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Dangerous Goods Act 1985 DANGEROUS GOODS (HCDG) REGULATIONS 2005

Notice is given that WorkSafe Victoria is releasing draft Dangerous Goods (HCDG) Regulations 2005 for public comment.

In June 2004 the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) agreed to a national approach to control access to security-sensitive ammonium nitrate. The approach was set down in a set of national principles for the regulation of ammonium nitrate. The agreement is intended to result in each jurisdiction establishing a licensing regime for ammonium nitrate. In September 2004, the Victorian Government amended the **Dangerous Goods Act 1985** to enable implementation of the national principles for the regulation of ammonium nitrate and the establishment of a framework to regulate any other substances subsequently identified as being of security concern. These substances are collectively known as "high consequence dangerous goods" (HCDG).

WorkSafe Victoria has now developed draft Regulations that set out the details for a licensing regime and security requirements for HCDG consistent with the national principles for security-sensitive ammonium nitrate.

The objective of the Regulations is to regulate access to HCDG, and provide for management of the security risks associated with HCDG and explosives. When first made, the Regulations will only apply to security-sensitive ammonium nitrate. However, if COAG agrees that other substances are of security concern and should be subject to a similar licensing regime as that for security-sensitive ammonium nitrate, then Victoria will move to declare those substances to be a HCDG.

Public comments are invited on the draft Regulations. Copies may be obtained by contacting WorkSafe publications [tel. (03) 9641 1333; fax: (03) 9641 1330], or may be downloaded from the Victorian WorkCover Authority website at www.workcover.vic.gov.au.

Written submissions should be directed to the following address by no later than close of business 2 May 2005: Derrick Harrison, Program Manager, Hazard Management Division, WorkSafe Victoria, GPO Box 4306, Melbourne, Vic. 3001. Fax: (03) 9641 1552.

All submissions received will be treated as public documents.

Any enquiries about the draft Regulations should be directed to Mr Derrick Harrison [tel. (03) 9641 1819], or Mr Martin Davies [tel. (03) 9641 1557].

A regulatory impact statement (RIS) has been prepared by the Commonwealth in relation to the regulation and control of ammonium nitrate, and is being released with the draft Regulations for public comment.

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