1. CHEMICAL PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

Product Name: R 227ea
Product Use: Medical aerosol propellant
Alternate Names: Fluorocarbon 227ea, R227ea, HFC227ea, HFA227ea
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2. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Ingredients:  
1,1,1,2,3,3,3-heptafluoropropane(CAS431-89-0)  100

3. HAZARD IDENTIFICATION

EMERGENCY OVERVIEW:

CAUTION! This product is a clear, colorless, liquefied gas with a faint ether-like odor. Contents under pressure. Cylinders may rupture and rocket under fire conditions. Thermal decomposition can produce toxic and corrosive gases. Vapors are heavier than air. May cause asphyxia. Liquid splashes or spray may cause freeze burns (frostbite). High vapor concentrations may cause dizziness or more severe anesthetic effects. Very high exposures can cause potentially fatal abnormal heart rhythm. Read the entire MSDS for a more thorough evaluation of the hazards.

POTENTIAL HEALTH EFFECTS:

Ingestion: Extremely unlikely to occur in use.

Eye contact: Liquid splashes or spray may cause freeze burns.
Skin contact: Liquid splashes or spray may cause freeze burns.

Skin absorption: This product will probably not be absorbed through human skin.

Inhalation: Exposure to high vapor concentrations can induce anesthetic effects progressing from dizziness, weakness, nausea, to unconsciousness. Very high exposures can cause abnormal heart rhythm, which is potentially fatal. It can act as an asphyxiant by limiting available oxygen.

Other effects of overexposure: None expected.

4. FIRST AID MEASURES

Skin: Immediately wash with plenty of warm water (do not rub). Thaw affected area with water. Remove contaminated clothing. Caution: clothing may adhere to the skin in case of freeze burns. If symptoms (irritation or blistering) develop, get medical attention.

Eyes: Immediately flush with plenty of water. After initial flushing, remove any contact lenses and continue flushing for at least 15 minutes. Hold eyelids open during flushing. Have eyes examined and treated by medical personnel.

Ingestion: Highly unlikely, but should this occur, freeze burns will result. Do not induce vomiting unless instructed to do so by a physician.

Inhalation: Move victim to fresh air. Keep warm and at rest. If breathing is labored, give oxygen. If only breathing has stopped, give artificial respiration with a pocket mask equipped with a one-way valve to prevent exposure to product or body fluids. If breathing has stopped AND there is no pulse, give cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR). Get immediate medical attention.

Note to physician: Symptomatic and supportive therapy, as indicated. Administration of epinephrine or similar sympathomimetic drugs should be with special caution and only in situations of emergency life support as cardiac arrhythmias may result.

5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

Flash Point: Does not flash.
Flammable Limits (Lower): Not applicable.
Flammable Limits (Upper): Not applicable.

Hazardous Reactions: Reacts with finely divided metals such as aluminum, zinc, magnesium, and alloys containing more than 2% magnesium. Can react violently if in contact with alkali metals and alkaline earth metals such as sodium, potassium, or barium.

During a fire the product can form toxic and corrosive gases such as hydrogen fluoride.

Fire and Explosion Hazards: Compressed liquefied gas. Containers may burst under intense heat. Ruptured cylinders may rocket or fragment. Heavy vapor may suffocate.

HFC227ea is not flammable in air under ambient conditions of temperature and pressure. Under conditions of high temperature and pressure, certain HFC227ea /air mixtures were shown to be flammable. Certain mixtures of HFC227ea and chlorine may be flammable under some conditions.

Extinguishing Media: As appropriate for surrounding materials/equipment.

Fire Fighting Procedures: Water spray should be used to cool containers.
**Fire Fighting Protective Equipment:** Use self-contained breathing apparatus with a full-face piece and special protective clothing.

### 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Contents under pressure. Ruptured cylinder may rocket or fragment. This product is a liquefied gas, which exits the container at temperatures capable of causing freeze burns (frostbite).

Precautions should take into account the severity of the leak or spill.

Move unprotected personnel upwind of leaking container. Remove ignition sources and ventilate the spill area. Use recommended personal protection and shut off the leak, if without risk. If possible, elevate leak position to highest point of container (should leak gas, not liquid). Water should never be put on leak nor should cylinder be immersed. If possible, dike and contain spillage. Prevent liquid from entering sewers, sumps, or pit areas since vapor is heavier than air and can create a suffocating atmosphere. Capture material for recycle or destruction if suitable equipment is available.

Notify applicable government authority if release is reportable or could adversely affect the environment.

### 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

**Handling:** Wear appropriate personal protective equipment. A safety shower and eyewash station should be nearby and ready for use.

This product is a liquefied gas, which exits the container at temperatures capable of causing freeze burns (frostbite). Ensure personnel are trained in handling and storing cylinders. Secure containers at all times. Keep containers closed when not in use.

Ensure there is adequate ventilation or use proper respiratory protection in poorly ventilated or confined areas. Avoid causing and inhaling high concentrations of vapor. Atmospheric levels should be controlled to below the occupational exposure limit and kept as low as practicable.

Prevent liquid or vapor from entering sumps or sewers since vapor is heavier than air and may form suffocating atmospheres.

Do not put mixtures of HFC227ea with air or oxygen under pressure; do not use such mixtures for leak or pressure testing.

Do not heat containers.

Liquid transfers between containers may generate static electricity. Ensure adequate grounding.

Avoid trapping liquid between closed valves or overfilling containers as high pressures can develop with an increase in temperature.

Avoid contact with flames or very hot surfaces as corrosive and highly toxic decomposition products can be formed.
**Storage Requirements**: Keep containers tightly closed, in a cool, well-ventilated place. Keep containers dry. Keep away from incompatibles, open flames, hot surfaces, welding operations, and other heat sources.

**Storage Temperature**: Store at temperature not exceeding 125°F. (52°C.).

8. **EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION**

**EXPOSURE GUIDELINES**:

**INGREDIENT NAME**: 1,1,1,2,3,3,3-heptafluoropropane (HFC227ea)

Mexichem Fluor Guideline 1000 ppm 8 hour TWA

No ACGIH TLV or OSHA PEL established.

Minimize exposure in accordance with good hygiene practice.

**PREVENTIVE MEASURES**:

**Engineering Controls**: Use ventilation to maintain safe levels. Where appropriate engineering controls are not in place or are inadequate, wear suitable respiratory equipment.

**PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT**:

**Eye Protection**: Use chemical safety goggles or safety glasses and a face shield when there is potential for eye contact.

**Skin Protection**: Take all precautions to prevent skin contact. Use gloves and protective clothing made of material that has been found by user to be impervious under conditions of use to prevent the skin from becoming frozen from contact with liquid. User should verify impermeability under normal conditions of use prior to general use. Additional protection such as an apron, arm covers, or full body suit may be needed depending on conditions of use.

**Respiratory Protection**: Not normally needed if controls are adequate. If needed, use NIOSH/MSHA approved respirator for organic vapors. For high concentrations and oxygen-deficient atmospheres, use positive pressure air-supplied respirator.

**Other Protection**: Shower and eye wash station.

9. **PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES**

**Appearance**: Clear, colorless liquified gas

**Boiling point**: 2.5°F., -16.4°C.

**Vapor pressure (mmHg at 21°C.)**: 3040

**Vapor density (air = 1)**: 6.04

**Solubility in water**: Slightly soluble

**pH**: Not applicable

**Specific gravity**: 1.46 at 20°C.

**% Volatile by volume**: 100
10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Chemical Stability: Stable under normal conditions.

Incompatibility: Reacts with finely divided metals such as aluminum, zinc, magnesium, and alloys containing more than 2% magnesium. Can react violently if in contact with alkali metals and alkaline earth metals such as sodium, potassium, or barium.

Hazardous Decomposition Products: Hydrogen fluoride by thermal decomposition and hydrolysis. Oxides of carbon and fluoride may be produced by thermal decomposition.

Conditions to Avoid: Keep away from heat, sparks, and flame. Avoid high temperatures.

Hazardous polymerization: Will not occur.

11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

POSSIBLE HUMAN HEALTH EFFECTS:

Routes of exposure: Inhalation, ingestion, eye, and skin contact.

Inhalation: High atmospheric concentrations may lead to anesthetic effects, including loss of consciousness. Very high exposures may cause an abnormal heart rhythm and prove suddenly fatal. Higher concentrations may cause asphyxiation due to reduced oxygen content of the atmosphere.

Ingestion: Highly unlikely, but should this occur, freeze burns will result.

Eye contact: Liquid splashes or spray may cause freeze burns.

Skin contact: Liquid splashes or spray may cause freeze burns.

Other effects: None anticipated.

Carcinogenicity: None of the ingredients are classified as carcinogenic by IARC, ACGIH, NTP, or OSHA.

ANIMAL DATA:

The inhalation 4 hour LC50 in rats was greater than 788,700 ppm HFC227ea.

Meaningful studies of skin and eye irritancy and skin sensitization could not be performed because of volatility.

The threshold for cardiac sensitization (arrhythmias) in dogs pretreated with epinephrine was an atmosphere of 105,000 ppm. The no observed effect level (NOEL) was 90,000 ppm.

No effect of any kind was seen in a 90-day inhalation study in the rat at dose levels up to and including 105,000 ppm (6 hours per day, 5 days per week).

No developmental effects were seen in rabbits or rats following inhalation exposures to 105,000 ppm during gestation.

A lifetime inhalation study in rats has shown that exposure to 50,000 ppm resulted in benign tumors of the testes. The increased tumor incidence was observed only after prolonged exposure to high levels.

HFC 227ea showed no genetic toxicity in a range of in-vitro and in-vivo tests.
12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Persistence and Degradation: Decomposes comparatively rapidly in the lower atmosphere (troposphere). Atmospheric lifetime is 34.2 years. Products of decomposition will be highly dispersed and hence will have a very low concentration. It is not a significant contributor to photochemical smog and is not considered to be a VOC. Is not considered an ozone-depleting chemical.

Effect on Effluent Treatment: Discharges of the product will enter the atmosphere and will not result in long-term aqueous contamination.

13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Disposal Method: Discarded product is not a hazardous waste under RCRA, 40 CFR 261. However, HFC227ea should be recycled, reclaimed, or destroyed whenever possible.

Container Disposal: Return container to supplier.

14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

DOT Hazard Description:
Proper Shipping Name: Heptafluoropropane or Refrigerant gas R227ea
Hazard Class: 2.2
Identification Number: UN 3296
Packing Group: None
Hazardous Substance (RQ): None
Placard/Label: Non-Flammable gas

15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

TSCA (Toxic Substances Control Act) Regulations, 40 CFR 710: All Ingredients are on the TSCA Chemical Substances Inventory.

CERCLA and SARA Regulations:
40 CFR 372: This product does not contain any chemicals subject to reporting requirements of SARA Section 313.
40 CFR 355: This product does not contain any "extremely hazardous chemical" subject to the requirements of SARA Section 312.

Health: Acute effects (CNS depression, cardiac sensitization).
Physical: Compressed liquefied gas.
(Actions may be necessary under SARA Section 311 – consult regulations for applicability).

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