EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order provides that subject to certain exceptions a person shall not acquire gunpowder or safety-fuze unless licensed so to do by the chief officer of police: it also provides for the keeping of records of acquisitions and transfers of these and certain other explosives.

1953 No. 1703

The Conveyance of Government Explosives in Harbours Regulations, 1953

Made - - - - 23*rd November,* 1953
Coming into Operation 10*th December,* 1953

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 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 all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby make the following Regulations:—

Citation and Operation

1. These Regulations may be cited as The Conveyance of Government Explosives in Harbours Regulations, 1953, and shall come into operation on the 10th day of December, 1953.

Scope

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

(*a*) 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

(*b*) 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 the expression "Government explosive" in the following Regulations means such an explosive as aforesaid.

Interpretation

3.—(1) The Interpretation Act, 1889(c), 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:—

(*a*) "carriage" 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:

(*b*) "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:

(a) 38 & 39 Vict. c. 17. (b) 11 & 12 Geo. 6. c. 10. (c) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.

(*c*) " Government explosive " has the meaning assigned to it by Regulation 2 hereof:

(*d*) " Government representative " in the application of these Regulations to the conveyance of any Government explosive, means a person duly authorised by the Department responsible for any explosive to do anything in connection with its conveyance which a Government representative is required or authorised to do by these Regulations:

(*e*) " harbour area " means any area in Great Britain and 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, as amended by any other enactment, and " harbour 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 of Government explosives in that dock 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, that dock shall be treated as a separate harbour area:

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

(*g*) " Service or Supply Departments " means the Admiralty, the Secretary of State for War, the Secretary of State for Air and the Minister of Supply:

(*h*) " vessel " includes any ship or boat and any other description of vessel used in navigation.

(3) References to the Department responsible for any explosive shall in the application of these Regulations to the conveyance of any explosive be construed as references to that one of the Service or Supply Departments for the purposes of which that explosive is held for the service of the Crown, except in a case where that conveyance has been certified by one of the Service or Supply Departments to be required in connection with the execution of a contract with that Department, in which case the said references shall be construed as references to the Department by which that conveyance has been certified as aforesaid.

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

Classification of Explosives

4.—(1) For the purposes of these Regulations explosives are divided into Groups and Shipping Categories as indicated in the Schedule hereto, and 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 the explosives specified in the first column of the said Schedule which have set opposite to them in the second and third columns of the said Schedule that number or letter, as the case may be.

(2) A Government explosive which is not an explosive specified in the first column of the Schedule hereto shall not be brought into a harbour area for conveyance until a Service or Supply Department has given a direction in writing specifying (*a*) the description of that explosive and (*b*) to which of the Groups and Shipping Categories into which Government explosives are divided as above mentioned that explosive shall belong, and for the purposes of these Regulations that explosive shall be treated as belonging to the Group and Shipping Category specified in respect of that explosive in that direction.

Preliminary Notice

5. Before any Government explosive is brought into a harbour area for conveyance notice in writing shall be given by one of the Service or Supply Departments to the harbour master of the harbour area of—

(*a*) the Shipping Category to which the explosive belongs,

(*b*) the quantity thereof,

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

(*d*) 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 Government representative

6. The harbour master of any harbour area in which any Government explosive is conveyed may for the purpose of securing the safety of the harbour area from time to time direct where any carriage 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 carriage or vessel and the harbour master shall, after consulting the Government representative, determine the precautions to be taken for the safety of the harbour area. The Government representative shall give technical advice to the harbour master and to the master of that vessel which may be affected by any such conveyance.

Packing and Marking

7.—(1) A Government explosive which is packed for conveyance 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, stating that the explosives in the package are Government explosives and specifying (i) the name of the Service or Supply Department to which the explosives in the package belong or to or by which they have been consigned, and (ii) the Groups specified in the Schedule to these Regulations to which the explosives in the package belong, and

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

(2) A Government explosive which is not packed for conveyance shall not be conveyed in a harbour area unless it bears a mark or label stating the identity of the explosive.

Conveyance of Group 13 Explosives

8. Government explosives belonging to Group 13, other than shell, mortar ammunition, steel chemical bottles (when such bottles are packed in activated charcoal) and lachrymatory explosives, 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 Department by which the explosives have been consigned 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 those explosives 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 any Government explosive on board 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 Government explosives on board is moored or secured alongside another vessel which has Government 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 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.

(2) The loading and unloading of Government 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 Government representative shall also be present before such loading or unloading begins, and such loading or unloading shall not begin until he has had an opportunity of making 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 Government representative shall secure that Government explosives shall not be unloaded out of any vessel which is in or at a dock in a harbour area until a carriage or vessel into which they are to be loaded is ready to receive them, and shall not be unloaded out of any carriage until a vessel or carriage into which they are to be loaded is ready to receive them.

(4) The loading or unloading of Government explosives into or out of any vessel or carriage 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 Government explosives into or out of any vessel or carriage has begun, it shall be carried through to completion with diligence and despatch.

(6) When Government explosives are being loaded into any vessel there shall not be a greater number of carriages 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 carriage alongside the vessel.

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

(8) Before the loading or unloading of any Government explosives into or out of any vessel or carriage is commenced, and throughout the time that it continues, the Government 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 and unloading.

(9) No vessel shall be used for the purpose of assisting in the loading or unloading of Government explosives belonging to Groups 1, 2, 3 or 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 Government representative after consulting the harbour master.

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

(11) Where a Government explosive, or package containing a Government 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 carriage into or out of which Government 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 carriage.

(13) Without prejudice to any of the foregoing provisions of this Regulation, all persons taking part in the loading or unloading of any Government explosive into or out of any vessel or carriage 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 a fire or explosion and is not reasonably necessary for the purposes of the loading or unloading of the explosive, 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 explosive.

Smoking

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

Limits of Quantities of Explosives to be carried in a vessel

12.—(1) Subject to paragraph (4) of this Regulation, all the following rules shall be observed as respects the quantities of explosives which may at any one time be in any vessel in a harbour area which is carrying Government explosives:—

(*a*) there shall not be in the vessel any explosives which are not either (i) Government explosives or (ii) explosives which are under the control of one of the Service or Supply Departments or (iii) explosives carried by the vessel for safety or signalling purposes or (iv) excepted commercial explosives as defined in paragraph (2) of this Regulation;

(*b*) there shall not be in the vessel more than 1,000 tons gross in weight of explosives belonging to Shipping Category B, and if the explosives belonging to that Shipping Category which are in the vessel include explosives belonging to Group 3, there shall not be more than 100 tons gross in weight of explosives belonging to Group 3;

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

(*d*) where there are in the vessel explosives belonging to Shipping Category B and also explosives belonging to Shipping Category C—

(i) there shall not be more than 500 tons gross in weight in the aggregate of such explosives,

(ii) there shall not be more than 100 tons gross in weight of explosives belonging to Group 3,

(iii) there shall not be more than 250 tons gross in weight of explosives belonging to Shipping Category C:

Provided that where there are stowed in a vessel explosives belonging to Group 3 and 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 belonging to Group 3 shall, for the purposes of this Regulation, be deemed, while they are in that vessel, to be explosives belonging to Shipping Category C.

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

(*a*) any quantity 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 5th August, 1875(**a**), as amended by the Order in Council made under the said Section 106 on 12th December, 1891(**b**), and

(*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 Orders in Council excluding explosives which are included in Class 5 or Divisions 2 and 3 of Class 6 of those Classes, and

(**a**) Rev. VII, p. 1. (**b**) Rev. VII, p. 1; S.R. & O. 1891, p. 277.

(*c*) any quantities of explosives which are included in the expression "Shop Goods" by the Order in Council made on 11th May, 1906(a), amending an Order in Council made on 26th October, 1896(b), 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) This Regulation shall not apply to any vessel which is at a place in a harbour area which has been approved by the harbour authority of the area as a place in relation to which the requirements of this Regulation need not be observed.

(4) If—

(*a*) a Service or Supply Department certifies that it is essential in the national interest for the purposes of the application of these Regulations to any particular conveyance of Government explosives in a harbour area which may be specified in the certificate, that subparagraphs (*b*) and (*d*) of paragraph (1) 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 subparagraphs (*b*) and (*d*) for the aforesaid purposes,

the said subparagraphs (*b*) and (*d*) shall in their application to the conveyance specified in the said certificate have effect as if for the figures 1,000, 100 and 500, wherever those figures occur in those subparagraphs, there were substituted respectively the figures 2,000, 200 and 1,000.

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13.—(1) Subject to paragraph (3) hereof, there shall at all times be a distance of not less than 350 yards between a vessel containing Government explosives belonging to Shipping Category C which is in or at a dock and

(*a*) any other vessel containing such explosives, and

(*b*) any carriage containing such explosives.

(2) Subject to paragraphs (1) and (3) hereof, there shall at all times be a distance of not less than 100 yards between a vessel containing Government explosives belonging to Shipping Category C which is in or at a dock and

(*a*) any other vessel containing any explosive whatsoever, other than excepted explosives, and

(*b*) any carriage containing any explosive whatsoever, other than excepted explosives.

In this paragraph "excepted explosives" mean explosives of a description which is starred in the first column of the Schedule hereto, explosives which are carried by a vessel for safety or signalling purposes and explosives which are excepted commercial explosives as defined in paragraph (2) of Regulation 12 hereof.

(3) Vessels or carriages 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 carriages is in course of movement from one place to another, and

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

(*b*) where explosives are being moved to or from any one of those vessels or carriages from or to the other or others, and the explosives which are in all the vessels or carriages concerned in the movement belong to such Shipping Categories and are of such quantities that they would all be permitted under the foregoing provisions of these Regulations to be in any one of those vessels at the same time.

Mobility of Vessels

14. The master of a vessel containing Government explosives 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 Government explosives in the hold of any vessel, 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 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 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 any Government explosives in the vessel:

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 Government representative shall respectively satisfy themselves that throughout the conveyance of any Government explosive in that area 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 Government representative shall be responsible for securing—

(*a*) that if in the course of conveyance of a Government 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 that any such explosive or package (including any undamaged contents of any such package) shall be disposed of safely;

(*b*) that any Government 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;

(*c*) that if in the course of its conveyance in a harbour area any Government 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 Government representative after consulting the harbour master may consider to be practicable.

Signed this 19th day of November, 1953.

J. P. L. Thomas,

Allan Noble,

Two of the Commissioners for executing the office of Lord High Admiral.

Signed this 19th day of November, 1953.

Antony Head,

Secretary of State for War.

Signed this 20th day of November, 1953.

De L'Isle and Dudley,

Secretary of State for Air.

Signed this 23rd day of November, 1953.

Duncan Sandys,

Minister of Supply.

SCHEDULE

CLASSIFICATION OF GOVERNMENT EXPLOSIVES

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	1	C
Ampoules, chemical	13	B
Ballistite	2	C
Bangalore torpedoes	7	C
Baratol	4	C
Barium styphnate, dry, 1 oz. sample	10	B
Barium styphnate, wet	10	C
Battle noises	4	C
Blasting explosives	2	C
Bombs, A.A.D.	7A	C
Bombs, A.R.P.	9	B
Bombs, aircraft, A.P.	7	C
Bombs, aircraft, H.E. (High charge)	7	C
Bombs, aircraft, H.E. (Low charge)	7	C
Bombs, aircraft H.E. (Medium charge)	7	C
Bombs, chemical	13	B
Bombs, demolition	7	C
Bombs, incendiary	11	B
Bombs, incendiary, W.P.	12	B
Bombs, incendiary, liquid	15	B
Bombs, practice, flash	9	B
Bombs, smoke	11	B
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	7	C
Bursters, mine	6	B
Candles, smoke	11	B
Candles, rocket, flare	9	B
*Caps, percussion	6	Safety Class
Capsules, delay	6	B
*Cartridges, aiming rifle	6	Safety Class
Cartridges, B.L.	3	B
*Cartridges, bolt	6	Safety Class
*Cartridges, cable cutting	6	Safety Class
Cartridges, ejection	6	B
Cartridges, electric	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	Safety Class
Cartridges, lowering under-carriage	6	B
Cartridges, M.L., mortar, augmenting	2	C
Cartridges, M.L., depth charge thrower	6	B

Generic Transport Designation	Group	Shipping Category
*Cartridges, M.L., mortar...	6	Safety Class
Cartridges, percussion	6	B
*Cartridges, pistol	6	Safety Class
*Cartridges, punch	6	Safety Class
Cartridges, Q.F., H.E.	6	B
Cartridges, Q.F., practice	6	B
Cartridges, Q.F., radar echo	6	B
Cartridges, Q.F., shrapnel	6	B
Cartridges, Q.F., shot	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, Q.F., separate	6	B
Cartridges, Q.F., separate, gunpowder	6	C
*Cartridges, radar echo	6	Safety Class
*Cartridges, rim fire	6	Safety Class
*Cartridges, rocket	6	Safety Class
*Cartridges, S.A., ball	6	Safety Class
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	Safety Class
*Cartridges, S.A., separate	6	Safety Class
*Cartridges, S.A., tracer	6	Safety Class
Cartridges, signal	9	B
*Cartridges, shot gun	6	Safety Class
*Cases, cartridge, capped	6	Safety Class
Charges, cased	6	C
Charges, countermine	7	C
Charges, demolition	7	C
Charges, gunpowder	1	C
Charges, line	7	C
Charges, propelling	1	C
Charges, propellant, incremental	3	B
Clusters, flare	9	B
Clusters, H.E.	7A	C
Clusters, incendiary	11	B
Clusters, incendiary, W.P.	12	B
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), S.R.	11	B
Compositions, (Type C), P.N.	11	B
Compositions, (Type D), S.R.	11	B
Compositions, (Type D), P.N.	11	B
Compositions, (Type E), P.N.	13	B
Composition, exploding	1	C
Composition, illuminating	1	C
Composition, initiating, R.D., dry, 1 oz. sample ...	10	B
Composition, match	1	C
Composition, priming	1	C
Composition, rocket	1	C
Composition, rocket, life-saving	1	C
Containers, chemical	13	B
Cordtex	1	C

Generic Transport Designation	Group	Shipping Category
Cordite	3	B
Cordite, small arms, granular	2	C
Crackers, blank	9	B
Demolition explosives	4	C
Depth charges	7	C
Destructors, contact	7A	C
Destructors, incendiary	11	B
Detonators	10	C
Detonators, burster	10	C
Di-nitro-phenol	1	C
Di-nitro-resorcinol	1	C
Ejectors, contents	6	B
Ejectors, electric	6	B
Ejectors, flare	6	B
Exploders, C.E.	1	C
Exploders, picric	1	C
Exploders, RDX/Wax	4	C
Exploders, T.N.T.	4	C
Explosive sweeps	7	C
Flares, ground	9	B
Flares, identification	9	B
Flares, illuminator	9	B
Flares, incendiary	11	B
Flares, reconnaissance	9	B
Flares, signal	9	B
Flashes, photographic (large)	7	C
Flashes, photographic (medium)	7	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, wet	10	C
Fulminate of mercury, dry, 1 oz. sample	10	B
Fuse, detonating	4	C
Fuse, instantaneous	6	B
*Fuse, safety	6	Safety Class
Fuzes	6	B
Fuzes, with burster	7A	C
Fuze powders	1	C
Fuzes, mine, A.TK. No. 3	10	C
Gaines	6	B
Generators, smoke	11	B
Generators, chemical	13	B
Generators, lachrymatory	13	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, wet	4	C
Guncotton, wet, loose	4	C
Guncotton, dry	2	C
Guncotton, sets, demolition	4	C
Gunpowder	1	C
Heads, rocket, flare	9	B

Generic Transport Designation	Group	Shipping Category
Heads, rocket, radar echo	6	B
Heads, rocket, target	9	B
Heads, T-Cutters	6	B
Igniters, electric	6	B
Igniters, fuse	6	B
Igniters, flame thrower	9	B
Igniters, gunpowder	1	C
Igniters, rocket	9	B
*Igniters, safety	6	Safety Class
Igniters, smoke	9	B
Igniters, shell	6	B
Igniters, torpedo	11	B
Initiators, thermal	6	B
Indicators, A/S, training	9	B
Indicators, mine, firing	9	B
Kits, waterproofing	8	C
Lead azide, wet or dry, 1 oz. sample	10	B
Lead styphnate, dry, 1 oz. sample	10	B
Lead styphnate, wet	10	C
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
Mines, contact	7	C
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, smoke	11	B
Mortar ammunition, smoke, F.M. or C.S.A.M.	11	B
Mortar ammunition, smoke, W.P.	12	B
Mortar ammunition, signal	9	B
Motors, rocket	6	B
Nitro-cellulose, small arms, granular	2	C
Nitro-cellulose cannon powder	3	B
Nitrated paper	3	B
Nobel's, 808	2	C
Nobel's, 809	2	C
Nobel's, 896	4	C
Packs, explosive, bomb disposal	8	C
Pentolite	4	C
Petards	8	C
P.E.T.N.	1	C
P.E.T.N./Wax	4	C
Picrite	4	C
Picric acid	1	C
Picric powder	1	C
Plastic explosive	4	C
Portfires	9	B
Potassium di-nitro-phenate	1	C
Primers, C.E.	1	C
Primer, detonators	6	B
Primers, electric	6	B

Generic Transport Designation	Group	Shipping Category
Primers, electric and percussion	6	B
Primers, metal, H.E.	7	C
Primers, percussion	6	B
Projector ammunition, H.E.	8	C
Projector ammunition, practice	8	B
Projectiles, H.E., hedgehog, fuzed	7A	C
Projectiles, H.E., hedgehog, plugged	7	C
Projectiles, hedgehog, weighted	6	B
Projectiles, H.E., hedgerow, plugged	7	C
Projectiles, practice, hedgerow	6	B
Puffs, cordite	2	C
Puffs, gunpowder	1	C
Puffs, powder, with igniter	6	C
Puffs, smoke	11	B
Quickmatch	1	B
R.D.X.	1	C
R.D.X./Wax	4	C
R.D.X./T.N.T.	4	C
Relays, electric	6	B
Rope cutters	7	C
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	C
Shell, chemical	13	B
Shell, flare (boxed)	6	B
Shell, flare (loose)	5	B
Shell, H.E. (loose)	5	C
Shell, H.E. (boxed)	6	B
Shell, H.E., A/C rocket	8	C
Shell, H.E., armour piercing (loose)	5	B
Shell, H.E., piercing (loose)	5	C
Shell, H.E., rocket	8	C
Shell, H.E., S.A.P. (loose)	5	C
Shell, H.E./S.H., fuzed	7A	C
Shell, practice (loose)	5	B
Shell, practice (boxed)	6	B
Shell, radar echo (loose)	5	B
Shell, radar echo (boxed)	6	B
Shell, shrapnel (loose)	5	B
Shell, shrapnel (boxed)	6	B
Shell, star (loose)	5	B
Shell, star (boxed)	6	B
Shell, smoke	11	B
Shell, smoke, W.P.	12	B
Shell, smoke, F.M. or C.S.A.M.	11	B
Shot, with tracer (boxed)	6	B
Signals	9	B
Signals, drift, night	11	B
*Signals, fog	6	Safety Class
Simulators, R.F. or M.G.	10	C
Simulators, gunflash	9	B
Sleeves, fuze	10	C
Squids, fuzed	7A	C

Generic Transport Designation	Group	Shipping Category
Squids, plugged	7	C
Styphnic acid	1	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

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations lay down the rules to be observed when Government explosives (as defined in Regulation 3) are being conveyed in harbour areas.

The Regulations classify Government explosives into Groups and Shipping Categories as shown in the Schedule (Regulation 4), provide for the harbour master to be notified before any conveyance takes place (Regulation 5), define the general responsibility of the harbour master for securing the safety of the harbour area (Regulation 6), require the explosive to be identified by specified markings (Regulation 7), provide for the conditions under which loading and unloading may be carried out (Regulation 10), place limits on the quantities of the various categories of explosive which may be in a vessel, except at an approved place (Regulation 12), and provide for other safety precautions to be observed during loading and unloading and while the explosive is in the harbour area (Regulations 8, 9, 11, and 13–19).

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Present,

The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

Whereas in an Order in Council dated the twenty-seventh day of November, 1875(a), made under the Explosives Act, 1875(b), and relating to stores licensed for mixed explosives, as extended and amended by the Stores for

(a) Rev. VII, p. 26. (b) 38 & 39 Vict. c. 17.