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# INFORMATION SHEET

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## Code of Practice for Pipework Under Pressure

This industry developed Code of Practice is called:

### Approval of the Department of Labour Approved Code of Practice for Pressure Equipment (Excluding Boilers)

#### 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 HSNOCOP 22-1 was developed by the ERMA New Zealand and can be downloaded from the ERMA New Zealand website. The contact details for ERMA New Zealand are as follows:

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PO Box 131  
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Website: [www.ermanz.govt.nz](http://www.ermanz.govt.nz)

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

#### What is the Code about?

The Code was developed to assist Persons in Charge, Engineers, maintenance persons and people who store liquid hazardous substances to comply with pipework requirements of the HSNO Regulations. The code applies only to transfer lines and process pipework downstream of a valve for a stationary tank. This means the flange of the valve furthest from the tank on any valve attached to a tank nozzle. It is recognised that in most situations the head of liquid in such tanks will create pressure in the pipework that may exceed the threshold for

pressure equipment under the Health and Safety in Employment (Pressure Equipment, Cranes and Passenger Ropeways) Regulations 1999 (PECPR).

## What is in the Code?

The Code is presented in the form of a written guide and refers to the Department of Labour Approved Code of Practice for Pressure Equipment (Excluding Boilers) June 2001, which is available from the Department of Labour website <http://www.osh.govt.nz/order/catalogue/792.shtml>. The Code gives effect to recognising this Department of Labour code for the purposes of the HSNO Act.

## 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 pipework requirements of the Hazardous Substances (Dangerous Goods and Scheduled Toxic Substances) Transfer Notice 2004.

## 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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