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## SELECTION AND USE OF EMERGENCY PROCEDURE GUIDES FOR THE TRANSPORT OF DANGEROUS GOODS

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EMERGENCY PROCEDURE GUIDE—TRANSPORT

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**CORROSIVE** **HAZCHEM**

**NITRIC ACID**

Colourless to light-brown liquid with sharp, irritating red-brown fumes. Will corrode steel and other common metals. Fumes are heavier than air. Carried in tankers, drums and small containers.

UN No. 2032 (Red fuming) 2031 (other)

HAZCHEM 2PE

**HAZARDS**

**Fire** Non-flammable, but may cause a fire if spilt on combustible material.

**Exposure** Liquid causes severe burns to skin and eyes. Fumes will irritate eyes, skin and respiratory passages.

**EMERGENCY PROCEDURES**

**If this happens**

**Spill or leak** Move people from area; contact with gloves, if available. Stop leaks if possible. Wear self-contained clothing, if available. Reposition containers if leak continues, move them to a safe area. Dam or absorb. Neutralize spill with water. Inform the relevant authorities.

**Fire** Acid cannot be extinguished. Move containers to a safe area.

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**CORROSIVE—OXIDIZING AGENT**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ UN No: \_\_\_\_\_ HAZCHEM: \_\_\_\_\_

TRADE NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

\* As prescribed in the Australian Code for the Transport of Dangerous Goods by Road and Rail.  
† Free or common name on label.

**EMERGENCY CONTACTS**  
POLICE OR FIRE BRIGADE; DIAL 000—If ineffective Dial 1100 (exchange)

Organization	Location	Telephone	Ask for

**HAZARDS**

**Fire** Heat produces toxic and corrosive vapours. Does not burn but increases intensity of fire. May cause violent rupture of containers.

\* Harmful or fatal if swallowed, inhaled or absorbed through the skin or irritates eyes, skin and respiratory tract.

† Combustible materials with metallic surfaces to produce toxic gases.

**EMERGENCY PROCEDURES**

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**Do This**

**Action under FOR ALL EMERGENCIES**  
Wearing self-contained breathing apparatus and contact with skin and eyes. Contained breathing apparatus and full protective clothing. Safe to do so.

**Spilling water on LEAK OR SPILLED MATERIAL**  
Consider using water spray to disperse vapour. Spill of material from spillage or entering drains by banking with sand. Spills (solid) with dry sand, earth or other non-combustible material. Wash away residues with liberal amounts of water. Spilled material on extraneous apparatus and full protective clothing. If 2-litre water spray or fog evacuation to 200 metres in all directions if tanker or tanker trailer.

**Banking with sand or earth**  
If safe to do so, remove four containers from path of fire. Do not damage containers. Containers with water.

**First AID**

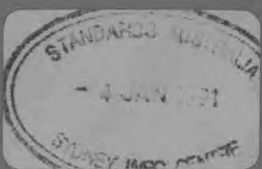
By down, rest, resuscitation or doctor.

Open and wash continuously with water for at least 15 minutes.

Remove contaminated clothing including footwear. Wash affected skin and soles for at least 15 minutes.

See out mouth with plenty of water and if conscious hospital or doctor.

10 litres for 10 to 15 minutes.



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AS 2931—1990

Selection and use of emergency procedure guides for the transport  
of dangerous goods

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REVISED TEXT

The 1990 edition of AS 2931 is amended as follows; the amendments should be inserted in the appropriate place.

**SUMMARY:** This amendment applies to the Preface, Clause 2.4, Section 3, Section 4 and Appendix A.

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## PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by the Standards Australia Committee on Safe Handling of Chemicals to supersede the 1987 edition. It is a necessary adjunct to the series of Standards known as emergency procedure guides (EPGs) devised for the transport of dangerous goods in Australia, and identified by the designation AS 1678.

The Standard is to enable prospective users of EPGs to understand the function of EPGs in the transport system and to select and use the correct EPG for each type of dangerous goods cargo; its use will thereby facilitate systematic management and control of emergency situations during transportation.

This Standard is an integral component of the national drive for increased safety in the handling of chemicals, exemplified by the provisions of the Australian Code for the Transport of Dangerous Goods by Road and Rail.

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'This Standard and the Amendment No 1 to it, have been prepared in conformity with the P15 (1987) edition of the above-mentioned Code. A new edition of this Standard will be prepared following the publication of any new edition of that Code.'

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## Australian Standard

### Selection and use of emergency procedure guides for the transport of dangerous goods

#### SECTION 1 SCOPE AND GENERAL

**1.1 SCOPE.** This Standard provides guidance and requirements on the selection, completion and use of Emergency Procedure Guides (EPGs).

This Standard will—

- (a) help in the correct selection of an EPG;
- (b) define terms used in an EPG;
- (c) serve as a training aid and a reference source for EPGs.

NOTE: To assist in the selection of the corresponding Safe Storage and Handling Information Card (SI Card) of the AS 2508 series, an additional column has been added in this edition to Sections 3 and 4, identifying the appropriate SI Card.

**1.2 APPLICATION.** This Standard is intended for use by persons transporting dangerous goods, as defined below, in quantities equal to or greater than those specified minimum levels nominated in the ADG Code, requiring the carriage of EPGs in the vehicle.

The Standard is to be used in conjunction with AS 1216 and AS 1678, which are complementary, and with the Australian Code for the Transport of Dangerous Goods by Road and Rail (ADG Code; see the second last referenced document in Clause 1.3). This standard does not apply to UN Class 1 (explosives) nor UN Class 7 (radioactives).

**1.3 REFERENCED DOCUMENTS.** The following documents are referred to in this Standard:

AS

1216 Classification, hazard identification and information systems for dangerous goods

1216.1 Part 1: Classification and class labels for dangerous goods

1216.2 Part 2: HAZCHEM Emergency Action Code

1216.3 Part 3: NFPA hazard identification system

1216.4 Part 4: UN substance identification numbers

1678 Emergency procedure guide—Transport

1715 Selection, use and maintenance of respiratory protective devices

2106 Methods for the determination of the flashpoint of flammable liquids (closed cup)

2508 Safe storage and handling information cards for hazardous materials.

Australian Code for the Transport of Dangerous Goods by Road and Rail (ADG Code)\* prepared by the standing national Advisory Committee on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and authorized by the Australian Transport Advisory Council; published by the Australian Government Publishing Service.

IP36 Standard method of test for flash and fire points by Cleveland open cup; published by the Institute of Petroleum (U.K.)

**1.4 DEFINITIONS.** For the purpose of this Standard, the definitions below apply.

**1.4.1 Breathing apparatus**—a personal respirator worn to provide protection from the hazards of gases, vapours, fumes and dusts. Breathing apparatus may be of the cartridge or canister type, self-contained air supply, remote air supply or dust mask type.

**WARNING THE READER SHOULD REFER TO AS 1715 FOR THE SELECTION, CARE, USE AND LIMITATIONS OF VARIOUS TYPES OF BREATHING APPARATUS.**

**1.4.2 Corrosives**—substances which, by chemical action can cause severe damage when in contact with living tissue or, in the case of leakage, will materially damage or even destroy other goods, containers or the means of transport.

**1.4.3 Cryogenic**—describing gases that have liquefied when cooled to temperatures below  $-150^{\circ}\text{C}$ , e.g. liquid nitrogen.

NOTE: Cryogenic substances can produce severe body burns, similar to heat burns, or can cause embrittlement of materials such as metals.

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\* This document is referenced numerous times in this Standard, where it is abbreviated as the ADG Code.