
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**The Identification and Traceability of
Explosives Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2013**

Unique identification

4.—(1) Subject to paragraphs (3) and (4), any person who manufactures an explosive must, as soon as is practicable after that manufacture and before the explosive may be moved away from the site where it is manufactured—

- (a) mark each explosive item in respect of the explosive with a unique identification in accordance with Schedule 2;
- (b) where an associated label in respect of that marking is required by that Schedule, attach the label in accordance with those requirements; and
- (c) where a passive inert electronic tag or associated tag is to be applied in respect of that marking, place that tag in accordance with the applicable provisions of that Schedule.

(2) The unique identification must—

- (a) comprise the components described in Schedule 1; and
- (b) be marked on or firmly affixed to the explosive item concerned in a way which ensures that it is durable and clearly legible.

(3) Paragraph (1) does not apply where the explosive is manufactured for export and is marked with an identification in accordance with the requirements of the importing country for allowing traceability of the explosive.

(4) Where an explosive is subject to a further manufacturing process after its original manufacture, the manufacturer must mark each explosive item in respect of the explosive subjected to that further process, with a new unique identification only if the original unique identification is no longer marked in the way that paragraph (2)(b) requires and any new marking so required must be done as soon as is practicable after that further process and before the explosive may be moved away from the site where it is manufactured.

(5) Subject to paragraph (6), a person who imports an explosive into Northern Ireland must, as soon as is practicable after import and before acquisition of the explosive by another person —

- (a) mark each explosive item in respect of the explosive with a unique identification in accordance with Schedule 2;
- (b) where an associated label in respect of that marking is required by that Schedule, attach the label in accordance with those requirements; and
- (c) where a passive inert electronic tag or associated tag is to be applied in respect of that marking, place that tag in accordance with the applicable provisions of that Schedule.

(6) Paragraph (5) does not apply where the explosive items are marked with a unique identification before importation.

(7) Where a distributor repackages an explosive, the distributor must ensure that—

- (a) the explosive items in respect of the explosive have the unique identification marked on or affixed to them in accordance with Schedule 2;

- (b) where an associated label in respect of that marking is required by that Schedule, the label is attached in accordance with those requirements; and
 - (c) where a passive inert electronic tag or associated tag is applied in respect of that marking, that tag is placed in accordance with the applicable provisions of that Schedule.
- (8) In this regulation, “explosive item” means an explosive article, a container containing an explosive substance or each smallest packaging unit containing explosive.