

Consolidated EPA Notice

Under the Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act 1996

Hazardous Substances (Importers and Manufacturers) Notice 2015

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Objective of notice

This notice will improve the efficient and effective management of hazardous substances by ensuring the Environmental Protection Authority (the Authority) has access to business contact information about businesses that import into or manufacture hazardous substances in New Zealand.

Clause 10 of this notice requires importers of specified substances in the hazard class explosives (class 1) to provide certain information to the Authority, WorkSafe New Zealand (WorkSafe), and the New Zealand Customs Service. It applies these requirements to importers of explosives for which a controlled substance licence is required, and importers of fireworks (except novelty and noise maker fireworks as specifically defined). Controlled substance licences are required under the Health and Safety at Work (Hazardous Substances) Regulations 2017.

This notice uses the hazard classification system set out in the Hazardous Substances (Hazard Classification) Notice 2020.

Note: this consolidated statement of objective takes account of the objective statements in the original notice, and in subsequent amendment notices.

History of Hazardous Substances (Importers and Manufacturers) Notice 2015

The Hazardous Substances (Importers and Manufacturers Information) Notice 2015 came into force on 19 November 2015. By Amendment 1, it was retitled Hazardous Substances (Importers and Manufacturers) Notice 2015. It now incorporates the following amendments.

Amendment	Effective date
Amendment 1	1 December 2017
Amendment 2	1 October 2018
Amendment 3	30 April 2021

Summary of amendments

Amendment 1	Clauses amended
Hazardous Substances (Importers and Manufacturers Information) Amendment Notice 2017	Title, clause 10
Amendment 2	Clauses amended
Hazardous Substances (Importers and Manufacturers) Amendment Notice 2018	Clauses 4(1), 10
Amendment 3	Clauses amended
Hazardous Substances (Amendments and Revocations) Notice 2020	Clause 10

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Part A: General

1. Title

This is the Hazardous Substances (Importers and Manufacturers) Notice 2015.

2. Commencement

This consolidated notice is effective as at 30 April 2021.

3. Application

This notice applies to importers and manufacturers of hazardous substances.

4. Definitions

(1) In this notice, unless the context otherwise requires—

Act means the [Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act 1996](#)

Authority means the Environmental Protection Authority established under the [Environmental Protection Authority Act 2011](#)

container, in relation to a hazardous substance, means anything in or by which a hazardous substance is wholly or partly encased, covered, enclosed, contained or packed, including anything necessary for the container to perform its function as a container

Customs-controlled area has the meaning given to it in the [Customs and Excise Act 1996](#)

importation has the same meaning as in the [Act](#) and **import** has a corresponding meaning

importer, in relation to a hazardous substance, means a person by or for whom a hazardous substance is imported; and includes the consignee of the hazardous substance and a person who is or becomes the owner of or entitled to the possession of or beneficially interested in the hazardous substance on or at any time after its importation and before it has ceased to be subject to the control of the New Zealand Customs Service

label, in relation to a hazardous substance, means a group of written, printed, pictorial or graphic information elements concerning a hazardous substance, that is affixed to or printed on, or attached to the immediate container of that hazardous substance, or to the outside of the packaging of the hazardous substance and includes fold-out labels, multilayer booklets and tie-on tags and **to label** has a corresponding meaning

manufacture, for the purposes of this notice —

(a) means make, prepare, produce, label or pack (including packing into a container) a hazardous substance; and

(b) includes repacking or relabelling a hazardous substance

manufacturer, in relation to a hazardous substance, means a person who manufactures the hazardous substance

personal use, in relation to a hazardous substance, means use by an individual in the individual's personal capacity

prescribed information means the information prescribed in [clause 6](#) of this notice

workplace has the meaning given to it in the [Health and Safety at Work Act 2015](#).

- (2) Any term or expression that is defined in the [Act](#) and used, but not defined, in this notice has the same meaning as in the [Act](#).

Part B: Information requirements

5. Duty of importer or manufacturer to notify Authority

- (1) This clause applies when —
 - (a) an importer first imports a hazardous substance for the purposes of —
 - (i) supply to another person; or
 - (ii) use by the importer in a workplace; or
 - (b) a manufacturer first manufactures a hazardous substance for the purposes of —
 - (i) supply to another person; or
 - (ii) use by the manufacturer in a workplace, other than immediate use.
- (2) An importer or manufacturer must notify the Authority of the prescribed information within the 30 day period after the date of importation or manufacture (as the case may be).
- (3) There is no need to re-notify the Authority merely because the importer imports, or the manufacturer manufactures, a different hazardous substance at a later time.
- (4) For the purposes of subclause (1), the first importation or first manufacture must be treated as meaning the first importation or the first manufacture that occurs after —
 - (a) the commencement of this notice; or
 - (b) the giving of written notice by the Authority to the importer or manufacturer that the Authority intends to dispose of the prescribed information about the importer or manufacturer that the Authority holds for the purpose of this notice.
- (5) This clause does not apply to an individual who imports or manufactures a hazardous substance exclusively for that individual's personal use.

6. Prescribed information

For the purposes of [clause 5](#), the prescribed information is —

- (a) the name of the legal person who is the importer or manufacturer; and
- (b) if different from the name referred to in paragraph (a), the full trading name of the importer or manufacturer; and
- (c) the importer or manufacturer's business address or, if that is not available, residential address, which must, in either case, include a physical address in New Zealand; and
- (d) if the importer or manufacturer maintains a website associated with its business, the website address; and

- (e) contact details for a natural person in New Zealand who is authorised by the importer or manufacturer to act as a contact person, including the person's —
 - (i) name; and
 - (ii) email address; and
 - (iii) telephone number; and
 - (iv) relationship to the importer or manufacturer.

7. Purpose for which prescribed information collected

The purpose for which the Authority collects the prescribed information is to assist the Authority to perform or exercise the functions, duties and powers referred to in [section 11](#) of the Act including, but not limited to, the carrying out of its compliance and enforcement functions under the [Act](#).

8. Manner in which prescribed information to be provided

- (1) The prescribed information must be notified in a manner and form that is acceptable to the Authority.
- (2) The Authority may establish an electronic facility that allows notification to be carried out by electronic means, and may require that notification be carried out by using that electronic facility.
- (3) In any case in which the Authority permits or requires notification by post or by an electronic means, and notification is provided by that means, the notice must be treated as having been received by the Authority on whichever is the earlier of —
 - (a) the date the Authority receives notification; or
 - (b) 5 working days after the notification was sent.

9. Duty to maintain accuracy and currency of prescribed information

- (1) An importer or manufacturer must promptly notify the Authority of any changes to the prescribed information that are required to make it accurate and current.
- (2) For the purpose of allowing the Authority to decide whether it is necessary to continue to hold information about a manufacturer or importer that the Authority has collected under this notice, the Authority may require an importer or manufacturer to advise the Authority whether it has imported or manufactured a hazardous substance within the preceding 2 years.
- (3) [Clause 8](#) applies for the purposes of advising the Authority under this clause.

10. Obligation to provide information and certificate

- (1) This clause applies to—
- (a) Any substance in the hazard class explosives (class 1) in a quantity for which a controlled substance licence is required under [regulations 9.5 and 9.6](#) of the Health and Safety at Work (Hazardous Substances) Regulations 2017; and
 - (b) fireworks with the hazard classification 1.3G, 1.4G, or 1.4S, other than the following:
 - (i) those bonbon crackers, snaps, or similar pyrotechnic novelties or noise makers containing less than 1.7 mg of pyrotechnic substance; or
 - (ii) those amorces, crackshots, or similar pyrotechnic novelties or noise makers containing less than 5 mg of pyrotechnic substance; or
 - (iii) those party poppers, streamer bombs, handblasters, or similar pyrotechnic novelties or noise makers containing less than 20 mg of pyrotechnic substance.
- (2) Prior to uplifting the substance from a Customs-controlled area following importation, the importer must provide information to the Authority and WorkSafe relating to the following matters:
- (a) the importer of the substance;
 - (b) the manufacturer of the substance;
 - (c) the intended port or place from which the explosive is shipped;
 - (d) the maximum quantity of substance to be uplifted;
 - (e) the HSNO approval number of the substance;
 - (f) the description of the substance;
 - (g) the UN number, hazard classification, and proper shipping name of the substance;
 - (h) the intended date and place of uplift;
 - (i) the intended flight number, or name, of the vessel transporting the substance;
 - (j) the proposed location for the storage of the substance, and the location compliance certificate (if applicable);
 - (k) the intended certified handler of the substance (if applicable); and
 - (l) the controlled substance licence of the person intended to be in control of the substance (if applicable).
- (3) The information required by subclause (2) must be provided in a form specified by the Authority.
- (4) Before a substance to which this clause applies may be uplifted following importation, the importer must give to the New Zealand Customs Service evidence that—
- (a) the information required by subclause (2) has been supplied to the Authority; and
 - (b) the Authority has certified that the substance has an approval under [section 29](#) of the Act.
- (5) The evidence required by subclause (4) must be in a form requested by the New Zealand Customs Service.