TRANSPORT OF DANGEROUS GOODS

RETAIL DISTRIBUTION LOADS (formerly Consumer Commodity loads)

This guide is for people involved in the transport of dangerous goods in retail distribution loads. You must have in place systems ensuring dangerous goods are transported safely and legally in accordance with chapter 7.3 of the Australian Dangerous Goods Code 7th Edition (ADG7).

RETAIL DISTRIBUTION LOADS

A retail distribution load is a load of dangerous goods, consisting of goods packed and distributed in a form intended for consumption by individuals for purposes of personal care or household use, that has been consigned from a retail distribution centre or retail outlet, under all of the following conditions:

• the quantity of dangerous goods in the load does not exceed 20% of the total goods in the load;
• the total quantity of dangerous goods on the vehicle does not exceed 2000kg or Litres;
• the load does not contain dangerous goods of Class 2.3 (toxic gas) or Packing Group I;
• the load does not include dangerous goods of Division 6.1 or Class 8 other than those that are packed and suitable for household use, such as:
  (i) domestic pest control products; and
  (ii) personal care products; and
  (iii) domestic cleaning products;
• The following domestic consumer articles may be included in a retail distribution load,
  (i) Party poppers; sparklers and bon bons
  (ii) Domestic smoke detectors
  (iii) Lighters or Lighter Refills
  (iv) Fire Extinguishers with compressed or liquefied gas

MARKING & LABELLING

Where dangerous goods are packed into outer packagings or over-packs they may be labelled with a mixed class label.

(This marking and labelling concession is provided only to facilitate the packing of part or mixed cartons and overpacks at retail distribution centres and retail outlets. This concession is not applicable to suppliers to the retail industry).

PLACARDING

A retail distribution load, where the total load in the transport unit meets all of the above characteristics as detailed in 7.3.1 of ADG7, is not a placard load.

IF ANY OF THE ABOVE CHARACTERISTICS ARE NOT MET (E.G. >2000KG OR L), NORMAL DANGEROUS GOODS LOADING REQUIREMENTS APPLY (I.E. PLACARDING, DANGEROUS GOODS LICENSE, ETC...)

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