



ERMA NEW ZEALAND

INFORMATION SHEET

Code of Practice HSNOCOP 10-1
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Code of Practice for Labelling of Hazardous Substances

This industry developed Code of Practice is called:

Labelling of Hazardous Substances

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

Approved 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. They also facilitate and enable enforcement.

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

Where can you obtain a copy of this Code?

Code HSNOCOP 10-1 was developed by the New Zealand Chemical Industry Council (NZCIC) and can be purchased from their office. The contact details for the NZCIC are as follows:

New Zealand Chemical Industry Council
P O Box 5069,
Wellington
website: www.nzcic.org.nz

Orders for the code HSNOCOP 10-1 can be made by emailing Joanna@nzcic.org.nz. The code is available on CD or in a binder designed to hold the companion codes “Signage for Premises Storing Hazardous Substances and Dangerous Goods” and “Preparation of Safety Data Sheets”.

A copy of the Code is also held at reception in ERMA New Zealand’s Wellington Office for inspection. Refer to the contact details below.

What is the Code about?

The Code was developed to assist Persons in Charge, Approved Handlers and people who package and distribute hazardous substances to comply with the identification requirements of the HSNO Regulations. It outlines the labelling requirements for different classes of hazardous substances and provides examples of compliant labels. It sets out means for meeting the performance requirements for labelling of hazardous substances to achieve compliance with the HSNO Act and its Regulations. This Code is of general applicability; i.e. it is not limited to particular industries or groups of substances.

What is in the Code?

The Code is presented in the form of a guide with explanations of the regulatory requirements. It specifies when labels are required, the content of labels and the format of labels. It also provides examples and relevant pictograms. This includes the hazard information, precautionary phrases and pictograms required to adequately inform the user and the public of the relevant HSNO classification. The code includes examples of compliant labels for ranges of substances.

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 importers, manufacturers and distributors of hazardous substances, to meet the requirements of the Hazardous Substances (Identification) 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.

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