



ERMA NEW ZEALAND

INFORMATION SHEET

Code of Practice HSNO COP 16-1
NUMBER 30
February 2007

Code of Practice for Hazardous Substance Storage Compatibility

This industry developed Code of Practice is called:

Hazardous Substances Storage Code

Codes of Practice: What are they and what is their significance?

Codes of Practice are documents approved by the Authority under Sections 78 and 79 of the HSNO Act. In practice they are approved by the ERMA New Zealand Chief Executive under delegated authority.

Codes of Practice are “how to” documents. They tell you how you can meet the requirements of the HSNO regulations and controls, in a way that is legally defensible. However, following the requirements in a code of practice is **not** mandatory. If you have other ways of meeting the requirements then you can adopt those instead.

Most Codes will be developed by industry or user groups rather than by ERMA New Zealand.

Where can you get a copy of this Code?

Code HSNO COP 16-1 was developed by the New Zealand Chemical Industry Council (NZCIC) and can be purchased from their office. The contact details for NZCIC are as follows:

PO Box 5069
Wellington
Email: Joanna@nzcic.org.nz
Website: www.nzcic.org.nz

In addition, a copy of the Code will be held at reception in ERMA New Zealand’s Wellington Office for inspection.

What is the Code about?

The Code was developed to assist Persons in Charge, Approved Handlers and people who store hazardous substances to comply with storage segregation requirements of the HSNO Regulations. It outlines the compatibility of different classes of hazardous substances with each other and some other substances of interest.

Where different classes of hazardous substances are not compatible, the Code addresses the HSNO segregation requirements for these hazardous substances.

What is in the Code?

The Code is presented in the form of a chart with an explanatory key and notes. The Code integrates the compatibility and segregation requirements of regulations 21, 76, 87, 95, 105 and 117 of the Hazardous Substances (Classes 1 to 5 Controls) Regulations 2001 and presents them in pictorial form.

Conclusion

This information sheet has been prepared by ERMA New Zealand to help you decide whether this Code would be of relevance to you. It is **not** in itself a Code of Practice.

The Code is primarily intended to assist Persons in Charge, Approved Handlers and other people who store hazardous substances, to meet the compatibility and segregation requirements of the Hazardous Substances (Classes 1 to 5 Controls) Regulations 2001.

Further information or feedback

For information on hazardous substances compliance visit <http://www.ermanz.govt.nz/hs/index.html> or call our Hazardous Substances Compliance Line on 0800 376234.

ERMA New Zealand
PO Box 131
Wellington 6140

Tel: 04 916 2426

Email: hsinfo@ermanz.govt.nz

Website: www.ermanz.govt.nz