 200 m                                | (600 ft)                  | 2.2 km | (1.4 mi)                    | 3.6 km | (2.3 mi) |
| 1605  | 154   | Ethylene dibromide   | 30 m  | (100 ft)                             | 0.1 km                                    | (0.1 mi) | 0.1 km                                | (0.1 mi)  | 30 m                                 | (100 ft)                  | 0.1 km | (0.1 mi)                    | 0.2 km | (0.1 mi) |
| 1613  | 154   | Hydrocyanic acid, aqueous solution, with not more than 20% Hydrogen cyanide  | 30 m  | (100 ft)                             | 0.1 km                                    | (0.1 mi) | 0.1 km                                | (0.1 mi)  | 100 m                                | (300 ft)                  | 0.5 km | (0.3 mi)                    | 1.1 km | (0.7 mi) |
| 1613  | 154   | Hydrogen cyanide, aqueous solution, with not more than 20% Hydrogen cyanide  | 30 m  | (100 ft)                             | 0.1 km                                    | (0.1 mi) | 0.1 km                                | (0.1 mi)  | 100 m                                | (300 ft)                  | 0.5 km | (0.3 mi)                    | 1.1 km | (0.7 mi) |
| 1744  | 154   | Bromine  | 60 m  | (200 ft)                             | 0.8 km                                    | (0.5 mi) | 2.3 km                                | (1.5 mi)  | 300 m                                | (1000 ft)                 | 3.8 km | (2.4 mi)                    | 7.5 km | (4.7 mi) |
| 1744  | 154   | Bromine, solution  | 60 m  | (200 ft)                             | 0.8 km                                    | (0.5 mi) | 2.3 km                                | (1.5 mi)  | 300 m                                | (1000 ft)                 | 3.8 km | (2.4 mi)                    | 7.5 km | (4.7 mi) |
| 1744  | 154   | Bromine, solution (Inhalation Hazard Zone A)                                 | 60 m  | (200 ft)                             | 0.8 km                                    | (0.5 mi) | 2.3 km                                | (1.5 mi)  | 300 m                                | (1000 ft)                 | 3.8 km | (2.4 mi)                    | 7.5 km | (4.7 mi) |
| 1744  | 154   | Bromine, solution (Inhalation Hazard Zone B)                                 | 30 m  | (100 ft)                             | 0.1 km                                    | (0.1 mi) | 0.2 km                                | (0.2 mi)  | 30 m                                 | (100 ft)                  | 0.3 km | (0.2 mi)                    | 0.5 km | (0.3 mi) |
| 2927  | 154   | Ethyl phosphonothioic dichloride, anhydrous                                  | 30 m  | (100 ft)                             | 0.1 km                                    | (0.1 mi) | 0.1 km                                | (0.1 mi)  | 30 m                                 | (100 ft)                  | 0.2 km | (0.1 mi)                    | 0.2 km | (0.1 mi) |
| 2927  | 154   | Ethyl phosphorodichloridate  | 30 m  | (100 ft)                             | 0.1 km                                    | (0.1 mi) | 0.1 km                                | (0.1 mi)  | 30 m                                 | (100 ft)                  | 0.3 km | (0.2 mi)                    | 0.3 km | (0.2 mi) |
| 3389  | 154   | Poisonous by inhalation liquid, corrosive, n.o.s. (Inhalation Hazard Zone A) | 100 m   | (300 ft)                             | 0.3 km                                    | (0.2 mi) | 0.8 km                                | (0.5 mi)  | 400 m                                | (1250 ft)                 | 1.4 km | (0.9 mi)                    | 3.3 km | (2.1 mi) |
| 3389  | 154   | Toxic by inhalation liquid, corrosive, n.o.s. (Inhalation Hazard Zone A)     | 100 m   | (300 ft)                             | 0.3 km                                    | (0.2 mi) | 0.8 km                                | (0.5 mi)  | 400 m                                | (1250 ft)                 | 1.4 km | (0.9 mi)                    | 3.3 km | (2.1 mi) |
| 3390  | 154   | Poisonous by inhalation liquid, corrosive, n.o.s. (Inhalation Hazard Zone B) | 30 m  | (100 ft)                             | 0.2 km                                    | (0.1 mi) | 0.2 km                                | (0.1 mi)  | 30 m                                 | (100 ft)                  | 0.4 km | (0.3 mi)                    | 0.6 km | (0.4 mi) |
| 3390  | 154   | Toxic by inhalation liquid, corrosive, n.o.s. (Inhalation Hazard Zone B)     | 30 m  | (100 ft)                             | 0.2 km                                    | (0.1 mi) | 0.2 km                                | (0.1 mi)  | 30 m                                 | (100 ft)                  | 0.4 km | (0.3 mi)                    | 0.6 km | (0.4 mi) |
|   |       |  |   |                                      |   |          |                                       |   |                                      |                           |        |                             |        |          |