



## **The Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road Regulations 2007**

### **Competent Authority Exemption 004/ 2008**

#### **Applicable To National Road Transport Only**

#### **The carriage of clinical waste in UN approved inner packagings in UN approved wheeled bins.**

In accordance with the provisions of ADR, the Health and Safety Authority, as competent authority appointed under Section 3 of the Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road Act 1998 (Appointment of Competent Authorities) Order 2007 (S.I. No. 290 of 2007) and in accordance with Regulation 11(1) European Communities (Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road)(ADR Miscellaneous Provisions) Regulations 2007, hereby exempts the relevant participant from ADR 6.3.2, test requirements for packaging, with respect to completed package testing, i.e. inner packagings tested with outer packaging in combination. The transport operation shall however comply with the provisions contained in this document.

#### **Purpose**

The purpose of this exemption is to allow the carriage of inner packagings, both UN approved plastic bags and rigid packagings, containing clinical waste, packed in to outer packagings; 360 litre, 440 litre and 770 litre UN approved wheeled bins which have not been tested in combination, in accordance with ADR.

The following supplementary provisions shall be complied with:

1. The inner and outer packaging shall be UN approved and suitable for the transport of clinical waste.
2. For inner packages containing liquid, sufficient absorbent material shall be present to absorb the total liquid content of the inner packagings.
3. The wheeled bins shall not be over filled such that plastic bags are likely to be damaged by the rigid inner packagings when carried in the same wheeled bin.
4. In all other respects the relevant requirements of ADR shall be complied with.
5. A copy of this exemption must accompany the transport documentation and shall be made available to anyone having a legitimate interest in the shipment.
6. This exemption shall not be used as documentary proof of correct classification. Classification remains the responsibility of the consignor.
7. Any incident resulting in loss of containment of a substance during the transport journey shall be reported immediately in writing to this Authority.
8. The Authority may withdraw this exemption for failure to observe any of these conditions, or for any other reason which the Authority deems sufficient.
9. Any application for renewal of this exemption must be accompanied by a list of any incidents involving the substance that may have occurred.
10. The carrier must consult with the National Roads Authority prior to carrying goods through a tunnel subject to the provisions of ADR.
11. This exemption is valid until the date of expiry, provided no changes are made to the ADR which would affect this approval in the intervening period.

This exemption is effective immediately and expires on 1<sup>st</sup> October **2009**.

Signature:

28<sup>th</sup> November 2008

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