

## **Poisons (Hazardous Substances) Rules**

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**FIRST SCHEDULE Hazardous Substances**

**SECOND SCHEDULE**

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POISONS (HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES) RULES

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1. These Rules may be cited as the Poisons (Hazardous Substances) Rules.

**Definitions**

- 2.—(1) In these Rules, unless the context otherwise requires —

“carrier” means any person undertaking the transport of hazardous substances and includes both carriers for hire or reward and carriers on own account;

“code of practice” means a standard which —

- (a) sets out the method of installation of equipment and the procedure to be followed for the efficient use and maintenance of such equipment;
- (b) recommends precautions to be taken in making, using and maintaining such equipment; or
- (c) specifies the measures or precautions to be taken in designing, planning and constructing such equipment in order to ensure that the requirements laid down in respect of the design, plan and construction of such equipment are complied with;

“consignment” means any load or multi-load of hazardous substances presented by a consignor for transport;

“consignor” means any person who presents a consignment of hazardous substances for transport or on whose behalf such consignment is presented;

“container” means —

- (a) any vessel, can, drum, barrel or other receptacle; or
- (b) where such vessel, can, drum, barrel or other receptacle is contained in another container or is wholly enveloped in a covering or coverings of whatever nature, the outermost container or covering,

as the case may be,

but does not include the carrying tank of a road tanker, a tank container or a freight container;

“emergency action plan” means such plan of action to be taken in the event of any emergency situation involving any hazardous substance as approved by the licensing officer;

“freight container” means an article of transport equipment designed to facilitate the carriage of goods by one or more modes of transport without intermediate re-loading of the contents;

“hazardous substance” means any of the poisons specified in the First Schedule but shall not include such substance when contained in any medical prescription, pharmaceutical preparation, cosmetic or animal feedstuff;

“import”, with its grammatical variations and cognate expressions, means to bring or cause to be brought into Singapore by land, sea or air;

“licensee” means any person licensed under the Act or under these Rules to deal with poisons which are hazardous substances;

“multi-load” means a load consisting of two or more hazardous substances in separate compartments or containers (whether or not a substance which is not a hazardous substance is being conveyed at the same time);

“owner”, in relation to any hazardous substance, includes any person acting as agent for the owner;

“road” has the same meaning as in the Road Traffic Act [Cap. 276];

“road tanker” means a goods vehicle as defined in the Road Traffic Act [Cap. 276] which has a tank that is structurally attached to, or is an integral part of, the frame of the vehicle;

“tank” means a container having a total internal capacity exceeding 250 litres for liquids and 500 litres for gases;

“tank container” means a tank with a total liquid capacity of 450 litres or more which is —

- (a) used for the conveyance of a liquid, gaseous, powdery or granular substance; and
- (b) constructed for repeated use and to facilitate the carriage of goods by one or more modes of transport without need of removal of its

structural equipment or intermediate re-loading of its contents;

“transport” means transport by road and includes any operation incidental to the whole course of carriage, such as loading, unloading and storage in transit;

“vehicle” means any mechanically propelled vehicle or otherwise intended or adapted for use on roads and includes a road tanker and a trailer which does not form part of the vehicle.

(2) For the purposes of these Rules, a combination of a vehicle and one or more trailers shall be treated as one vehicle for so long as they remain attached.

(3) A vehicle shall be deemed for the purposes of these Rules to be used for the transport of a hazardous substance throughout the period —

(a) in the case of a road tanker, from the commencement of loading for the purpose of conveying the substance on a road until the tank or compartment of the tank has been cleaned or purged so that any of the substances or its vapour which remains in it is not sufficient to create a risk to the health or safety of any person; or

(b) in the case of a vehicle carrying a tank container from —

(i) the time at which the tank container containing the hazardous substance is placed on the vehicle; or

(ii) if the tank container was placed on the vehicle before loading was commenced, from the commencement of loading,

for the purpose of conveying the substance on a road until —

(A) the tank container is removed from the vehicle; or

(B) the tank container or compartment of the tank container has been cleaned or purged so that any of the substances or its vapour which remains in it is not sufficient to create a risk to the health or safety of any person,

and in either case, whether or not the vehicle is on a road at the material time.

## PART II

### TRANSPORT OF HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES

#### Application

3. This Part shall apply to the transport or consigning for transport of any hazardous