



The European Communities (Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road and Use of Transportable Pressure Equipment) Regulations 2011

Competent Authority Exemption 03 /2011

Applicable To National Road Transport Only

SRCL Ltd – Reusable sharps containers project

In accordance with the provisions of ADR, the Health and Safety Authority, as competent authority appointed under Section 10 of the European Communities (Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road and Use of Transportable Pressure Equipment) Regulations 2011, S.I. 349 and in accordance with Regulation 5 (4) (a) of said regulations, 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 and ADR 2011.
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 until 1st March 2012.

Signed on behalf of the Health and Safety Authority



Martin O'Halloran CEO

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