



CRA BULLETIN

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DANGEROUS GOODS LICENCE TRANSITION TO HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES AND NEW ORGANISM ACT (HSNO)

We provide an update to our CRA Bulletin - Issue 1, dated 12 October 2004 outlining the changes to the Dangerous Goods Licences and to clarify some issues that have been raised.

If you already held a Dangerous Goods Licence this should have been renewed and you should have received confirmation of this from ERMA New Zealand, together with advice as to when you should get your Test Certificates. If you have not received confirmation, from ERMA phone them at 0800 376 234 for advice.

The move from previous legislation to the HSNO legislation is happening in stages to ease the transition. Many single component dangerous goods (eg. mineral turpentine (turps) and some thinners) and scheduled toxic substances were transferred on 1 April 2004. Formulated substances such as paints and mixed solvents will be transferred by June 2006.

For those sites that are storing and/or using substances that have been transferred, it is necessary to engage a Test Certifier to provide Test Certificates for your Location and your Approved Handlers. For information on these Test Certificates, refer to *Quick Guide – Location Test Certificate* or *Quick Guide – Approved Handler* on the ERMA New Zealand website. You can also call the toll free 0800 376 234 (Hazardous Substances Compliance Line) for a copy of these publications to be sent to you.

Under the HSNO legislation you must obtain your Location Test Certificates (similar to your Dangerous Goods Licences) and Approved Handler Certificates (persons who are certificated to handle certain substances) in accordance with the time frame as shown below. Please note that different substances will have different classifications and threshold quantities that trigger the need for Approved Handlers and Location Test Certificates.

	Timeframe to obtain Location Test Certificate		Timeframe to obtain Approved Handler	
If your Dangerous Goods licence was a provisional licence, or if your operation has changed substantially in relation to your previous licence such as larger stock holdings, different substances, new location, or change of owner etc or you believe you should have a dangerous goods licence.	Immediately		Immediately	
If you handle a Tracked Substance: Tracked substances are the most hazardous substances - highly flammable or dangerous or deadly poisons.	By 31 December 2004		By 31 December 2004	
	Quantity threshold for Location Test Certificate	Timeframe to obtain Location Test Certificate	Quantity threshold for Approved Handler	Timeframe to obtain Approved Handler
<u>PETROL</u> If you store or use:	Less than 50 litres 50 litres to 49,999 litres 50,000 litres or more	No location certificate requirement In accordance with the alphabetical schedule By 31 December 2004	Less than 100 litres 100 litres to 49,999 litres 50,000 litres or more	No approved handler requirement In accordance with the alphabetical schedule By 31 December 2004
<u>FORMULATED THINNERS</u>	Details regarding quantity and time frame will be advised prior to June 2006		Details regarding quantity and time frame will be advised prior to June 2006	
<u>SOLVENTS (Low Flashpoint)</u> <i>Acetone, butyl acetate, ethanol, ethyl acetate, heptane, hexane, isopropyl acetate, isopropyl alcohol, methanol, methyl ethyl ketone (MEK), toluene</i> If you store or use:	Less than 50 litres 50 litres or greater when use occurring in open containers, 100 litres or more when stored in containers greater than 5 litres, 250 litres or greater when stored in containers up to and including 5 litres *	No location certificate requirement In accordance with the alphabetical schedule	Less than 250 litres 250 litres or greater when stored in containers greater than 5 litres, 500 litres or greater when stored in containers up to and including 5 litres	No approved handler requirement In accordance with the alphabetical schedule

	Quantity threshold for Location Test Certificate	Timeframe to obtain Location Test Certificate	Quantity threshold for Approved Handler	Timeframe to obtain Approved Handler
<u>SOLVENTS (Medium Flashpoint)</u> <i>Butanol, mineral turpentine, p-xylene</i> If you store or use:	Less than 250 litres 250 litres or greater when use occurring in open containers, 500 litres or greater when stored in containers greater than 5 litres, 1500 litres or greater when stored in containers up to and including 5 litres *	No location certificate requirement In accordance with the alphabetical schedule		No approved handler requirement
<u>LPG</u> If you store in gas bottles or tanks:	Less than 100 kg 100 kg to 1,799 litres (960 kg) 1,800 litres (960 kg) or more	No location certificate requirement In accordance with the alphabetical schedule By 31 December 2004	Less than 100 kg 100 kg to 1,799 litres (960 kg) 1,800 litres (960 kg) or more	No approved handler requirement In accordance with the alphabetical schedule By 31 December 2004
<u>PAINT</u>	Details regarding quantity and timeframe will be advised prior to June 2006		Details regarding quantity and timeframe will be advised prior to June 2006	

* Includes containers that are opened occasionally for the contents to be removed.

ALPHABETICAL SCHEDULE

This is determined by the first letter of the name on your Dangerous Goods Licence.

First Letter of Name	Timeframe
A	October 2004
B	December 2004
Ca to Ck	February 2005
Cl to Cz	March 2005
D, E, F	June 2005
G, H	August 2005
I, J, K, L	October 2005
M	November 2005
N, O, P	January 2006
Q, R, S	March 2006
T, U, V	May 2006
W, X, Y, Z, Other	June 2006

For example, if your Dangerous Goods Licence says the company is 'Crash Repairs Ltd' you must have all the necessary Test Certificates by 31 March 2005.

Further information can be obtained from:

- ERMA New Zealand website (Transfer information): <http://www.ermanz.govt.nz/hs/transfer-of-substances.asp>
- Register of Test Certifiers: <http://www.ermanz.govt.nz/search/test-cert-reg.asp>
- Hazardous Substances Advisors: <http://ermanz.govt.nz/hs/hs-advisors.asp>
- Toll free 0800 376 234 (Hazardous Substances Compliance Line)