
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**The Explosives in Harbour Areas
Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1995**

PART V

PACKAGING AND LABELLING

Freight containers

25.—(1) Any person bringing a freight container containing explosives into a harbour or harbour area from inland shall ensure that the container is accompanied by a certificate, given by the person responsible for loading the explosives into the freight container, certifying that the explosives have been safely packed inside that container.

(2) A person opening a freight container containing explosives shall adequately ventilate the interior before entering the freight container or unloading anything from that container and, if he is an employee, his employer shall also ensure that he takes such precautions.

Receptacles

26. Where explosives are brought into a harbour or harbour area from inland in a receptacle, the consignor of those explosives shall ensure that—

- (a) the receptacle is designed, constructed, maintained and closed so as to prevent any of the contents escaping when subjected to the stresses and strains of normal handling or transport except that this shall not prevent the fitting of a suitable safety device;
- (b) the receptacle and any fastenings are, in so far as they are likely to come into contact with the explosives, made of materials which are neither liable to be adversely affected by the explosives nor liable in conjunction with the explosives to form any other substance which is itself a risk to health or safety, and
- (c) the receptacle is correctly filled.

Labelling

27.—(1) Where explosives are brought into a harbour or harbour area from inland in a freight container or receptacle, the consignor of that freight container or receptacle, as the case may be, shall ensure that—

- (a) any such freight container is clearly and durably labelled to show on each vertical side the hazard warning sign of the explosives contained therein; and
- (b) any such receptacle which is liable to be individually handled while in the harbour or harbour area is clearly and durably labelled to show the hazard warning sign of the explosives contained therein and either the name given in the IMDG Code or, if there is no name given, the chemical name or the common name.

(2) It shall be a sufficient compliance with paragraph (1), if a freight container or receptacle which, while in the harbour or harbour area, is or will be required to be labelled in accordance with any of the following provisions, is labelled in accordance with those provisions, namely—

- (a) the 1991 regulations;
- (b) the Technical Instructions for the Safe Transport of Dangerous Goods by Air published by the Council of the International Civil Aviation Organisation;
- (c) the European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road (ADR) signed at Geneva on 30th September 1957; and
- (d) Regulations concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Rail (RID);
- (e) the Merchant Shipping (Dangerous Goods and Marine Pollutants) Regulations 1990⁽¹⁾.

(3) As soon as is practicable after all the explosives have been removed from any freight container, the person in charge of that removal shall ensure that all labels which indicate that explosives are contained therein are obliterated or removed from any such freight container.

⁽¹⁾ S.I. 1990/2605