

SAFETY BULLETIN

Ammonium nitrate restrictions

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Introduction

Ammonium nitrate is classified as a High Consequence Dangerous Goods (HCDG) in Victoria. Under the HCDG Regulations 2016 (Vic), tertiary education institutions are exempt from licensing requirements if:

- 1. The HCDG is for the purpose of educational instruction, research, or testing: and
- 2. The total quantity held across the whole institution is no more than 3kg.

The University does not hold a HCDG licence and therefore the total holdings of ammonium nitrate for the whole University must remain below 3kg.

Implementation

The University's <u>Ammonium Nitrate Management Plan</u> details how the conditions of the education institution are implemented at the University. Staff and students using ammonium nitrate for educational purposes, must follow this <u>Ammonium Nitrate Management Plan</u> to ensure compliance.

Restrictions

- Local areas cannot purchase ammonium nitrate directly from the supplier;
- Local area can only obtain a small number of ammonium nitrate from the Specialist Stores;
- Only staff can obtain ammonium nitrate via ServiceNow;
- Students do not have access to ServiceNow therefore they must ask their supervisor to obtain ammonium nitrate on their behalf, and
- Local area cannot store ammonium nitrate in their area unless approval has been given.

Further information

Further information is available on Chemical Management

A Knowledge Based Article is available for Frequently Asked Questions: KB002878

Contact the Chemical and Radiation Specialist for further inquiries.