

Dangerous Goods Compliance Limited

This year has seen much activity in the Hazardous Substance environment, especially as industry readies itself for the impending Health and Safety and Hazardous Substance changes.

Did you know...

Hazardous Substance Registers

Registers will soon be mandatory for all individual sites that use or store a hazardous substance. This Register will no doubt include the hazard classification and quantity, and will need to be

accessible to an Enforcement Officer. One reason for the Register is to ascertain whether your quantity ratio triggers the necessity for a Location Test Certificate.



Instant Fines

Instant fines are pending, with the authorities looking at three tiers for any individual, and or organisation depending on the severity of the regulation breach. We understand a new system has been

developed for ease of processing. As a consequence, we recommend you double check any issues you think you may have, as multiple breaches could add up.



Training

We understand that all future HSNO and H&S training for employees will need to be conducted by an NZQA, ITO or similar qualified trainer. It is also proposed Test Certifiers be responsible for checking the quality of training prior to the issuing of

Hazardous Substance or H&S certificates. Essentially, the authorities want quality training, however, the exact outcomes have yet to be finalised.

Watch this space for further updates.



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A new Code of Practice for flammable liquids is pending that will clarify and simplify the current regulations. Essentially there will be one interpretation of the rules as set by WorkSafe NZ to tidy up a few grey areas.

We recommend you periodically review your quantities noted on your Location Test Certificate. This should include your retail area, bunker, cabinet and/or other hazardous substance locations.

Are you within your limits?



Importers

The EPA is looking to initiate a register of importers and manufacturers of hazardous substances to ensure the new regulations are being followed. This is to ensure the requirements of packaging,

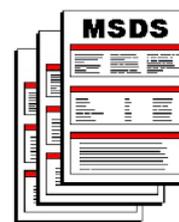
labelling and Safety Data Sheets all meet the new regulations due soon via EPA Notices. We recommend you peruse the Group Standards associated with your imported product to ensure you are compliant.



Safety Data Sheets

If your employee uses or handles a hazardous substance, they will soon be required at induction time to read the appropriate sections of the Safety Data Sheet around use and handling. This

ensures they fully understand their responsibilities, especially around PPE gear. We recommend at your next team meeting you go over a Safety Data Sheet and record that this training has occurred.



WorkSafe NZ visits

WorkSafe NZ are focusing on the Collision Repair industry and paint related product suppliers and users with a mandate to visit all such users and suppliers because of their perceived higher risk. This is not surprising given the recent booth fire in East Tamaki.

We are also aware of a panel and paint shop receiving a prohibition notice on their booth which has effectively closed down their paint operation.

However, saying this, Enforcement Officers are visiting everybody and seem to be asking four key questions, being:

1. Where is your Location Test Certificate?
Displayed in the front office we hope!

2. Who and where is your Approved Handler? The AH certificate should be available on request.
3. Where are the Safety Data Sheets, are they up to date and are they accessible in 10 minutes?
4. Where is the Site Plan and does it note all hazardous locations and zones?

Very shortly this will include, where is your Hazardous Substance register?

We recommend you review your Safety Data Sheets to ensure they are NZ compliant and are no older than 5 years old.



Nationwide Visits

DGC Limited operates nationwide and we have been in the regions nearly every week, catching up with both new and existing clients.

Do you have any other branches out of town that need visiting?

Call Kathy now to book a visit.



Audit Dates

DGC will be in the follows areas:

Northland	w/c: 15 Jun
Waikato/Coromandel	w/c: 29 Jun
Lower North Island	w/c: 13 Jul
South Island	w/c: 3 Aug

Course Dates

Future Approved Handler Training:

Auckland	every 3 weeks
Wellington	16 Sep
Rotorua	22 Sep
Dunedin	29 Sep
Christchurch	30 Sep
Whangarei	6 Oct



DGC Sponsorship

DGC has recently contributed to the Oxfam Trailwalker event and we support the Auckland Rescue Helicopter Trust yearly.

Recently Graham, along with his daughter, attended a Cancer Relay for Life event along with nine other 14 year olds.

Summary

Much is happening and there is a lot of information floating about from proposals, discussion documents and notices. From the outside looking in, it all looks a bit daunting and although much of this newsletter could be considered

alarming, in the long run the proposed changes will bring consistency and simplicity. Accessing the WorkSafe NZ and EPA websites is an option, however, we will periodically keep you informed in plain simple language.

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