

LA TROBE UNIVERSITY

GUIDELINES FOR EXEMPTIONS TO THE:

- **OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY (HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES) REGULATIONS 1999**
 - **DANGEROUS GOODS (STORAGE AND HANDLING) REGULATIONS 2000**
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PURPOSE

The purpose of these guidelines is to inform personnel of the exemptions to the Victorian Occupational Health And Safety (Hazardous Substances) Regulations 1999, and the Dangerous Goods (Storage And Handling) Regulations 2000

EXEMPTIONS

The Occupational Health & Safety (Hazardous Substances) Regulations 1999 do not apply to:

- Radioactive substances (Health Act 1958); or
- Any culture or preparation of pathogenic micro-organisms or other material capable of causing disease in humans (Health Act 1958); or
- Asbestos; or
- Inorganic lead, lead metal or lead alloys (for employers); or
- Food (including drink); therapeutic goods; cosmetics; tobacco or products made of tobacco; and toiletries and toilet products where the use is not related to a work activity; or
- Products brought into the workplace by employees for their own personal use

Even if a substance produced or used in your workplace is not covered by the Regulations (that is not classified as Hazardous) you still have general duties under the Occupational Health and Safety Act 1985. There may be risks associated directly with the use of the substance or with by-products generated under normal conditions of use.

The Dangerous Goods (Storage and Handling) Regulations do not apply to:

- Dangerous Goods (DG) which are classed as Class 1 (Explosives), which are explosives including DG of Class 1, as defined in the Australian Code for the Transport of Dangerous Goods (ADG Code); or
- DG of Class 6.2 (Infectious substances), as defined in Australian Code for the Transport of Dangerous Goods (ADG Code); or
- DG while they are used in the manufacture of explosives in accordance with part 3 of the *Dangerous Goods (Explosives) 2000 Regulations*; or
- Class 7 (Radioactive) as defined in the Australian Code for the Transport of Dangerous Goods (ADG Code)
- DG which are batteries while they are in use
- DG in the form of an appliance or equipment that forms part of a vehicle or boat and is necessary for its operation.
- DG in a fuel container which is fitted to a vehicle or a boat or in a fuel container of a domestic or portable fuel burning appliance
- Combustible liquids unless they are C1 combustible liquids
- DG in portable fire-fighting or medical equipment deployed for use at the premises
- Asbestos (UN 2212 *BLUE ASBESTOS (crocidolite)* or *BROWN ASBESTOS (amosite, mysorite)* or UN2509)