

# INFORMATION SHEET

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## Code of Practice for the Management of Existing Stationary Container Systems at Timber Treatment Facilities

### 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?

Schedule 8 of the Hazardous Substances (Dangerous Goods and Scheduled Toxic Substances) Transfer Notice 2004 (as amended) provides standards for the design, construction, installation and maintenance for stationary tanks for hazardous substances. Clause 100 of this schedule specifically provides for the adoption of Codes of Practice for existing stationary container systems.

Similarly, Schedule 9 Hazardous Substances (Dangerous Goods and Scheduled Toxic Substances) Transfer Notice 2004 (as amended) provides requirements for secondary container systems and clause 4 specifically provides for the adoption of Codes of Practice for secondary containment systems associated with existing stationary container systems.

This Code of Practice provides transition arrangements to accept the design, installation and management of stationary container systems and associated secondary containment systems that:

1. are used to contain water borne timber preservatives, that is, copper chrome arsenic, alkaline copper quaternary and copper azole, and
2. have a capacity not exceeding 110,000 litres, and
3. were in use (or under construction) as at the commencement date of the relevant transfer notice for the containment of hazardous substances.

For hazardous substances that were transferred in the Hazardous Substances (Dangerous Goods and Scheduled Toxic Substances) Transfer Notice 2004 (as amended), the Stationary Container System must have been in use (or under construction) before the 1<sup>st</sup> of April 2004.

### 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.

## Stationary Container Systems

Existing stationary container systems may have been designed and constructed to standards that are not cited in the Hazardous Substances (Dangerous Goods and Scheduled Toxic Substances) Transfer Notice 2004 (as amended). Furthermore, details of their design and construction may not now be available. This code provides a time frame and controls for accepting these stationary container systems (for purposes of obtaining a Stationary Container System Test Certificate) as alternatives to the controls specified in Schedule 8 of the Hazardous Substances (Dangerous Goods and Scheduled Toxic Substances) Transfer Notice 2004 (as amended). This code is not a complete replacement for this Schedule 8 – it must be considered in conjunction with that schedule.

## Secondary Containment Systems

This code specifies requirements for the management of:

1. stationary container systems, and
2. secondary containment systems

in circumstances whereby the secondary containment system has not been confirmed as meeting the requirements specified in Regulation 39 or 40 of the Hazardous Substances (Emergency Management Regulations 2001).

An example of this is a secondary containment system that has not been verified as being impermeable.

## Where can you get a copy of this Code?

This HSNO COP 25-1 was developed by the Timber Preservation Council with 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 can also be downloaded from the ERMA New Zealand website:

<http://www.ermanz.govt.nz/hs/compliance/codesofpractice.html>

## 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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