



R.R.O. Information

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Article 16 – Additional measures in respect of dangerous substances

The responsible person must ensure that full information and appropriate measures are in place to ensure relevant persons are safeguarded in respect of hazards presented by dangerous substances.

The measures include;

- Information on emergency arrangements
- Details of relevant hazards
- Specific hazards likely to arise at the time of an accident
- Warning and communication systems suitable for the circumstances
- Escape facilities, which might include equipment such as breathing apparatus
- Information to be made available to the relevant accident and emergency services
- Information to be displayed at the premises

It is not possible to offer further guidance in respect of such risks without detail of all the specific factors involved and information regarding the premises and work processes.

The assessment of such risks and the establishment of necessary procedures should be in place under existing legislation in respect of all these types of risk. These existing assessments and procedures might well be sufficient to comply with the R.R.O.

IFEDA recommendation to members

From time to time some IFEDA members have requested advice in respect of extinguishers suitable for a specialist risk, usually involving chemicals.

Our advice is always the same. Recommend the person requesting the information to contact the material supplier or manufacturer and obtain their recommendations.

Provision of incorrect or inappropriate equipment or procedures might make a dangerous situation worse.

The same procedure should always be followed in respect of advice on this subject.

Only persons with a full knowledge and understanding of all the factors, who can demonstrate their competence by means of training, experience and qualifications, should become involved in matters such as these.

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