

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

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Industry Notice – ADR Cross Border Operations

The purpose of this notice is to advise all operators who are responsible for the consignment and carriage of dangerous goods which involves cross border use of vehicles and tanks between Ireland and Northern Ireland, of the ADR provisions which apply to such use.

The carriage of dangerous goods between Ireland and Northern Ireland is an international journey and is subject to the full provisions of ADR (European Agreement Concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road).

ADR requires that vehicles are inspected and certified annually and that tanks are approved and inspected periodically by an appointed tank tester. Vehicles and tanks inspected and certified for <u>national use only</u> are <u>not suitable</u> for cross border use.

Operators engaged in cross border operations while using vehicles/tanks that are certified for national use only are in breach of the ADR, and failure to comply with ADR provisions may result in enforcement action including prosecution while operating in <u>either</u> jurisdiction.

This type of activity must be identified by operators and measures taken to ensure full compliance with ADR for an international cross border journey between Ireland and Northern Ireland.

Support and advice on this matter is available from the Health and Safety Authority at wcu@hsa.ie or visit www.hsa.ie.

Please also ensure to consult with your Dangerous Goods Safety Adviser.