Definitions of Hazardous Goods

UN Classifications

Class 1 Explosives

Subdivided into 6 groups 1.1 to 1.6

Class 2 Gases

Covers all compressed gases including flammable and toxic. Subdivided into:

- 2.1 flammable gases
- 2.2 non-toxic, non-flammable compressed gases
- 2.3 toxic gases.

Class 3 Flammable liquids

Give off vapour which burns in air if ignited.

Class 4 Other flammables

Subdivided into:

- 4.1 flammable solids
- 4.2 spontaneously combustible
- 4.3 dangerous when wet.

Class 5 Oxidisers

Subdivided into:

- 5.1 oxidising agents
- 5.2 organic peroxides.

Class 6 Toxics

Subdivided into:

- 6.1 poisonous/toxic substances
- 6.2 infectious substances.

Class 7 Radioactives

Not subdivided but there are 3 levels of danger.

Class 8 Corrosives

May cause serious burns etc.

Class 9 Miscellaneous

Covers any other substance classified as dangerous by the UN which does not readily fit into one of the above classes.

Packing Groups

Dangerous Goods that are carried in packages are also assigned a Packing Group depending on the nature of the risk.

Packing Group I High Danger
Packing Group II Medium Danger
Packing Group III Low Danger

Transport Categories

All dangerous goods are allocated a transport category ranging from 0 to 4. These values are used to to determine whether the total quantity of goods carried is sufficiently large enough to fall within the regulations.

TC0 relates to certain highly dangerous infectious substances. TC1 represent the most dangerous products such as toxic compressed gases.

TC3 are less dangerous substances. TC4 are deemed so safe most of the regulations do not apply.

When determining whether the regulations apply for loads of the same transport category, the total quantity in litres or kilograms must exceed the threshold for the relevant transport category.

Transport Category	Total mass or volume of packaged dangerous goods for regulations to apply			
TC0	Always applies			
TC1	>20			
TC2	>333			
TC3	>1000			
TC4	Never applies			
If the load is of mixed categories				

If the load is of mixed categories then refer to the regulations as different load thresholds apply, calculated by means of a 'mixed load multiplier'. High Consequence Dangerous Goods

Are those which have the potential for misuse in a terrorist incident which may as a result, produce serious consequences such as major casualties or mass destruction.

Special security provisions have to be applied whilst such goods are carried.

High Consequence Dangerous Goods are listed below and carried in quantities greater than those indicated.

Class Di	Division	Substance or article	Quantity		
			Tank (I)	Bulk (kg)	Packages (k
1	1.1	Explosives	a	a	0
	1.2	Explosives	a	a	0
	1.3	Compatibility group C explosives	a	a	0
	1.5	Explosives	3000	a	b
2		Flammable gases (classification code F)	3000	a	b
		Toxic gases (classification codes including letters T, TF, TC, TO, TFC or TOC) excluding aerosols	0	a	0
3		Flammable liquids of packing groups 1 and 2	3000	a	b
		Desensitivised explosives	a	a	0
4.1		Desensitivised explosives	a	a	0
4.2		Packing group 1 substances	3000	a	b
4.3		Packing group 1 substances	3000	a	b
5.1		Oxidizing liquids of packing group 1	3000	a	b
		Perchlorates, ammonium nitrate and ammonium nitrate fertilizers	3000	3000	b
6.1		Toxic substances of packing group 1	0	a	0
6.2		Infectious substances of Category A	0	a	0
7		Radioactive material	3000 A1 (special form) or 3000 A2, as applicable in Type B or Type C packages		
8		Corrosive substances of packing group 1	3000	a	b
	levant. ovisions of ADR	1.10.3 do not apply.			