
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**Dangerous Substances in Harbour Areas
Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1991**

PART VIII

STORAGE OF DANGEROUS SUBSTANCES

Storage tanks

30.—(1) The operator of any storage tank and, where the tank is on a berth, the berth operator shall, before it is used for the storage of a dangerous substance in bulk, consult the Fire Authority for Northern Ireland (“the Fire Authority”) with respect to the fire precautions that should be taken.

(2) Where before 1st June 1992 a storage tank was used for the storage of a dangerous substance in bulk, it shall be a sufficient compliance with paragraph (1) if the berth operator consults the Fire Authority in accordance with that paragraph before 1st December 1992.

(3) The operator of any storage tank shall both before it is used for the storage of any dangerous substance in bulk and during such use ensure that the tank (including any associated equipment) is—

- (a) properly designed, of adequate strength and of good construction from sound and suitable materials;
- (b) suitable for the storage in bulk of that substance;
- (c) properly maintained; and
- (d) sited in a safe place.

(4) The operator of a storage tank who transfers a dangerous substance into that tank shall ensure that—

- (a) the substance is compatible with any other substance (whether dangerous or not) already in the tank;
- (b) the substance does not cause a risk to the health or safety of any person by chemical or physical attack on the tank (including any associated equipment); and
- (c) the tank is filled safely and is not over-filled.