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**Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road
Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1997**

Part IV

INFORMATION

Information to be provided by consignors

13.—(1) Subject to paragraph (3), any consignor of dangerous goods shall ensure that any operator engaged by him to carry those goods is provided with the information specified in paragraph (2).

(2) The information referred to in paragraph (1) shall be provided in documentary form prior to carriage and shall comprise—

- (a) in relation to each of the dangerous goods being consigned—
 - (i) the designation;
 - (ii) the classification code preceded by the word “class” or the classification;
 - (iii) the UN Number preceded by the letters “UN”;
 - (iv) any such extra information as may be required to determine the transport category of the dangerous goods; and
 - (v) the control temperature and emergency temperature, where appropriate;
- (b) in relation to the consignment as a whole—
 - (i) where the dangerous goods are carried in packages, either—
 - (aa) the mass or volume of each of the individual packages and the number of packages consigned; or
 - (bb) for each transport category, the sum of the mass or volume of the individual packages consigned;
 - (ii) where the dangerous goods are carried other than in packages either—
 - (aa) the mass or volume of dangerous goods consigned in each container, tank or vehicle and the number of containers or tanks; or
 - (bb) for each transport category, the sum of the mass or volume of all dangerous goods consigned in containers, tanks or vehicles;
 - (iii) the name and address of the consignor;
 - (iv) the name and address of the consignee, if known;
 - (v) such other information as will enable the operator to comply with regulation 14(2);
and

- (vi) a statement signed or authenticated by or on behalf of the consignor (in these Regulations referred to as the “consignor’s declaration”) confirming that, in accordance with the relevant provisions of these Regulations and the CDGCPL Regulations—
 - (aa) the dangerous goods as presented may be carried;
 - (bb) the dangerous goods and any packaging, intermediate bulk container or tank in which they are contained are in a fit condition for carriage and are properly labelled; and
 - (cc) where several packages are packed together in an overpack or in a single container, that this mixed packing is not prohibited.

(3) Subject to regulation 14(2), provided he is carrying the goods referred to in paragraph (1) on his own behalf, that paragraph shall not apply in circumstances where the consignor is also the operator.

(4) A consignor or anyone acting on his behalf shall not provide false or misleading information to any operator engaged by him concerning the dangerous goods to be carried.

Documentation to be provided by operators

14.—(1) Any operator who engages another operator to carry dangerous goods shall ensure that that operator is provided with the information specified in regulation 13(2).

(2) Notwithstanding regulation 13(3), the operator of any vehicle which is to be used for the carriage of dangerous goods shall ensure that the driver of that vehicle is in possession of the Transport Documentation prior to the commencement of the journey.

- (3) The Transport Documentation shall be provided in documentary form and shall comprise—
- (a) the information specified in regulation 13(2);
 - (b) details of the total mass or volume of dangerous goods to be carried or sufficient information to enable the total mass or volume of dangerous goods to be ascertained;
 - (c) the emergency action code, where appropriate;
 - (d) the prescribed temperature where appropriate; and
 - (e) the emergency information.

(4) The emergency information shall comprise details of the measures to be taken by the driver in the event of an accident or emergency and other safety information concerning the goods being carried and shall include—

- (a) details of—
 - (i) the nature of the danger inherent in the dangerous goods being carried and the safety measures to be taken to avert any such danger;
 - (ii) the measures to be taken and treatment to be given in the event of any person coming into contact with the dangerous goods being carried or with any substances which might be evolved;
 - (iii) the measures to be taken in case of fire and, in particular, the fire-fighting appliances or equipment which must not be used;
 - (iv) the measures to be taken in case of breakage or deterioration of packagings or of the dangerous goods being carried, particularly where such breakage or deterioration results in a spillage of the goods onto the road; and
 - (v) the measures to be taken to avoid or minimise damage in the event of spillage of goods considered to be pollutant to the aquatic environment; and

(b) any additional information specified in Schedule 9 relating to the dangerous goods being carried.

(5) An operator or anyone acting on his behalf shall not provide false or misleading information to any other operator engaged by him or to any driver concerning the dangerous goods to be carried.

Documentation to be available during carriage

15.—(1) The driver of any vehicle which is being used for the carriage of dangerous goods shall ensure that the Transport Documentation is—

- (a) subject to paragraph (2), kept readily available on the vehicle at all times while the dangerous goods are being carried; and
- (b) produced on request to any constable or vehicle examiner.

(2) Where a trailer which is being used for the carriage of dangerous goods becomes detached from the motor vehicle—

- (a) (i) the driver of the vehicle shall give the Transport Documentation (or an authenticated copy thereof) to the occupier of any premises on which the trailer is parked; and
- (ii) in such a case, the occupier shall ensure that such documentation is kept readily available at those premises; or
- (b) the driver of the vehicle shall attach the Transport Documentation (or an authenticated copy thereof) to the trailer in a readily visible position.

(3) The driver of any vehicle which has been used for the carriage of dangerous goods shall ensure that any documentation relating solely to dangerous goods which are not then being carried is either removed from the vehicle or placed in a securely closed container clearly marked to show that it does not relate to any dangerous goods which are being carried.

Keeping of information by operators

16. The operator of any vehicle which is used for the carriage of dangerous goods shall keep a record of the information contained within the Transport Documentation, other than the emergency information, in respect of each journey undertaken by the vehicle for a period of at least three months after the completion of the relevant journey.

Information to be displayed on containers, tanks and vehicles

17.—(1) The operator of any container, tank or vehicle which is being used for the carriage of dangerous goods shall ensure that information is displayed on the container, tank or vehicle concerned in accordance with Schedule 10.

(2) A person shall not cause or permit any of the information referred to in Schedule 10 to be displayed on any container, tank or vehicle which is not being used for the carriage of dangerous goods.

(3) Subject to paragraph (6), a person shall not cause or permit any information to be displayed on any container, tank or vehicle which would be likely to confuse the emergency services when read in conjunction with any information displayed in accordance with Schedule 10.

(4) The operator of any container, tank or vehicle and the driver of a vehicle which is being used for the carriage of dangerous goods shall ensure that any danger sign, hazard warning panel, orange-coloured panel or subsidiary hazard sign displayed in accordance with Schedule 10 is kept clean and free from obstruction.

(5) Subject to paragraph (6), the operator of any container, tank or vehicle and the driver of a vehicle which is being used for the carriage of dangerous goods shall ensure that any danger sign,

hazard warning panel, orange-coloured panel or subsidiary hazard sign which does not relate to the dangerous goods being carried, or residues thereof—

- (a) is covered or removed; and
- (b) in the case where an orange-coloured panel is covered, any material used to cover it will remain effective after 15 minutes engulfment in fire.

(6) Notwithstanding paragraphs (3) and (5), any danger sign, hazard warning panel, orange-coloured panel or subsidiary hazard sign displayed on any container, tank or vehicle in accordance with Schedule 10 need not be covered or removed in circumstances where the mass or volume of dangerous goods carried in packages falls below the limit specified in column 3 opposite the entry in column 1 of Table 2 of Schedule 1 for the appropriate transport category.

(7) A person shall not—

- (a) remove any danger sign, hazard warning sign, orange-coloured panel or subsidiary hazard sign displayed in accordance with Schedule 10 from a container, tank or vehicle which is being used for the carriage of dangerous goods, except for the purpose of updating the information thereon;
- (b) falsify any of the information on such a panel or sign.