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*** SECTION 1: Identification of the substance/mixture and of the company/undertaking**

1.1 Product identifier

Trade name/designation Argon
Art-Nr(n). 3010, 3013
EC No 231-147-0
REACH No. -
CAS No 7440-37-1

*** 1.2 Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against**

*** Use of the substance/mixture**

Cover gas.
Processing aid.

1.3 Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

Supplier

GHC Gerling, Holz & Co. Handels GmbH
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D-22761 Hamburg
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E-mail hamburg@ghc.de
Website www.ghc.com

Department responsible for information:
GHC Gerling, Holz & Co. Handels GmbH
Telephone +49 40 853 123 0

E-mail (competent person):
msds@ghc.de

*** 1.4 Emergency telephone number**

EN: Poison Information Center Mainz +49 6131 19240

*** SECTION 2: Hazards identification**

*** 2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture**

Classification according to Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008 [CLP] Classification procedure

Press. Gas (Comp.), H280

Hazard statements for physical hazards

H280 Contains gas under pressure; may explode if heated.

*** 2.2 Label elements**

*** Labelling according to Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008 [CLP]**

Hazard pictograms



GHS04

Signal word

Warning

Hazard statements

H280 Contains gas under pressure; may explode if heated.

Precautionary statements

P403 Store in a well-ventilated place.

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* **Supplemental hazard information**

EIGA0357 Asphyxiant in high concentrations.
 Please return container with residual pressure.

* **2.3 Other hazards*** **Adverse human health effects and symptoms**

Gas/vapour heavier than air. May accumulate in confined spaces, particularly at or below ground level.
 Contact with liquid may cause cold burns/frostbite.

* **Other adverse effects**

The substance/mixture does not contain components identified as having endocrine disrupting properties according to REACH Article 57(f) or Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2017/2100 or Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2018/605 in quantities of 0.1% or more.

* **Results of PBT and vPvB assessment**

The substance/mixture does not contain components meeting the PBT/vPvB criteria of the Reach Regulation, Annex XIII, at levels of 0.1% or higher.

* **SECTION 3: Composition / information on ingredients****3.1 Substances**

Substance name	Argon
EC No	231-147-0
REACH No.	-
CAS No	7440-37-1

* **Additional information**

Content: >= 99,9 %

* **3.2 Mixtures**

not applicable

* **SECTION 4: First aid measures*** **4.1 Description of first aid measures*** **General information**

Remove contaminated, saturated clothing immediately.
 In the event of persistent symptoms obtain medical treatment.
 First aider: Pay attention to self-protection!

* **Following inhalation**

Remove the casualty into fresh air, keep warm and allow to rest.
 In case of respiratory standstill give artificial respiration by respiratory bag (Ambu bag) or respirator. Obtain medical assistance.

* **Following skin contact**

In case of skin contact rinse with warm water.
 In case of frostbite, wash with plenty of water; do not remove clothing.
 In case of frostbite rinse with lukewarm (not hot) water for at least 15 minutes. Do not remove clothing frozen to the skin.
 Thaw with lukewarm water. Apply a sterile dressing. Obtain medical assistance.

* **After eye contact**

Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. Obtain medical assistance.

Following ingestion

Ingestion is not considered a potential route of exposure.

* **4.2 Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed*** **Symptoms**

Unconsciousness
 Cardiopulmonary arrest.

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4.3 Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

Notes for the doctor

Treat symptomatically.

*** SECTION 5: Firefighting measures**

*** 5.1 Extinguishing media**

*** Suitable extinguishing media**

The product itself does not burn. The product itself does not burn. Match extinguishing measures to surrounding fire.

Foam

Extinguishing powder

Carbon dioxide (CO₂)

Water spray jet

*** Unsuitable extinguishing media**

Full water jet

*** 5.2 Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture**

No data available

*** 5.3 Advice for firefighters**

*** Special protective equipment for firefighters**

Wear a self-contained breathing apparatus and chemical protective clothing.

*** Additional information**

If possible, shut off gas valves and move containers to a safe location.

Use water spray jet to protect personnel and to cool endangered containers.

Exposure to fire may cause rupture / explosion of the containers.

Dispose of fire residues and contaminated extinguishing water in accordance with local, official regulations.

*** SECTION 6: Accidental release measures**

*** 6.1 Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures**

*** For non-emergency personnel**

Use personal protection equipment.

Leave the danger area.

Keep people away and stay on the upwind side.

For emergency responders

Remove persons to safety.

Personal protection by wearing close-fitting protective clothing and breathing apparatus.

*** 6.2 Environmental precautions**

If possible, stop flow of product.

Do not allow to enter into soil/subsoil.

Do not allow to enter into surface water or drains.

*** 6.3 Methods and material for containment and cleaning up**

*** For containment**

If necessary, secure leaky pressure receptacles using a salvage container.

Prevent the liquid from spreading over a wide area (set up barriers, cover sewage systems).

Limit expansion of the gas (water spray jet).

*** For cleaning up**

Leave to vapourize.

Provide adequate ventilation.

*** 6.4 Reference to other sections**

Disposal: see section 13

Personal protection equipment: see section 8

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* **SECTION 7: Handling and storage**

* **7.1 Precautions for safe handling**

- * **Protective measures**
Use only in well-ventilated areas.
Transfer and handle product only in closed systems.
Usual measures for fire prevention.
Containers' temperature should not be increased above 50 °C.
The working pressure in the receptacle must not exceed the saturation vapour pressure of the pure product resulting at a temperature of 50 °C.
Prevent cylinders from falling over.
Ensure valve protection device is correctly fitted.
Ensure valve outlet cap nut or plug (where provided) is correctly fitted.
Open valve slowly to avoid pressure shock.
Do not allow backflow into the container.
Entering of water into the container must be prevented.
No water to valves, flanges and other fittings.
Purging of pipes and valves with inert gases - to avoid: water, solvents.

- * **Advices on general occupational hygiene**
When using do not eat, drink, smoke, sniff.
Wash hands before breaks and after work.
Remove contaminated clothing and protective equipment before entering eating areas.

* **7.2 Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities**

- * **Requirements for storage rooms and vessels**
All regulations and local requirements for the storage of containers have to be respected.
Keep container tightly closed and in a well-ventilated place.
Containers' temperature should not be increased above 50 °C.
Prevent cylinders from falling over.
Only use containers specifically approved for the substance/product.
Information on suitable materials for receptacles and valves see ISO 11114.

- * **Materials to avoid**
Do not store together with explosives.
Do not store together with flammable liquids.
Do not store together with flammable solids.
Do not store together with pyrophoric and self-heating substances.
Do not store together with oxidizing liquids or oxidizing solids.
Do not store together with toxic liquids or toxic solids.
Do not store together with infectious substances.
Do not store together with radioactive material.
Do not store together with food or feed.

* **7.3 Specific end use(s)**

- * **Recommendation**
See section 1.2
An exposure scenario is not required.

* **SECTION 8: Exposure controls/personal protection**

8.1 Control parameters

No data available

* **8.2 Exposure controls**

* **Appropriate engineering controls**

- * **Technical measures to prevent exposure**
Transfer and handle only in enclosed systems.

* **Personal protection equipment**

- * **Eye/face protection**
Protective goggles according to EN 166, in case of increased risk add protective face shield.

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- * **Hand protection**
Safety gloves according to EN 388:
Chromate-free leather
- * **Body protection:**
Safety shoes with steel toecap.
Body covering work clothing or chemical resistant suit at increased risk.
- * **Respiratory protection**
Keep self contained breathing apparatus readily available for emergency use.
Respiratory protection necessary at:
high concentrations
Respiratory protection complying with EN 137.
Do not use any filter apparatus.
In case of rescue and maintenance activities in storage containers use environment-independent breathing apparatus because of risk of suffocation due to displacement of oxygen.
- * **Thermal hazards**
Use cold-resistant protective equipment.
- * **Environmental exposure controls**
- * **Remark**
Prevent release to the environment.

* **SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties*** **9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties**

Physical state
compressed gas

Colour
colourless

Odour
odourless

Safety relevant basis data

	Value	Method	Source, Remark
Odour threshold:			not applicable
Melting point/freezing point			not applicable
Boiling point or initial boiling point and boiling range	-186 °C		
flammability			The product itself does not burn.
Lower and upper explosion limit	Upper explosion limit		not determined
Lower and upper explosion limit	Lower explosion limit		not determined
Flash point			not applicable
Auto-ignition temperature			not determined
Decomposition temperature			No decomposition if used as directed.
pH			not applicable
Viscosity			not applicable
Solubility(ies)	Water solubility 53.6 mg/L (20°C)		
Partition coefficient n-octanol/water (log value)			not determined
Vapour pressure			not determined

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	Value	Method	Source, Remark
Density and/or relative density			not applicable
Relative vapour density	1.38		air = 1
particle characteristics			not applicable

* **9.2 Other information**

* **Information with regard to physical hazard classes**

* **Gases under pressure**

Safety characteristics

	Value	Method, Result	Source, Remark
Critical temperature	-122.4 °C		

* **Other information**

Vapours are heavier than air.

* **SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity**

10.1 Reactivity

See section "Possibility of hazardous reactions".

* **10.2 Chemical stability**

The substance is chemically stable under recommended conditions of storage, use and temperature.

10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions

No hazardous reactions known.

* **10.4 Conditions to avoid**

Heat sources / heat - risk of bursting.
 Ignition sources, open flames, glowing metal surfaces, etc.

* **10.5 Incompatible materials**

No data available

* **10.6 Hazardous decomposition products**

When handled and stored appropriately, no dangerous decomposition products are known.

* **SECTION 11: Toxicological information**

11.1 Information on hazard classes as defined in Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008

* **Acute toxicity**

* **Animal data**

	Effective dose	Method, Evaluation	Source, Remark
Acute oral toxicity	not determined		
Acute dermal toxicity	not determined		
Acute inhalation toxicity	not determined		

* **Other information**

No data available

* **Skin corrosion/irritation**

* **Other information**

Study technically not feasible.

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* **Serious eye damage/irritation**

* **Other information**
 Study technically not feasible.

* **Sensitisation to the respiratory tract**

* **Assessment/classification**
 No data available

* **Skin sensitisation**

* **Other information**
 Study technically not feasible.

* **Germ cell mutagenicity**

* **Other information**
 No data available

* **Carcinogenicity**

* **Other information**
 No data available

* **Reproductive toxicity**

* **Other information**
 No data available

* **STOT-single exposure**

* **STOT SE 1 and 2**
 * **Other information**
 No data available

* **STOT-repeated exposure**

* **Other information**
 No data available

* **Aspiration hazard**

* **Assessment/classification**
 Study technically not feasible.

11.2 Information on other hazards

No data available

* **SECTION 12: Ecological information**

* **12.1 Toxicity**

* **Aquatic toxicity**

	Effective dose	Method, Evaluation	Source, Remark
Acute (short-term) fish toxicity	not determined		
Chronic (long-term) fish toxicity	not determined		
Acute (short-term) toxicity to crustacea	not determined		
Chronic (long-term) toxicity to aquatic invertebrate	not determined		
Acute (short-term) toxicity to algae and cyanobacteria	not determined		
Chronic (long-term) toxicity to aquatic algae and cyanobacteria	not determined		
Toxicity to other aquatic plants/organisms	not determined		

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	Effective dose	Method, Evaluation	Source, Remark
Toxicity to microorganisms	not determined		

* **12.2 Persistence and degradability**

No data available

* **12.3 Bioaccumulative potential**

No data available

* **12.4 Mobility in soil**

No data available

* **12.5 Results of PBT and vPvB assessment**

The substance/mixture does not contain components meeting the PBT/vPvB criteria of the Reach Regulation, Annex XIII, at levels of 0.1% or higher.

* **12.6 Endocrine disrupting properties**

No data available

* **12.7 Other adverse effects**

No data available

* **SECTION 13: Disposal considerations**

* **13.1 Waste treatment methods**

Waste codes/waste designations according to EWC/AVV

Waste code product	Waste name
160505	gases in pressure containers other than those mentioned in 16 05 04

* **Appropriate disposal / Product**

Waste disposal according to directive 2008/98/EC, covering waste and dangerous waste. Prevent release to the environment. No disposal via the sewage.

Appropriate disposal / Package

Transportable pressure equipment (empty, residual pressure): Return to supplier / manufacturer.

* **SECTION 14: Transport information**

	Land transport (ADR/RID)	Sea transport (IMDG)	Air transport (ICAO-TI / IATA-DGR)
14.1 UN number or ID number	UN 1006	UN 1006	UN 1006
14.2 UN proper shipping name	ARGON, COMPRESSED	ARGON, COMPRESSED	Argon, compressed
14.3 Transport hazard class(es)	2.2	2.2	2.2
14.4 Packing group	-	-	-
14.5 Environmental hazards	No	No	No

14.6 Special precautions for user

The protective measures listed in Sections 6, 7 and 8 of the Safety Data Sheet have to be considered.

14.7 Maritime transport in bulk according to IMO instruments

No carriage in bulk.

Land transport (ADR/RID)

UN number or ID number	UN 1006
UN proper shipping name	ARGON, COMPRESSED
Transport hazard class(es)	2.2
Hazard label(s)	2.2

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Classification code	1A
Packing group	-
Environmental hazards	No
Limited quantity (LQ)	120 ml
Special provisions	378, 392, 653, 662
Tunnel restriction code	E

*** Sea transport (IMDG)**

UN number or ID number	UN 1006
UN proper shipping name	ARGON, COMPRESSED
Transport hazard class(es)	2.2
Packing group	-
Environmental hazards	No
Limited quantity (LQ)	120 ml
Marine pollutant	No
EmS	F-C, S-V

*** Air transport (ICAO-TI / IATA-DGR)**

UN number or ID number	UN 1006
UN proper shipping name	Argon, compressed
Transport hazard class(es)	2.2
Packing group	-
Environmental hazards	No

*** SECTION 15: Regulatory information***** 15.1 Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture***** EU legislation***** Restrictions of occupation**

Observe employment restrictions under the Maternity Protection Directive (92/85/EEC) for expectant or nursing mothers.
 Observe restrictions to employment for juvenils according to the 'juvenile work protection guideline' (94/33/EC).

*** Other regulations (EU)***** To follow:**

National and local regulations concerning chemicals shall be observed.

*** 15.2 Chemical Safety Assessment***** National regulations**

For this substance a chemical safety assessment is not required.

*** SECTION 16: Other information***** Abbreviations and acronyms**

Press. Gas (Comp.): Compressed gas (CG)

Key literature references and sources for data

Information from our suppliers and data from the "GESTIS Substances Database" and the "Registered Substances" database of the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) were used to create this safety data sheet.

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Additional information

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Relevant H- and EUH-phrases (Number and full text)

H280 Contains gas under pressure; may explode if heated.

Indication of changes

* Data changed compared with the previous version