

Competent Authority Exemption 001/ 2010

	<p>The Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road Regulations 2007</p> <p>Applicable To National Road Transport Only</p>
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SRCL Ltd – Reusable sharps containers project

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 SRCL Ltd from ADR 4.1.1.3, design type testing and ADR 6.1.3, marking provisions in respect of specified trial packaging. This exemption is applicable to packaging consisting of 7.5 litre, 15.1 litre and 30.2 litre (2, 4, and 8 gallon) re-usable plastic sharps containers, fitted with either closure type – 1) a “trap door” design closure or 2) a closure fitted with a central bung.

Transport operation shall comply with the provisions contained in this document.

Purpose

This exemption provides for a limited period, the use of non-UN type approved packaging for the collection, carriage and disposal of clinical “sharps” waste - UN3291, clinical waste, unspecified, n.o.s., class 6.2.

Provisions of transport

1. Exempt from package marking provisions ADR 6.1.3, and design type testing ADR 4.1.1.3.
2. Unless otherwise specified in this document the use of the trial packaging must comply with all other provisions of national legislation - Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road Regulations S.I. 288 of 2007 and ADR 2009.
3. Packages to be transported in bespoke wheeled metal cage (trolley), securely stowed (in full rows only) in an upright position. Larger and heavier containers to be stowed in the lower tier(s) of each trolley. Each tier of each trolley must secure the containers in place.
4. All package closures must be properly fitted and closed prior to transit.
5. Metal cages used to convey the containers are to be securely stowed on the vehicle.
6. Only clinical waste designated as “sharps” may be carried in the trial packaging.
7. Each container must be supplied with an absorbent capable of retaining foreseeable quantities of liquid.
8. Carriage under this exemption is limited to SRCL Ltd vehicles and employees.
9. A copy of this exemption shall be carried on board the vehicle during such carriage operations.
10. Trial packages must be decontaminated before re-use.

11. All participants involved in the trial shall be provided with information, training and supervision appropriate to their duties and responsibilities.
12. Any incidents shall be reported immediately to the Health and Safety Authority.

This exemption is valid from December 2010 until December 2011.

Signed: 

Senior Inspector ADR

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