

INFORMATION SHEET

Code of Practice HSNOCOP 27-1
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Code of Practice for the Management of Explosive Samples

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?

The Aviation Security Service, New Zealand Police and the New Zealand Customs Service hold small quantities of explosive samples for the training of the Explosive Detector Dogs.

Section 12 of the Hazardous Substances (Classes 1 to 5 Controls) Regulations 2001, provides an "Exclusion for substances for use in training explosive detector dogs" when referring to Class 1 substances in Regulations 22 to 31. This Code has been developed by the Aviation Security Service in conjunction with the New Zealand Police and the New Zealand Customs Service and sets out the minimum levels of practice for the management of explosive samples for training of EDDs.

This code provides guidance to:

- (a) Management staff - personnel accepting the responsibilities of 'Person in Charge';
- (b) EDD Handlers - personnel required to handle and use explosives samples in training;
- (c) All other Aviation Security Service, New Zealand Police and the New Zealand Customs Service staff - personnel employed at a place where explosive samples are permanently stored.

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 is divided into 9 sections:

- 1. General
- 2. Management of Explosive Samples
- 3. Packaging, Marking and Labelling of Explosive Samples
- 4. Transport of Explosive Samples

5. Storage of Explosive Samples
6. Use of Explosive Samples for Explosives Detector Dog Training
7. Safety
8. Training
9. Emergency Management

A series of Appendices contains further descriptive and supporting information designed to help comprehension and compliance with the Code.

Where can you get a copy of this Code?

This HSNOCOP 27-1 was developed by the New Zealand Aviation Security Service and is available from them at:

New Zealand Aviation Security Service
P.O. Box 2165
Wellington
Ph: 04 495-2430

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>

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