

Chemicals of Concern

REGULATING THE SALE OF TEN (10) RESTRICTED COMPONENTS

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New regulations for sales of ten (10) restricted components

Sellers of restricted components have been required to meet security measures under the Restricted Component Regulations of the Explosives Act since June 1, 2008. These regulations have been superseded by Part 20 of the Explosives Regulations, 2013, which came into effect February 1, 2014.

A brochure that is specific to ammonium nitrate is available at nrcan.gc.ca/explosives.

The additional nine (9) restricted components covered in this brochure are

- hydrogen peroxide at a concentration of at least 30 percent
- nitric acid at a concentration of at least 75 percent
- nitromethane, UN number 1261
- potassium chlorate, UN number 1485
- potassium perchlorate, UN number 1489
- sodium chlorate in solid form, UN number 1495
- potassium nitrate, UN number 1486
- sodium nitrate in solid form, UN number 1498
- potassium nitrate and sodium nitrate mixture, UN number 1499

The Explosives Regulatory Division (ERD) of Natural Resources Canada's (NRCan's) Explosives Safety and Security Branch is responsible for administering Canada's Explosives Act and its regulations. Amendments to the Act contained in the Public Safety Act, 2002 included regulation-making provisions for the security of restricted components of explosives.

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Regulations for sellers of these nine (9) restricted components

If you manufacture, import, export, purchase, provide or distribute for sale any amount of these nine (9) restricted components or if you sell products that contain or are made from any of these restricted components, you must comply with Part 20 of NRCan's Explosives Regulations, 2013 by

- enrolling with ERD to ensure that you are listed as an authorized seller of these restricted components or products that contain or are made from these restricted components
- taking security measures to protect your product supply and all related documentation from theft and unauthorized access
- asking customers for proper identification (e.g. government photo ID) and how they intend to use the product

For more information and to enrol, sellers of these restricted components are encouraged to consult the Restricted Components Regulations posted on the ERD Web site at nrcan.gc.ca/explosives.

Regulations for users of these nine (9) restricted components

If you use any of these nine (9) restricted components, you will be asked to provide proper identification (e.g. government-issued photo ID) to your supplier and explain how you intend to use the product.

Outreach and compliance

Outreach and compliance with these regulations will be provided and monitored by Inspectors of Explosives from ERD.

Additional information

For more information about these nine (9) restricted components or to report suspicious activity, contact

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