

SCHEDULE 8

REQUIREMENTS FOR RADIOACTIVE MATERIALS AND FOR PACKAGINGS AND PACKAGES

PART IV

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR PACKAGINGS AND PACKAGES

1. A package must be so designed in relation to its mass, volume and shape that it can easily and safely be handled and transported and so that it can be properly secured in or on the vehicle during transport.
2. The design of a package must be such that any lifting attachments on it will not fail when used in the intended manner and such that, if failure of the attachments should occur, the ability of the package to meet other requirements of these Regulations would not be impaired, taking into account appropriate safety factors to cover snatch lifting.
3. Any attachment or other feature on the outer surface of a package which could be used to lift it but is not designed to support its mass in accordance with paragraph 2 above must be removed or otherwise rendered incapable of being used during transport.
4. As far as reasonably practicable, packaging must be so designed and finished that the external surfaces are free from protruding features and can easily be decontaminated.
5. As far as reasonably practicable, the outer layer of a package must be so designed as to prevent the collection and retention of water.
6. No feature, not forming an integral part of a package, is to be added to the package at the time of transport if it will reduce the safety of the package.
7. A package must be capable of withstanding the effects of any acceleration, vibration or vibration resonance which may arise under routine conditions of transport without any deterioration in the effectiveness of the closing devices on the various receptacles or in the integrity of the package as a whole, and in particular nuts, bolts, and other securing devices must be so designed as to prevent them from becoming loose or being released unintentionally, even after repeated use.
8. The materials of the packaging and any components or structures thereof must be physically and chemically compatible with each other and with the radioactive contents, taking into account their behaviour under irradiation.
9. All valves through which radioactive contents could otherwise escape must be protected against unauthorised operation.
10. The design of the package must take into account ambient temperatures and pressures that are likely to be encountered in routine conditions of transport.
11. For radioactive material having other dangerous properties, the package design must take into account those properties; see regulations 6(2) and 36.

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