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Code of Practice for Pipework Marking for Class 3.1 Flammable Liquid Fuels in Storage Depots

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 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. Also, where provided for in the legislation, they may introduce requirements (such as recognised standards) that are in addition to those specified in the legislation. However, they are **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 21-1 was developed by ERMA New Zealand. 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 is also available on the ERMA New Zealand website: www.ermanz.govt.nz

What is this Code about?

The purpose of this Code of Practice - Pipework Marking for Class 3.1 Flammable Liquid Fuels in Storage Depots - is to provide a means of compliance with the requirements of clause 79(2)(b) of Schedule 8 to the Hazardous Substances (Dangerous Goods and Scheduled Toxic Substances) Transfer Notice 2004 (as amended).

This Code is intended to be applied to existing fuel storage depots to allow continuation of existing practice without the need to obtain approval for a compliance plan. However, it can also be used for new installations to avoid differing standards for marking at the same facility.

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.

Content

The Code covers the following areas for pipework marking:

- Location of markers.
- Colour of markers.
- Design of markers.
- Small pipe identification tags.
- Function markers.

Limitation

This Code is only applicable to pipework connected to an above ground stationary tank in a stationary container system and does not cover:

- Pipelines outside a fuel storage depot boundary.
- Underground tanks.
- Pipework to which the Health and Safety in Employment (Pressure Equipment, Cranes and Passenger Ropeways) Regulations 1999 (PECPR) applies.
- Pipework to which the Health and Safety in Employment (Pipelines) Regulations 1999 applies.

The Code also covers marking of pipework that is not covered by the HSNO legislation. In such cases the information is provided on an advisory basis only, but will provide one source of information for users.

Conclusion

This paper 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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