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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**2001 No. 387**

**The Carriage of Explosives by Rail  
Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001**

**Part IV**

**Loading and Unloading**

**Supervision of loading and unloading and requirement to clean and stow safely**

**16.**—(1) The consignor of explosives, other than explosives contained in a sealed container or sealed wagon, shall—

- (a) appoint a responsible person; and
- (b) ensure that that person is in constant attendance during the loading of those explosives.

(2) The consignee of the explosives referred to in paragraph (1) shall—

- (a) appoint a responsible person; and
- (b) ensure that that person is in constant attendance during the unloading of those explosives.

(3) The operator of that container or wagon which is being used for the carriage of explosives shall ensure that—

- (a) prior to loading, the floor of the container or wagon concerned is properly cleaned;
- (b) the explosives are stowed in the container or wagon so that they cannot move or shift in such a way as to create a significant risk or increase significantly any existing risk to the health or safety of any person during carriage.

(4) Other than any person directly concerned with the carriage of the explosives, a person shall not come within 25 metres of those explosives without reasonable cause whilst they are being loaded into or unloaded from any container or wagon.

(5) A person shall not smoke nor carry any source of ignition in the vicinity of explosives whilst they are being loaded into or unloaded from any container or wagon.