

INFORMATION SHEET

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Code of Practice for the Filling of Below Ground Petrol Tanks by Pumping

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

Codes of Practice are able to be 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 can be how to documents i.e. they tell you how you can meet the requirements of the HSNO regulations and controls in a way that is legally defensible. Furthermore, where specified in the legislation, Codes of Practice may specify alternatives to the nominated standards.

What is this Code about?

Clause 35A in Schedule 8 of the Hazardous Substances (Dangerous Goods and Scheduled Toxic Substances) Transfer Notice 2004 (as amended) requires below ground stationary tanks being filled from tank wagons to be filled utilising:

1. gravity, and
2. liquid tight and vapour tight connections

This clause also provides for the approval of a code of practice that documents an alternative filling procedure.

This code of practice HSNOCOP 14-1 provides for the filling of below ground stationary tanks with petrol at limited filling rates by pumping.

What is in the Code?

It is not possible to give a full summary of the Code in this Information Sheet, but the following information will give you a good indication of what is covered in the Code.

This code of practice is limited to filling tanks with a maximum capacity no greater than 5000 litres and stipulates requirements including:

- Precautions to be taken prior to commencing the filling operation
- Maintaining electrical continuity
- Connection to the stationary tank to be liquid tight and vapour tight.
- Minimum hose diameter
- Fill points
- Vent pipes
- Flow rates

- Tank contents indicator
- Check list of items to be agreed between the owner of the stationary tank and the representative of the company undertaking the filling

Where can you get a copy of this Code?

Code HSNOCOP 14-1 was developed by ERMA New Zealand in association with industry members. A hard copy of the Code will be held at ERMA New Zealand's reception in our Wellington Office. You can inspect a copy there.

It can also be downloaded from the ERMA New Zealand website:
(<http://www.ermanz.govt.nz/resources/publications/pdfs/COP14-1.pdf>).

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.

Further information or feedback

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