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

Part VI

Security and Other Safety Measures and Emergency Arrangements

Marshalling and formation of trains

20. The operator of a train which is being used for the carriage of dangerous goods shall ensure that all necessary precautions are taken during the marshalling or formation of that train to prevent the creation of a significant risk or the significant increase of any existing risk to the health or safety of any person.

Safe carriage and security

21. Every person engaged in the carriage of dangerous goods shall take all reasonable steps to ensure that—

- (a) nothing is done during that carriage to create a significant risk or significantly increase any existing risk to the health or safety of any person; and
- (b) unauthorised access to the dangerous goods concerned is prevented.

Prevention of fire, explosion and leakage

22. A person shall not cause or permit anything to be done which is liable to create a significant risk or significantly increase any existing risk of a fire or an explosion whilst dangerous goods are being carried in any container, package, tank container, tank wagon or wagon.

Emergency arrangements

23. Each train operator, facility owner and infrastructure controller shall—

- (a) draw up and, where appropriate, give effect to such safety systems and procedures as will adequately deal with any emergency involving dangerous goods—
 - (i) being carried by the relevant train,
 - (ii) present at the relevant railway facility, or
 - (iii) present on the relevant railway; and
- (b) co-operate with each other so as to ensure effective co-ordination of their respective safety systems and procedures.