
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

1998 No. 131

**Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Rail
Regulation (Northern Ireland) 1998**

Part III

Mode of Carriage

Suitability of containers, packages, tank containers, tank wagons and wagons

8.—(1) An operator of any container, tank container, tank wagon or wagon shall not cause or permit to be carried therein any dangerous goods unless the container, tank container, tank wagon or wagon concerned—

- (a) is suitable for such carriage, and
- (b) has been adequately maintained.

(2) A train operator shall not cause or permit to be carried in his train any dangerous goods, in any container, tank container, tank wagon or wagon unless he has taken all reasonable steps to ensure that paragraph (1) has been complied with.

(3) A train operator shall not cause or permit to be carried in his train any dangerous goods in a package unless he has taken all reasonable steps to ensure that the package—

- (a) is suitable for such carriage; and
- (b) has been adequately maintained.

(4) In this regulation the expression “suitable for such carriage” means suitable having regard to—

- (a) the nature and circumstances of the journey to be undertaken; and
- (b) the hazardous properties and quantities of the dangerous goods and of all other goods to be carried with them.