

Signage at service Stations

Signage The regulations made under the HSNO Act require signs to be erected at service stations.¹

Threshold quantities Table 1 lists the threshold quantities for substances commonly held at service stations.

Table 1: Signage threshold quantities

Substance	Threshold quantity
Petrol	> 50 L
Diesel	> 1,000 L
LPG	> 250 kg

Information required on signs Your service station must have signage that explains the following information.

- The hazardous substances present (see item 1 in Example). The signs do not have to specify the specific substances stored onsite, but you may consider it beneficial to include this information.
- The general type and degree of hazard (see item 2 in Example). The signs must depict the type of hazards associated with the substance.
- Steps to prevent unintended ignition (see item 3 in Example). If the service station exceeds the threshold quantity of a flammable substance, signs must be displayed explaining to people how to avoid the unintended ignition of that substance.
- The action to be taken in an emergency (see item 4 in Example).

Location and visibility When the hazardous substance is held outdoors, signs must be displayed near the substance, for example near the LPG stationary tank or petrol dispensers.

Signs must be easy to read and understand from a distance of 10 m.











Examples The exact nature (for example, size, colour, font or wording) of signs is not prescribed in the regulations. You can have signs that best suit your needs. Some common pictograms are included in the Example .

¹ Regulations 29 and 52 of the Hazardous Substances (Identification) Regulations 2001 and regulation 42 of the Hazardous Substances (Emergency Management) Regulations 2001.

Examples of Signage

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The following are examples of signs used in service stations. The requirements for signage are not prescriptive, so the most suitable approach can be taken.

Item*	Pictogram	Description
		Flammable gas
Items 1 and 2		Flammable liquid
		May be harmful if swallowed and enters airway Mildly irritating to the skin Suspected human carcinogen
		Toxic to aquatic life
Item 3		No smoking
		Stop your engine
		No ignition sources No naked flames (including pilot lights)
		Turn off mobile phone and other electronic devices
		Beware of static electricity
		Use approved containers only Fill portable containers on the ground
Item 4		Dial 111 Fire Service

* See Information Required on Signs.