
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations make new provision for the packaging of explosives for carriage by all means of transport subject to exceptions set out in regulation 3 and Schedule 1.

By regulation 4 no person may consign explosives for carriage, or knowingly carry explosives, unless they are in packagings which comply with the Regulations.

Specific requirements as to the design and construction of, and materials used in, packagings are set out in regulations 5 and 6.

Packagings containing not more than 400 kg of explosives must be packaged in accordance with a method prescribed for those explosives in the United Nations Recommendations— Regulation 7 . This is the 7th revised edition of the United Nations Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods. The Secretary of State may approve a later edition in substitution for the 7th revised edition— Regulation 2(1) .

Systems are established for the testing and marking of packagings— Regulations 8 to 11 and Schedule 2 .

Regulations 12 and 13 provide for enforcement and powers to grant exemptions. Repeals, revocations and savings are dealt with by Regulation 14 and Schedule 3.

Copies of documents referred to in these Regulations may be obtained as follows:—

- (a) The United Nations Recommendations (Regulation 2(1) and 7) , the European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road (ADR) (Regulation 3(4)(c)) , the Regulations concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Rail (RID) (Regulation 3(4)(b)) , the Convention concerning International Carriage by Rail (COTIF) (Regulation 3(4)(b)) and the Uniform Rules concerning the Contract for International Carriage of Goods by Rail (CIM) (Regulation 3(4)(b)) from Her Majesty's Stationery Office, Publications Centre, PO Box 276, London SW8 5DT, or from one of Her Majesty's Stationery Office Bookshops;
- (b) the International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code, (Regulation 3(4)(a)) from the International Maritime Organisation, 4 Albert Embankment, London SE1 7SR;
- (c) the Technical Instructions for the Safe Transport of Dangerous Goods by Air (1991–92 English language edition) (Regulation 3(4)(a)) from either Freight Merchandising Services c/o Vidap Freight Services Ltd, Green Lane, Hounslow, Middlesex TW4 6DD or IAL—International Aeradio Plc, Aeradio House, Hayes Road, Southall, Middlesex UB2 5NJ.

The conditions mentioned in Regulation 3(1)(c)(v) and the standards mentioned in Regulation 11(1)(a)(i) are available from the Health and Safety Executive, Baynards House, 1 Chepstow Place, Westbourne Grove, London W2 4TF.