

Hazardous Substances – Deemed Approved Handler Declaration

This declaration is made in relation to the approved handler requirements set out in Part 3 of a Group Standard and regulation 6 of the Hazardous Substances and New Organisms (Personnel Qualifications) Regulations 2001. It is provided for handlers of hazardous substances involved in manufacturing, storing, distributing, using or disposing of hazardous substances.

This form is a record of your experience and confirms that you have the qualifications to be regarded as an Approved Handler. A "straightforward" version of the relevant regulation is on page 3. You must know about the substance, the equipment that you use and have worked under and have knowledge of the previous legislation.

1. Handler Details

Full name: _____

Residential Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

2. Work Contact Details

Company name: _____

Company Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

3. Describe your Industry:

4. Hazardous substances handled *(Provide an indicative list of the substance, classifications or Group Standard you have been involved with for a consecutive period of two years or more since 2 July 1999)*

(continue list on a separate sheet, if necessary and attach to this form)

Lifecycle Phase *(Indicate your experience of handling the chemicals in the relevant lifecycle areas)*

Manufacture	
Storage (packaged goods, or in bulk containers)	
Distribution (rail, road, sea, air, road tank wagons)	
Use	
Disposal	

5. Safe Use of Hazardous Substances

I have completed the following training on the safe handling and use of hazardous substances.

(Attach any course certificates to this declaration or have them available for inspection. Lack of formal training does not preclude you from meeting the criteria.)

6. Employers endorsement

Where specific evidence may be lacking your manager or supervisor may contribute to and endorse this form to confirm your level of experience.

Signature Employer Representative _____ **Date:** _____

Name of Representative (Print) _____

7. Declaration

By signing this declaration I confirm my belief that I meet the transitional qualifications for an Approved Handler under Regulation 6 of the Hazardous Substances and New Organisms (Personnel Qualifications) Regulations 2001 and can be regarded an Approved Handler for the substances and lifecycles specified.

Signature of Approved Handler _____ **Date:** _____

Name of Approved Handler (Print) _____

Signature of Witness _____ **Date:** _____

Name of Witness (Print) _____

(The witness must know you to provide proof of identity and must not be a relation or member of your household)

Witness Occupation: _____

Address: _____

This declaration is valid until 31 December 2008. A full five year certificate is required by that date. Get your full Approved Handler Test Certificate from a Test Certifier as soon as practical.

IMPORTANT! Keep this declaration in a safe place.

This Transitional Declaration is proof of your experience as an Approved Handler. You may need to provide a copy to your supplier when you purchase tracked substances and if asked by an enforcement officer.

Do NOT send a copy to ERMA New Zealand.

Guidelines to using the Transitional Approved Handler Declaration

Hazardous Substances and New Organisms (Personnel Qualifications) Regulations 2001 Regulation 6 Transitional Qualification for Approved Handlers

This is a "straightforward" version of regulation 6; refer to the original if in any doubt.

Regulation 6 allows a person to be regarded as an Approved Handler. They must have handled the hazardous substances, or other substance with similar hazardous properties under one or more of the previous pieces of legislation for two consecutive years since 2 July 1999. The approval is confined to the lifecycle phases they know and understand.

If you handled dangerous goods, scheduled toxic substances or other hazardous substances previously, you should have been working under one or more the following.

<i>Animal Remedies Act 1967</i>	<i>Dangerous Goods Act 1974</i>	<i>Explosives Act 1957</i>
<i>Gas Act 1992</i>	<i>Health Act 1956</i>	<i>Health and Safety in Employment Act 1992</i>
<i>Land Transport Act 1998</i>	<i>Pesticides Act 1979</i>	<i>Toxic Substances Act 1979</i>

The transitional provisions of the Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act

If you are satisfied that you meet the criteria you will be regarded as an Approved Handler of the hazardous substance concerned, and also of any substance with similar hazardous properties until 31 December 2008.

Approved Handlers are needed for many hazardous substances under the Hazardous Substances and New Organisms (HSNO) Act. In addition some of the highly hazardous substances will require tracking. To purchase (or receive) a tracked substance you are required to prove you are an Approved Handler.

This form is to be used by people who wish to be regarded as an Approved Handler under the transitional provisions of the HSNO Regulations ('deemed' to be an Approved Handler).

Notes:

1. The form is only for a transitional qualification that will last for up to two years. All transitional qualifications will expire on 31 December 2008.
2. By completing this form you are declaring that you meet the requirements of the regulations, i.e.
 - a. You have two years experience handling hazardous substances and are competent to handle them. This experience has been gained since July 1999.
 - b. You are knowledgeable of the previous legislation that applied to the use of the hazardous substances.
 - c. You understand their hazards and the precautions you need to take when using the hazardous substances.
3. The form is designed to lead you through these requirements so that you can assess whether you meet them.
4. When the form has been completed you do not need to send it to anyone. However, in order to purchase tracked pesticides you will need to produce it to your supplier. You will also need to produce it if asked to do so by an enforcement officer.
5. Before 31 December 2008 you must convert from this transitional qualification to a full Approved Handler qualification that lasts for five years. To do this you will need to become familiar with the relevant HSNO legislation and provide evidence of this, and your competence, to a Test Certifier. This form can provide some of the information that a Test Certifier will need to issue a full Approved Handler certificate.

Find more information:

The ERMA New Zealand website www.ermanz.govt.nz

Quick Guide Approved Handlers

Dangerous Goods <http://www.ermanz.govt.nz/resources/publications/pdfs/ER-QG-21-2.pdf>

Pesticides <http://www.ermanz.govt.nz/resources/publications/pdfs/ER-QG-29-1.pdf>

Group Standards <http://www.ermanz.govt.nz/hs/groupstandards/index.html>

Test Certificates and Licences <http://www.ermanz.govt.nz/hs/compliance/abouttc.html>

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

Quick Guide Tracking <http://www.ermanz.govt.nz/resources/publications/pdfs/ER-QG-30-1.pdf>

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