EXPLOSIVES

1956 No. 1048

The Conveyance in Harbours of Government Explosives and Explosives of Visiting Forces Regulations, 1956

Made - - - -	*5th July*, 1956
Coming into Operation	*1st September*, 1956

The Admiralty, the Secretary of State for War, the Secretary of State for Air and the Minister of Supply, in exercise of the powers conferred upon them by the provisions of paragraph (5) of Section 97 of the Explosives Act, 1875(**a**), as extended by Section 2 of, and paragraph 4 of the Second Schedule to, the Emergency Laws (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1947(**b**), and of the powers conferred upon them by the said provisions (extended as aforesaid) as the same have effect by virtue of the Visiting Forces (Application of Law) Order, 1954(**c**), and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby make the following Regulations :—

Citation, Operation and Revocation

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as The Conveyance in Harbours of Government Explosives and Explosives of Visiting Forces Regulations, 1956, and shall come into operation on the 1st day of September, 1956.

(2) The Conveyance of Government Explosives in Harbours Regulations, 1953(**d**), are hereby revoked.

(3) Where any conveyance of Government explosives has been commenced before the date of the coming into operation of these Regulations and has not been completed by that date, those explosives may be conveyed for the rest of that conveyance either in accordance with these Regulations, or in accordance with the provisions of the said revoked Regulations.

Scope

2. These Regulations apply to the conveyance in harbour areas in Great Britain and Northern Ireland of:—

(*a*) any explosive—

(i) which, not being under the control of any of the Service or Supply Departments, is otherwise held for the service of the Crown for the purposes of any of those Departments, or

(ii) the conveyance of which is certified by one of those Departments to be in connection with the execution of a contract with the certifying Department; and

(**a**) 38 & 39 Vict. c. 17.
(**b**) 11 & 12 Geo. 6. c. 10.
(**c**) S.I. 1954/635 (1954 II, p. 2465).
(**d**) S.I. 1953/1703 (1953 I, p. 719).

(*b*) any explosive—

(i) which, not being under the control of the service authorities of a visiting force, is otherwise held for the service of that visiting force, or

(ii) the conveyance of which is certified by one of the Service or Supply Departments to be in connection with the execution of a contract with the service authorities of a visiting force :

and the expressions " Government explosive " and " explosive of a visiting force " in these Regulations mean such explosive as is described respectively in sub-paragraphs (*a*) and (*b*) of this Regulation.

Interpretation

3.—(1) The Interpretation Act, 1889(**a**), shall apply to the interpretation of these Regulations as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

(2) In these Regulations, except where the context otherwise requires, the following expressions shall have the meanings hereby respectively assigned to them, that is to say :—

" appropriate Schedule " means—

(*a*) in relation to any Government explosive, the First Schedule to these Regulations, and

(*b*) in relation to any explosive of a visiting force—

(i) where the visiting force is a body, contingent or detachment of the forces of the United States of America, the Second Schedule to these Regulations, and

(ii) where the visiting force is a body, contingent or detachment of the forces of some other country, the First Schedule to these Regulations ;

" authorised representative ", in the application of these Regulations to the conveyance of any Government explosive or explosive of a visiting force, means a person duly authorised—

(*a*) by the responsible Authority, or

(*b*) if the explosive is an explosive of a visiting force and no person has been so authorised—by one of the Service or Supply Departments,

to do anything in connection with such conveyance which an authorised representative is required or authorised to do by these Regulations ;

" dock " includes any pier, jetty, or other place, in or at which goods can be shipped or unshipped or can lie whilst waiting to be shipped or unshipped ;

" explosive belonging to the safety class " means a Government explosive or an explosive of a visiting force, being an explosive described in the first column of the appropriate Schedule and marked therein by a single star printed against its description ;

" Government explosive " and " explosive of a visiting force " have the meanings respectively assigned by Regulation 2 hereof ;

" harbour area " means any area in Great Britain or Northern Ireland within which the conveyance, loading and unloading of gunpowder is required to be regulated by byelaws made under Section 34 of the Explosives Act, 1875(**b**), as amended by any other enactment, and " harbour

(a) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63. (b) 38 & 39 Vict. c. 17.

master", in relation to any such area, includes any person for the time being authorised by the harbour authority of that area to exercise as respects that area the functions conferred upon harbour masters by these Regulations:

Provided that where the harbour authority of a harbour area have for the time being authorised a person to exercise the said functions as respects a dock in that area who is not the harbour master of that area, these Regulations shall apply to the conveyance in that dock of Government explosives or explosives of a visiting force as if references in these Regulations to the harbour master were references to the person for the time being authorised as aforesaid to exercise the said functions as respects that dock and, for the purposes of Regulations 5 and 6 hereof, that dock shall be treated as a separate harbour area;

"master", in relation to a vessel, includes any person (other than a pilot) having charge of that vessel;

"responsible Authority" means—

(*a*) in relation to the conveyance of any Government explosive—

(i) where the conveyance is not one which has been certified as hereinafter mentioned, that one of the Service or Supply Departments for the purposes of which that explosive is held for the service of the Crown, and

(ii) where the conveyance has been certified by one of those Departments to be in connection with the execution of a contract with that Department, the Department so certifying, and

(*b*) in relation to the conveyance of any explosive of a visiting force—

(i) where the conveyance is not one which has been certified as hereinafter mentioned, the service authorities of the visiting force for the service of which that explosive is held, and

(ii) where the conveyance has been certified by one of the Service or Supply Departments to be in connection with the execution of a contract with the service authorities of the visiting force, those service authorities;

"service authorities" means naval, military or air force authorities;

"Service or Supply Departments" means the Admiralty, the Secretary of State for War, the Secretary of State for Air and the Minister of Supply;

"vehicle" includes any carriage, waggon, cart, truck, vehicle or other means of conveying goods or passengers by land, in whatever manner the same may be propelled;

"vessel" includes any ship or boat and any other description of vessel used in navigation; and

"visiting force" means any body, contingent or detachment of the forces of any country, being a body, contingent or detachment on or in relation to which the exemptions and immunities contained in Section 97 of the Explosives Act, 1875(**a**), as extended by paragraph 4 of the Second Schedule to the Emergency Laws (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1947(**b**), are for the time being conferred by virtue of the provisions of Article 11 of, and the Third Schedule to, the Visiting Forces (Application of Law) Order, 1954(**c**).

(3) Any reference in these Regulations to the weight of any explosive shall be construed as a reference to the weight of the explosive substance

(**a**) 38 & 39 Vict. c. 17. (**b**) 11 & 12 Geo. 6. c. 10. (**c**) S.I. 1954/635 (1954 II, p. 2465).

together with any envelope, case or contrivance, forming part of the explosive, and, where the explosive is conveyed in a package, to the weight of the package with the explosive in it.

(4) Any reference in these Regulations to the weight in any vessel of any quantity of Government explosives or explosives of a visiting force shall, in relation to any vessel containing explosives of more than one visiting force, or containing Government explosives and explosives of one or more visiting forces, be construed as a reference to the weight of the combined quantity of all such explosives in the vessel.

Classification of Explosives

4.—(1) For the purposes of these Regulations, Government explosives and explosives of visiting forces are divided into Groups and (except as otherwise provided in paragraph (2) of this Regulation) Shipping Categories indicated respectively by numbers and letters in the appropriate Schedules (the numbering and the lettering having the same significance in each such Schedule), and accordingly (except as otherwise provided in these Regulations) references in these Regulations to explosives belonging to a Group described by a number or belonging to a Shipping Category described by a letter are references to Government explosives, or explosives of one or more visiting forces, or both Government explosives and explosives of one or more visiting forces, being explosives the descriptions of which are given in the first column of the appropriate Schedule or Schedules and have set opposite to them in the second and third columns respectively of such Schedule or Schedules that number or letter, as the case may be.

(2) Explosives belonging to the safety class belong to no Shipping Category.

(3) A Government explosive or an explosive of a visiting force, not being an explosive of a description given in the first column of the appropriate Schedule, shall not be brought into a harbour area for conveyance until the responsible Authority has given a direction in writing stating—

(*a*) the description of that explosive (such description being marked with a single star if that explosive is to belong to the safety class, or with a double star if the appropriate provisions of Regulation 12 hereof are to apply to that explosive),

(*b*) to which of the above mentioned Groups that explosive shall belong, and

(*c*) except where the said description of that explosive has been marked as aforesaid with a single star, to which of the above mentioned Shipping Categories that explosive shall belong.

(4) Where in relation to any conveyance in a harbour area of a Government explosive or an explosive of a visiting force a direction is given under paragraph (3) of this Regulation, the provisions of these Regulations (other than the said paragraph (3)) shall apply to that conveyance of the explosive in all respects as if the description stated in that direction (together with any single or double star as aforesaid) had been included in the first column of the appropriate Schedule and the Group number and any Shipping Category letter so stated had been set opposite to that description in the second and third columns respectively of that Schedule.

Preliminary Notice

5. Before any Government explosive or any explosive of a visiting force is brought into a harbour area for conveyance, notice in writing shall be

given by the responsible Authority to the harbour master of the harbour area of—

(*a*) the description of the explosive as given in the appropriate Schedule,

(*b*) the Group to which the explosive belongs,

(*c*) the Shipping Category (if any) to which the explosive belongs,

(*d*) the quantity of the explosive,

(*e*) the name of the vessel which will bring the explosive into or take it out of the harbour area, and

(*f*) the time when it is proposed or expected to load or unload the explosive into or out of any vessel.

General Responsibilities of Harbour Master and Authorised Representative

6. The harbour master of any harbour area in which any Government explosive or any explosive of a visiting force is conveyed may for the purpose of securing the safety of the harbour area from time to time direct where any vehicle or vessel carrying the explosive may be whilst it is in that area and at what place or places in that area the explosive may be loaded or unloaded into or out of a vehicle or vessel and the harbour master shall, after consulting the authorised representative, determine the precautions to be taken for the safety of the harbour area. The authorised representative shall give technical advice to the harbour master and to the master of the vessel which may be affected by any such conveyance.

Packing and Marking

7.—(1) Where a Government explosive or an explosive of a visiting force is packed for conveyance, that explosive shall not be conveyed in a harbour area unless the package containing it complies with the following requirements, that is to say—

(*a*) the package shall bear a label, stencil or brand, indicating that the explosive in the package is a Government explosive or an explosive of a visiting force (as the case may be) and stating—

(i) the name of the Service or Supply Department, or the name of the service authorities of the visiting force, to which the explosive in the package belongs or to or by which it has been consigned, and

(ii) the Group to which the explosive in the package belongs, or, in the case of an explosive for which the appropriate Schedule is the Second Schedule to these Regulations, either the Group to which that explosive belongs or the description of that explosive given in that Schedule; and

(*b*) the package shall be sealed and the seal on it shall be one which, in accordance with instructions issued by the responsible Authority, is put on packages containing explosives to indicate that they have been properly packed for conveyance.

(2) Where a Government explosive or an explosive of a visiting force is not packed for conveyance, that explosive shall not be conveyed in a harbour area unless the explosive bears a mark or label stating its identity.

Conveyance of Group 13 *Explosives*

8. Explosives belonging to Group 13, other than shell, mortar ammunition, steel chemical bottles (when packed in activated charcoal), lachrymatory explosives and chemical ampoules, shall not be conveyed in a harbour area unless they are accompanied during their conveyance by a person who has, or by persons who have, been appointed by the responsible Authority to

accompany those explosives on that conveyance in order that he or they may be available to give advice as to the handling and disposition of the explosives and to assume the responsibility for dealing with them in the event of any accident or emergency arising in the course of their conveyance.

Flags and Lights

9. The master of any vessel in a harbour area which has on board any Government explosive or any explosive of a visiting force shall secure that that vessel shall at all times, whether at anchor or under way, display—

(*a*) between sunrise and sunset, a red flag not less than three feet square, and

(*b*) between sunset and sunrise, a red light so constructed as to give a clear, uniform and unbroken light visible all round the horizon for a distance of at least two miles.

The said flag or light, as the case may be, shall be displayed on the mast-head of the vessel or, if the vessel has no mast, on a staff which shall be fixed at such a place as may best secure the visibility of the flag or light, and the said light shall be so displayed at a height above that of any other light which the vessel may carry :

Provided that where a vessel having on board any such explosive is moored or secured alongside another vessel which has such or any other explosives on board, it shall be sufficient for the purposes of this Regulation if the said light is displayed as aforesaid on the larger of the two vessels only.

Loading and Unloading

10.—(1) Subject to Regulation 6 hereof, Government explosives and explosives of a visiting force may be loaded into or unloaded out of any vessel which is in or at a dock or at any other place in a harbour area and the following provisions of this Regulation shall apply to such loading and unloading.

(2) The loading and unloading of the explosives into or out of any vessel in a harbour area shall be carried out under the supervision of an officer of that vessel especially charged with the duty of supervising that operation, and he shall be present at all times while that operation is being carried on. The authorised representative shall also be present before such loading or unloading begins, and such loading or unloading shall not begin until he has made such inspection of the vessel and of the explosives, or, where they are in a package, of the package containing them as he may think necessary, and he shall be available throughout the loading or unloading to give such advice as he may be asked for or may deem it proper to give.

(3) The authorised representative shall secure that the explosives shall not be unloaded out of any vessel which is in or at a dock in a harbour area until a vehicle or vessel into which they are to be loaded is ready to receive them, and shall not be unloaded out of any vehicle until a vessel or vehicle into which they are to be loaded is ready to receive them.

(4) The loading or unloading of the explosives into or out of any vessel or vehicle shall not, unless the consent of the harbour master has first been obtained, be carried out at any time during the period commencing one hour after sunset and ending one hour before sunrise.

(5) Subject to paragraph (4) of this Regulation, when the operation of loading or unloading the explosives into or out of any vessel or vehicle has begun, it shall be carried through to completion with diligence and despatch.

(6) When the explosives are being loaded into any vessel, there shall not be a greater number of vehicles containing the explosives alongside that vessel than is in the opinion of the harbour master necessary to secure that the loading of the explosives into the vessel does not have to be interrupted merely in order to bring another such vehicle alongside the vessel.

(7) When the loading in a harbour area of a vessel or vehicle with the explosives is completed, that vessel or vehicle shall, as soon as is reasonably practicable, be taken out of the harbour area.

(8) Before the loading or unloading of the explosives into or out of any vessel or vehicle is commenced, and throughout the time that it continues, the authorised representative, and, where a vessel is affected by that operation, the master of that vessel, shall respectively, after consulting, where necessary, the harbour master, secure, so far as they are able, that all due precautions are taken to reduce, to such extent as they respectively consider to be practicable, the risk of fire or explosion arising in the course of the loading or unloading.

(9) No vessel shall be used for the purpose of assisting in the loading or unloading of any explosives belonging to any of Groups 1, 2, 3 and 4 into or out of any other vessel in a harbour area unless it is, when used for that purpose, a vessel which has been approved for such a use by the authorised representative after consulting the harbour master.

(10) No explosive, or package containing an explosive, shall be thrown down or roughly handled.

(11) Where an explosive, or a package containing an explosive, is loaded or unloaded by means of a sling, due precautions shall be taken to sling it in such a manner as effectually to prevent any risk of its falling.

(12) No intoxicated person shall be allowed to be in the hold of any vessel or in any vehicle into or out of which the explosives are being loaded or unloaded, or to approach such explosives while they are being loaded or unloaded into or out of any vessel or vehicle.

(13) Without prejudice to any of the foregoing provisions of this Regulation, all persons taking part in the loading or unloading of the explosives into or out of any vessel or vehicle shall throughout such loading and unloading observe all due precautions for the prevention of accidents by fire or explosion, and, in particular, shall abstain from any act which tends to cause fire or explosion and is not reasonably necessary for the purposes of the loading or unloading of the explosives, and all such persons shall use every reasonable endeavour to prevent any other person from committing any such act, and also to prevent any unauthorised person from approaching or being near the explosives.

Smoking

11. No person shall smoke whilst engaged in handling or moving in a harbour area any Government explosive or any explosive of a visiting force, or whilst in the vicinity of any such explosive which is being handled or moved in such an area.

Quantity and other Restrictions on Explosives to be carried in a Vessel

12.—(1) Where a vessel containing Government explosives or explosives of a visiting force is in a harbour area, the following are the only explosives which may (except when paragraph (5) of this Regulation applies) be in that vessel at the same time, namely :—

(*a*) Government explosives,

(*b*) explosives of a visiting force,

(*c*) explosives which are under the control of any of the Service or Supply Departments,

(*d*) explosives which are under the control of the service authorities of a visiting force,

(*e*) explosives carried by the vessel for safety or signalling purposes, and

(*f*) excepted commercial explosives as defined in paragraph (2) of this Regulation.

(2) The excepted commercial explosives which may be in a vessel which is carrying Government explosives or explosives of a visiting force are—

(*a*) any quantities of explosives which are included in Division 1 of Class 6 of the classes into which explosives are divided by the Order in Council made under Section 106 of the Explosives Act, 1875, on the 5th day of August, 1875(**a**),

(*b*) not more than 20 lb. gross in weight in the aggregate of explosives which are included in any of the classes into which explosives are divided by the said Order in Council, excluding explosives which are included in Class 5 or Division 2 or 3 of Class 6 of those Classes,

(*c*) any quantities of explosives which are included in the expression "Shop Goods" by the Order in Council made under the Explosives Act, 1875, on the 11th day of May, 1906(**b**), amending an Order in Council made under the said Act on the 26th day of October, 1896(**c**), relating to premises registered for mixed explosives, and

(*d*) not more than 1 ton gross in weight of explosives which are designed for use in ships or aircraft as distress signals.

(3) Where a vessel is in a harbour area, the following rules shall (subject to paragraphs (4) and (5) of this Regulation) be observed as respects the quantities, which may at any one time be in that vessel, of Government explosives or explosives of a visiting force, that is to say :—

(*a*) there shall not be in the vessel more than 1000 tons gross in weight of explosives belonging to Shipping Category B ;

(*b*) there shall not be in the vessel more than 250 tons gross in weight of explosives belonging to Shipping Category C ;

(*c*) where there are in the vessel explosives belonging to Shipping Category B and also explosives belonging to Shipping Category C, there shall not be in the vessel more than 500 tons gross in weight of such explosives in the aggregate (of which not more than the quantity specified in sub-paragraph (*b*) of this paragraph shall be explosives belonging to Shipping Category C) ;

(*d*) there shall not be in the vessel more than 100 tons gross in weight of explosives of a description or descriptions marked with a double star in the first column of the appropriate Schedule ;

(*e*) where there are in the vessel explosives of a description or descriptions marked with a double star in the first column of the appropriate Schedule and also explosives belonging to Shipping Category C and those two kinds of explosives are not separated from each other either by the boiler room and engine room of that vessel or by a hold of that vessel, the explosives of the description or descriptions so marked as aforesaid shall for the purposes of sub-paragraphs (*b*) and (*c*) of this paragraph be deemed, while they are in that vessel, to be explosives belonging to Shipping Category C ; and

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(a) Rev. VII, p. 1.
(b) S.R. & O. 1906/380 (Rev. VII, p. 55: 1906, p. 172).
(c) S.R. & O. 1896/964 (Rev. VII, p. 48: 1896, p. 95).

(*f*) where there are in the vessel any explosives which are under the control of any of the Service or Supply Departments or the service authorities of a visiting force, then, for the purpose only of ascertaining what (if any) quantities of Government explosives or explosives of a visiting force may under the provisions of sub-paragraphs (*a*) to (*e*) inclusive of this paragraph be in that vessel at the same time, account shall be taken of the explosives which are under such control as aforesaid as if such explosives were Government explosives or explosives of a visiting force (as the case may be) within Regulation 2 hereof.

(4) If—

(*a*) a Service or Supply Department certifies that it is essential in the national interest that, for the purposes of the application of these Regulations to any particular conveyance in a harbour area which may be specified in the certificate, sub-paragraphs (*a*), (*c*) and (*d*) of paragraph (3) of this Regulation should be modified in the manner permitted by this paragraph, and

(*b*) a person duly authorised in that behalf by the harbour authority of the harbour area specified in that certificate has consented in writing to such modification of the same sub-paragraphs (*a*), (*c*) and (*d*) for the aforesaid purposes,

then the said sub-paragraphs (*a*), (*c*) and (*d*) shall in their application to the conveyance specified in the said certificate have effect as if for the figures 1,000, 500 and 100, where those figures occur in those sub-paragraphs, there were substituted respectively the figures 2,000, 1,000 and 200.

(5) This Regulation shall not apply to any vessel which is at a place in a harbour area which has been designated by the Service or Supply Departments (with the approval of the harbour authority of that area) as a place in relation to which the requirements of this Regulation need not be observed.

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13.—(1) Whenever a vessel containing Government explosives or explosives of a visiting force is in or at a dock and any of such explosives belong to Shipping Category C, then (except as provided in paragraph (3) of this Regulation) there shall at all times be a distance of not less than 350 yards between that vessel and—

(*a*) any other vessel containing any explosives which belong to Shipping Category C, and

(*b*) any vehicle containing any explosives which belong to Shipping Category C.

In sub-paragraphs (*a*) and (*b*) of this paragraph the phrase "any explosives which belong to Shipping Category C" includes, in addition to Government explosives and explosives of a visiting force, being explosives which belong to that Shipping Category, any explosives which are under the control of any of the Service or Supply Departments or the service authorities of a visiting force and which would belong to that Shipping Category for the purposes of these Regulations if explosives which are under such control as aforesaid were Government explosives or explosives of a visiting force (as the case may be) within Regulation 2 hereof.

(2) Without prejudice to the requirements of paragraph (1) of this Regulation, whenever a vessel containing Government explosives or explosives of a visiting force is in or at a dock and any of such explosives belong to Shipping Category C, then (except as provided in paragraph (3) of this

Regulation) there shall at all times be a distance of not less than 100 yards between that vessel and—

(*a*) any other vessel which contains any explosives whatsoever, other than excepted explosives, and

(*b*) any vehicle which contains any explosives whatsoever, other than excepted explosives.

In this paragraph the phrase "excepted explosives" means any explosives belonging to the safety class, any explosives which would be explosives belonging to the safety class for the purposes of these Regulations if they were Government explosives or explosives of a visiting force, any explosives which are carried by a vessel for safety or signalling purposes, and any explosives which are excepted commercial explosives as defined in paragraph (2) of Regulation 12 hereof.

(3) Vessels or vehicles may be within such a distance of each other as, but for this paragraph, would be contrary to the provisions of this Regulation, in the following cases—

(*a*) where one or more of those vessels or vehicles is in course of movement from one place to another, and

(*b*) where explosives are being moved to or from any one of those vessels or vehicles from or to the other or others, and the explosives which are in all the vessels and vehicles concerned in the movement are of such kinds and quantities that the presence of all of those explosives in any one of those vessels at the same time would not contravene any of the foregoing provisions of these Regulations.

Mobility of Vessels

14. The master of a vessel containing Government explosives or explosives of a visiting force for conveyance in a harbour area shall secure that at all times while it is in that area the vessel shall be kept afloat and otherwise so situated and maintained as to be capable of being moved at any time when that vessel is required to be moved.

Hatches

15. Where there are in the hold of any vessel any Government explosives or any explosives of a visiting force, the master of the vessel shall secure that the hatches of that hold are kept closed and securely covered except at such times as he may consider it necessary that they shall be opened for the purpose of enabling the contents of that hold to be removed therefrom, or things to be stowed in it, or for any other necessary purpose.

Watch on Vessels

16. A vessel carrying Government explosives or explosives of a visiting force shall be constantly watched by some competent person appointed for that purpose by the master of that vessel, and the person so appointed to watch any vessel shall at all times keep a good look out.

Repair Work

17.—(1) No repair work of any kind shall be carried out in a hold of a vessel in which there are Government explosives or explosives of a visiting force if there are any explosives whatsoever in that hold.

(2) Repair work which involves welding, burning or rivetting, or any other operation creating a risk of fire, shall not be carried out on board any vessel when there are in the vessel any Government explosives or any explosives of a visiting force :

Provided that if a person duly authorised by the harbour authority of the harbour area is satisfied that circumstances make it essential for such work to be carried out, he may authorise it to be carried out subject to such conditions as he may impose, and in that case the work may be carried out subject to the observance of those conditions.

Precautions against Fire and other Emergencies

18. The harbour authority of a harbour area and the authorised representative shall respectively satisfy themselves that throughout the conveyance in that area of any Government explosive or any explosive of a visiting force satisfactory arrangements are in existence for dealing with any fire which may break out or with any other emergency which may arise during that conveyance.

Special Safety Precautions

19. The authorised representative shall be responsible for securing as respects any explosive to which his authority relates—

(*a*) that if in the course of conveyance of the explosive in a harbour area the explosive, or any package containing the explosive, or the seal of any such package, appears to be damaged, the explosive or package, as the case may be, shall be set aside for examination, and any such explosive or package (including any undamaged contents of any such package) shall be disposed of safely ;

(*b*) that any of the explosive which may escape from any package in the course of its conveyance in a harbour area shall be carefully collected and disposed of safely ; and

(*c*) that if in the course of its conveyance in a harbour area any of the explosive is dropped overboard or otherwise lost, the occurrence shall be reported forthwith to the harbour authority with such information as may be available of the time and place of the loss and of the quantity and type of the explosive affected, and such steps shall be taken to recover the explosive as the authorised representative after consulting the harbour master may consider to be practicable.

Signed this 1st day of July, 1956.

Cilcennin,
George Ward,
Two of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty.

Signed this 2nd day of July, 1956.

Antony Head,
Secretary of State for War.

Signed this 5th day of July, 1956.

Nigel Birch,
Secretary of State for Air.

Signed this 5th day of July, 1956.

R. Maudling,
Minister of Supply.

THE FIRST SCHEDULE

CLASSIFICATION OF GOVERNMENT EXPLOSIVES

Description (Generic Transport Designation)	*Group*	*Shipping Category*
Adapters, booster	6	C
Adapters, exploder	6	C
Adapters, " K "	6	B
Amatex	4	C
Amatol	4	C
Ammonal	4	C
Ammonium picrate...	4	C
Ampoules, chemical	13	B
Ballistite	1	C
Ballistite, in metallic containers	2	C
Bangalore torpedoes	8	C
Baratol	4	C
Battle noises...	4	C
Blasting explosives	2	C
Bombs, A.R.P.	9	B
Bombs, aircraft, A.P.	5	C
Bombs, aircraft, H.E. (High charge)	7	C
Bombs, aircraft, H.E. (Low charge) (boxed) ...	6	C
Bombs, aircraft, H.E. (Low charge) (loose) ...	5	C
Bombs, aircraft, H.E. (Medium charge) ...	5	C
Bombs, chemical	13	B
Bombs, demolition	8	C
Bombs, incendiary	11	B
Bombs, incendiary, liquid	15	B
Bombs, incendiary, W.P.	12	B
Bombs, practice, flash	9	B
Bombs, smoke	11	B

Description (Generic Transport Designation)	*Group*	*Shipping Category*
Bombs, T.I.	9	B
Bottles, chemical	13	B
Boxes, junction	6	B
Bursters, bomb	6	B
Bursters, gunpowder	1	C
Bursters, H.E.	1	C
Bursters, limpet	8	C
Bursters, mine	6	B
Candles, rocket, flare	9	B
Candles, smoke	11	B
*Caps, percussion	6	—
Capsules, delay	6	B
*Cartridges, aiming rifle	6	—
**Cartridges, B.L.	3	B
**Cartridges, B.L., with tubes	6	B
*Cartridges, bolt	6	—
*Cartridges, cable cutting	6	—
Cartridges, ejection	6	B
Cartridges, electric, (H.C.)	6	B
Cartridges, electric, (L.C.)	6	B
Cartridges, engine starter	6	B
Cartridges, flash	9	B
Cartridges, illuminating	9	B
Cartridges, impulse, torpedo, cordite	6	B
Cartridges, impulse, torpedo, gunpowder ...	6	C
*Cartridges, link	6	—
Cartridges, lowering under-carriage	6	B
Cartridges, M.L., depth charge thrower	6	B
*Cartridges, M.L., mortar	6	—

Description (Generic Transport Designation)	*Group*	*Shipping Category*
Cartridges, M.L., mortar, augmenting	1	C
Cartridges, M.L., mortar, augmenting, in metallic containers	2	C
Cartridges, percussion, (H.C.)	6	B
Cartridges, percussion, (L.C.)	6	B
*Cartridges, pistol	6	—
*Cartridges, punch	6	—
Cartridges, Q.F., H.E.	6	B
Cartridges, Q.F., H.E., high charge	6	C
Cartridges, Q.F., practice	6	B
Cartridges, Q.F., radar echo	6	B
Cartridges, Q.F., separate	6	B
Cartridges, Q.F., separate, gunpowder	6	C
Cartridges, Q.F., shot	6	B
Cartridges, Q.F., shrapnel	6	B
Cartridges, Q.F., smoke	11	B
Cartridges, Q.F., smoke, F.M. or C.S.A.M. ...	11	B
Cartridges, Q.F., smoke, W.P.	12	B
Cartridges, Q.F., star	6	B
*Cartridges, radar echo	6	—
*Cartridges, rim fire	6	—
*Cartridges, rocket	6	—
*Cartridges, S.A., ball	6	—
Cartridges, S.A., H.E.	6	C
Cartridges, S.A., H.E./I.	6	C
Cartridges, S.A., incendiary	6	B
Cartridges, S.A., observing	12	B
*Cartridges, S.A., piercing	6	—
*Cartridges, S.A., separate	6	—
*Cartridges, S.A., tracer	6	—

Description (Generic Transport Designation)	*Group*	*Shipping Category*
*Cartridges, shot gun	6	—
Cartridges, signal	9	B
*Cases, cartridge, capped	6	—
Charges, cased	6	C
Charges, demolition	7	C
Charges, gunpowder	1	C
Charges, line	7	C
**Charges, propellant, incremental	3	B
Charges, propelling...	1	C
Clusters, flare	9	B
Clusters, incendiary	11	B
Clusters, incendiary, W.P.	12	B
Composition, exploding	1	C
Composition, illuminating	1	C
Composition, initiating, R.D., dry, 1 oz. sample	10	B
Composition, initiating, R.D., wet	10	C
Composition, match	1	C
Composition, priming	1	C
Composition, rocket	1	C
Composition, rocket, life-saving	1	C
Compositions, (Type A), P.N.	1	C
Compositions, (Type A), S.R.	1	C
Compositions, (Type B), P.N.	1	C
Compositions, (Type B), S.R.	1	C
Compositions, (Type C), P.N.	11	B
Compositions, (Type C), S.R.	11	B
Compositions, (Type D), P.N.	11	B
Compositions, (Type D), S.R.	11	B
Compositions, (Type E), P.N.	13	B

Description (Generic Transport Designation)	*Group*	*Shipping Category*
Containers, chemical	13	B
**Cordite	3	B
Cordite, small arms, granular	1	C
Cordite, small arms, granular, in metallic containers	2	C
Cordtex	1	C
Crackers, blank	9	B
Demolition explosives	4	C
Depth charges	7	C
Destructors, contact	8	C
Destructors, H.E.	8	C
Destructors, incendiary	11	B
Detonator bursters	10	C
Detonators	10	C
Di-nitro-phenol	4	C
Di-nitro-resorcinol	4	C
Ejectors, contents	6	B
Ejectors, electric	6	B
Ejectors, flare	6	B
Exploders, C.E.	1	C
Exploders, picric	4	C
Exploders, picric powder	1	C
Exploders, R.D.X./Wax	4	C
Exploders, T.N.T.	4	C
Explosive sweeps	8	C
Flares, ground	9	B
Flares, identification	9	B
Flares, illuminator	9	B
Flares, incendiary	11	B
Flares, reconnaissance	9	B

Description (Generic Transport Designation)	*Group*	*Shipping Category*
Flares, signal	9	B
Flashes, photographic (large)	5	C
Flashes, photographic (medium)	6	C
Floats, flare	9	B
Floats, lachrymatory	13	B
Floats, signal	6	B
Floats, smoke	11	B
Floats, smoke and flame	9	B
Fulminate of mercury, dry, 1 oz. sample ...	10	B
Fulminate of mercury, wet	10	C
Fuse, detonating	4	C
Fuse, instantaneous	6	B
*Fuse, safety	6	—
Fuze powders	1	C
Fuzes...	6	B
Fuzes, mine, A.Tk., No. 3...	10	C
Fuzes, with exploders	6	C
Gaines	6	B
Generators, chemical	13	B
Generators, lachrymatory	13	B
Generators, smoke	11	B
Grenades, H.E.	8	B
Grenades, H.E./H.C.	8	C
Grenades, incendiary	11	B
Grenades, lachrymatory	13	B
Grenades, signal	9	B
Grenades, smoke	11	B
Grenades, smoke, W.P.	12	B
Guncotton, dry	1	C

Description (Generic Transport Designation)	*Group*	*Shipping Category*
Guncotton, sets, demolition	4	C
Guncotton, wet	4	C
Guncotton, wet, loose	4	C
Gunpowder	1	C
Heads, rocket, flare	9	B
Heads, rocket, radar echo	6	B
Heads, rocket, target	9	B
Heads, T-cutters	6	B
Igniters, electric	6	B
Igniters, flame thrower	9	B
Igniters, fuse	6	B
Igniters, gunpowder	1	C
Igniters, rocket	9	B
*Igniters, safety	6	—
Igniters, shell	6	B
Igniters, smoke	9	B
Igniters, torpedo	11	B
Indicators, A.S., training	9	B
Indicators, mine, firing	9	B
Initiators, thermal	6	B
Kits, waterproofing...	8	C
Lead azide, wet or dry, 1 oz. sample	10	B
Lights, service	9	B
Markers, smoke	11	B
Mines, alarm	9	B
Mines, anti-personnel	8	C
Mines, cases, charge	7	C
Mines, chemical	13	B
Mi es, contact	7	C

Description (Generic Transport Designation)	*Group*	*Shipping Category*
Mines, land	8	B
Mines, underwater	7	C
Minol	4	C
Mortar ammunition, chemical	13	B
Mortar ammunition, H.E. (light)	8	B
Mortar ammunition, H.E. (medium)	8	C
Mortar ammunition, practice	8	B
Mortar ammunition, radar echo	8	B
Mortar ammunition, signal	9	B
Mortar ammunition, smoke	11	B
Mortar ammunition, smoke, F.M. or C.S.A.M.	11	B
Mortar ammunition, smoke, W.P.	12	B
Motors, rocket (boxed)	6	B
**Motors, rocket, H.C. (boxed)	6	B
**Motors, rocket, H.C. (loose)	8	B
**Nitrated paper	3	B
**Nitro-cellulose cannon powder	3	B
Nitro-cellulose small arms granular powder ...	1	C
Nitro-cellulose small arms granular powder, in metallic containers	2	C
Nobel's 808	2	C
Nobel's 809	2	C
Nobel's 896	4	C
Pentolite	4	C
Petards	8	C
P.E.T.N., dry, 1 oz. sample	10	B
P.E.T.N., wet	4	C
P.E.T.N./Wax	4	C
Picric acid	4	C
Picric powder	1	C

Description (Generic Transport Designation)	*Group*	*Shipping Category*
Picrite	4	C
Plastic explosive	4	C
**Plastic propellant, type 1	3	B
Plastic propellant, type 2	2	C
Portfires	9	B
Potassium di-nitro-phenate	4	C
Primers, C.E.	1	C
Primer detonators	6	B
Primers, electric	6	B
Primers, electric and percussion	6	B
Primers, metal, H.E.	8	C
Primers, percussion...	6	B
Projectiles, A.S., fuzed	7A	C
Projectiles, A.S., plugged	7	C
Projectiles, H.E., hedgehog	8	C
Projectiles, H.E., hedgerow	8	C
Projectiles, hedgehog, weighted	6	B
Projectiles, practice, hedgerow	6	B
Projector ammunition, H.E.	8	C
Projector ammunition, practice	8	B
Propellant compositions	2	C
Puffs, cordite	1	C
Puffs, cordite, in metallic containers	2	C
Puffs, gunpowder	1	C
Puffs, powder, with igniter	6	C
Puffs, smoke	11	B
Quickmatch	1	B
R.D.X., dry, 1 oz. sample	10	B
R.D.X., wet	4	C

Description (Generic Transport Designation)	*Group*	*Shipping Category*
R.D.X./T.N.T.	4	C
R.D.X./Wax	4	C
Relays, electric	6	B
Rockets, H.E.	8	C
Rockets, illuminating	9	B
Rockets, line	9	B
Rockets, practice	9	B
Rockets, signal	9	B
Rockets, training	8	B
Sets, fuzing	6	B
Sets, initiating charges	8	B
Shell, chemical	13	B
Shell, flare (boxed)	6	B
Shell, flare (loose)	5	B
Shell, H.E. (boxed)	6	B
Shell, H.E. (loose)	5	C
Shell, H.E., A/C, rocket	8	C
Shell, H.E., armour piercing (loose)	5	B
Shell, H.E., high charge	6	C
Shell, H.E., piercing (loose)	5	C
Shell, H.E., rocket	8	C
Shell, H.E., S.A.P. (loose)	5	C
Shell, incendiary	11	B
Shell, practice (boxed)	6	B
Shell, practice (loose)	5	B
Shell, radar echo (boxed)	6	B
Shell, radar echo (loose)	5	B
Shell, shrapnel (boxed)	6	B
Shell, shrapnel (loose)	5	B

Description (Generic Transport Designation)	*Group*	*Shipping Category*
Shell, smoke...	11	B
Shell, smoke, F.M. or C.S.A.M.	11	B
Shell, smoke, W.P.	12	B
Shell, star (boxed)	6	B
Shell, star (loose)	5	B
Shot, tracer	5	B
Shot, with tracer (boxed)	6	B
Signals	9	B
Signals, drift, night	11	B
*Signals, fog	6	—
Simulators, gunflash	9	B
Simulators, R.F. or M.G.	10	C
Sleeves, fuze	10	C
Styphnic acid, dry, 1 oz. sample	10	B
Styphnic acid, wet	4	C
Switches	6	B
Switches, H.E.	8	C
Thunderflashes	9	B
T.N.T.	4	C
Torpex	4	C
Tracers	9	B
Tritonal	4	C
Tubes, electric	6	B
Tubes, friction	6	B
Tubes, percussion	6	B
Warheads	7	C

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UNITED KINGDOM CLASSIFICATION OF EXPLOSIVES OF UNITED STATES FORCES

Description (I.C.C. Shipping Name)	*Group*	*Shipping Category*
Ammunition for cannon with empty projectiles	6	B
Ammunition for cannon with explosive projectiles	6	C
Ammunition for cannon with explosive projectiles (high charge)	6	C
Ammunition for cannon with gas projectiles ...	13	B
Ammunition for cannon with illuminating projectiles	6	B
Ammunition for cannon with incendiary projectiles	11	B
Ammunition for cannon with incendiary projectiles (W.P.)	12	B
Ammunition for cannon with inert loaded projectiles	6	B
Ammunition for cannon with smoke projectiles	11	B
Ammunition for cannon with smoke projectiles (W.P.)	12	B
Ammunition for cannon with solid projectiles ...	6	B
**Ammunition for cannon without projectiles ...	6	B
Ammunition for small arms with explosive bullets	6	C
Ammunition for small arms with explosive projectiles	6	C
Black powder	1	C
Blasting caps, 1,000 or less	10	C
Blasting caps, more than 1,000	10	C
Blasting caps with safety fuse, 1,000 or less ...	10	C
Boosters (explosive)	6	B
Combination fuzes	6	B
Combination primers	6	B
Cordeau detonant fuse	1	C
Delay electric igniters	6	B

Description (I.C.C. Shipping Name)	*Group*	*Shipping Category*
Detonating fuzes	6	B
Electric blasting caps, 1,000 or less	10	C
Electric blasting caps, more than 1,000	10	C
Electric squibs	6	B
Explosive bombs	7	C
Explosive bombs (fuzed)	7A	C
Explosive bombs (smaller charges) (boxed) ...	6	C
Explosive bombs (smaller charges) (unboxed) ...	5	C
Explosive bombs (black powder)	7	C
Explosive bombs (black powder) (fuzed) ...	7A	C
Explosive bombs (gas)	13	B
Explosive bombs (incendiary)	11	B
Explosive bombs (incendiary, IM, PT or NP) ...	15	B
Explosive bombs (incendiary, W.P.)	12	B
Explosive bombs (smoke)	11	B
Explosive bombs (smoke, W.P.)	12	B
Explosive cable cutters	6	B
Explosive mines	7	C
Explosive projectiles	5	C
*Explosive rivets	6	—
Explosive torpedoes	7	C
Fireworks, common	9	B
Fireworks, special	9	B
Fuse igniters	6	B
Fuse lighters	6	B
Gas projectiles	13	B
Hand grenades	8	B
High explosives	7	C
Illuminating projectiles	6	B

Description (I.C.C. Shipping Name)	*Group*	*Shipping Category*
Instantaneous fuse	6	B
Jet thrust Units, Class A	6	B
Jet thrust Units, Class B	6	B
Low explosives	9	B
*Percussion caps	6	—
Percussion fuzes	6	B
Percussion primers	6	B
Primers for cannon	6	B
*Primers for small arms	6	—
Rifle grenades (explosive)	8	B
Rocket ammunition with empty projectiles ...	6	B
Rocket ammunition with explosive projectiles ...	8	C
Rocket ammunition with gas projectiles ...	13	B
Rocket ammunition with illuminating projectiles	6	B
Rocket ammunition with incendiary projectiles...	11	B
Rocket ammunition with incendiary projectiles (W.P.)	12	B
Rocket ammunition with inert loaded projectiles	6	B
Rocket ammunition with smoke projectiles ...	11	B
Rocket ammunition with smoke projectiles (W.P.)	12	B
Rocket ammunition with solid projectiles ...	6	B
Rocket ammunition without projectiles	6	B
*Safety fuse	6	—
*Safety squibs	6	—
*Small arms ammunition	6	—
**Smokeless powder for cannon	3	B
Smokeless powder for small arms	1	C
Smokeless powder for small arms, in metallic containers	2	C
Smoke projectiles	11	B

Description (I.C.C. Shipping Name)	*Group*	*Shipping Category*
Smoke projectiles (W.P.)	12	B
Time fuzes	6	B
Tracer fuzes	6	B
Tracers	9	B

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations, but is intended to indicate their general purport.)

The Regulations lay down the rules to be observed when Government explosives or explosives of visiting forces (as such explosives are defined in Regulation 3) are being conveyed in harbour areas.

They revoke and re-enact, with certain amendments, the Conveyance of Government Explosives in Harbours Regulations, 1953 (S.I. 1953/1703; 1953 I, p. 719). The principal changes are as follows:—

(*a*) the Regulations are extended to the conveyance of explosives of visiting forces;

(*b*) certain additional explosives are required to be taken into account—

(i) in calculating the quantities of the various categories of explosives which may be in a vessel in a harbour area (Regulation 12), and

(ii) in determining the distances which are to be maintained in a harbour area between a vessel containing explosives belonging to Shipping Category C and any other vessel, or any vehicle, containing explosives (except as permitted) (Regulation 13); and

(*c*) certain alterations have been made in the classification of Government explosives (the First Schedule).

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The Admiralty, the Secretary of State for War, the Secretary of State for Air and the Minister of Supply, in exercise of the powers conferred upon them by the provisions of paragraph (5) of Section 97 of the Explosives Act, 1875(**a**), as extended by Section 2 of, and paragraph 4 of the Second Schedule to, the Emergency Laws (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1947(**b**), and of the

(**a**) 38 & 39 Vict. c. 17. (**b**) 11 & 12 Geo. 6. c. 10.