



Tasmania

# INFORMATION SHEET

## IS YOUR VEHICLE LICENSED TO TRANSPORT DANGEROUS GOODS IN BULK?

*The Dangerous Goods (Road and Rail Transport) Regulations 1998* (the Regulations) regulates the transport of dangerous goods. Under these Regulations, road vehicles transporting dangerous goods in bulk require a bulk vehicle licence.

**Note:** The requirements for vehicles transporting explosives are not included in this information sheet.

**Vehicle:** for the purpose of licensing, a bulk vehicle licence applies to all vehicles transporting dangerous goods in bulk by road or rail; but does not include a prime mover or converter dolly.

**Bulk:** in relation to the transport of dangerous goods, bulk is defined as:

- Gases (Class 2) in a container having a capacity exceeding 500 litres
- All other classes in a container having a capacity exceeding 450 litres, and in a container having a nett mass exceeding 400 kilograms.

This **dangerous goods bulk vehicle licence** is:

- required for vehicles transporting all classes of bulk dangerous goods (except class 7 — Radioactive substances) as defined in the *Australian Code for the Transport of Dangerous Goods by Road and Rail — Sixth Edition* (the ADG Code)
- issued by Workplace Standards Tasmania for a period of up to three years
- additional to any Transport Tasmania vehicle registration requirements.

A licence is *not* required when:

- the dangerous goods are transported in an intermediate bulk container (IBC) with a total capacity of not more than 3,000 litres
- the IBC is not filled or emptied on the vehicle.

### What is an IBC?

An intermediate bulk container or IBC is:

- a rigid or flexible portable packaging for transporting dangerous goods
- designed for mechanical handling
- designed to resist the stresses encountered during usual handling and transport.

An IBC contains not more than:

- 1,500 litres for solids of Packing Group I if packed in a composite, fibreboard, flexible, wooden or rigid plastic container
- 3,000 litres for solids of Packing Group I if packed in a metal container
- 3,000 litres for solids or liquids of Packing Groups II and III.

A bulk container is an IBC or another container capable of transporting dangerous goods in bulk; however, a tank that is part of a vehicle is not a bulk container.

### Applying for a dangerous goods bulk vehicle licence

Anyone applying to Workplace Standards for a licence may do so through any of its regional offices or any Service Tasmania outlet.

Applications for a licence must include:

- a completed application form (DGF2). Call the Workplace Standards Helpline on 1300 366 322 or go to [www.wst.tas.gov.au](http://www.wst.tas.gov.au) and search for 'bulk vehicle licence'
- payment of the prescribed fee. Call the Workplace Standards Helpline for current fee
- the tank design approval number, including current testing and inspection documentation.

Workplace Standards may require additional information and inspections before the licence is issued.

### **Licence label**

Workplace Standards will issue a licence label for each vehicle to which the licence relates. A vehicle transporting dangerous goods in bulk must display its current label in a prominent location.

### **Licence renewal**

A licence is granted for a maximum of three years and takes effect on the day of issue. Workplace Standards will issue renewal notices three months before the expiry date.

### **Alteration to licence details**

The licence holder is responsible for notifying Workplace Standards on the sale or disposal of a licensed vehicle, or of any changes to the original licence application.

### **General**

- If a licence has already been granted from another state or territory, it is deemed to be mutually acceptable in Tasmania. It should be renewed in the state or territory of its main operation.
- Anyone who transports dangerous goods must do so in accordance with the Regulations and the ADG Code. However, the vehicle only needs to be licensed when transporting dangerous goods in bulk quantities.
- Prime movers used in the conveyance of dangerous goods in bulk do not require a bulk vehicle licence. It is requirement, however, that each prime mover comply with the requirements of the ADG Code and Australian Standard AS 2809.1—1999, *Road tank vehicles for dangerous goods — Part 1: General Requirements* (and the relevant part applicable to the class of dangerous goods being conveyed).
- The Department of Health and Human Services is responsible for regulating the import, transport and storage of Class 7 – Radioactive material. For more information, go to [www.dhhs.tas.gov.au](http://www.dhhs.tas.gov.au)
- If you intend to transport controlled (hazardous) waste for fee or reward, you must have an Environmental Protection Notice issued under the *Environment Management and Pollution Control Act 1994*. This includes transporting sewerage/septic waste, asbestos, and waste oil/pesticides. For further information, call the Department of Primary Industries, Water and Environment on 6233 6518.
- Anyone who transports bulk dangerous goods in vehicles that are not registered with Transport Tasmania for operating on public streets, but are restricted to 'on site' operation only, must still comply with the requirements of the Regulations and the ADG Code.
- The Regulations and other relevant legislation covering dangerous goods bulk vehicle licenses can be viewed at [www.thelaw.tas.gov.au](http://www.thelaw.tas.gov.au) or any regional Workplace Standards office.

### **Bulk driver requirements**

- A driver of a bulk vehicle must hold a current bulk driver's licence. For more information and a free copy of the information sheet *Do you need a dangerous Goods Bulk Drivers Licence?*, call the Workplace Standards Helpline or go to [www.wst.tas.gov.au](http://www.wst.tas.gov.au) and search for 'bulk drivers licence'.

For more information contact Workplace Standards Helpline on 1300 366 322.