



# Technical Memo

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It has been brought to our attention that the ADR Regulations stipulate that charged fire extinguishers may only be transported in unlimited quantities if they are fitted with a device to prevent accidental discharge (sealed safety pin) and are in suitable container (strong cardboard box).

If extinguishers are carried loose the gross weight of the extinguishers carried must not exceed 333 kilos. We are considering the implications of this and the actions necessary to conform to the regulations and will be in touch with our recommendations as soon as possible but in the meantime it is recommended that you consider adopting the following action:

- a) If delivering new extinguishers and the total gross weight of extinguishers on the vehicle exceeds 333 kilos put the extinguishers back into the manufacturers boxes after labelling.
- b) If these do not come from the manufacturers in individual boxes consider putting them into a suitable box or container with a lid.
- c) If it is necessary to carry extinguishers unboxed such as bringing appliances in from site, either release the pressure before removal from site or ensure they total gross weight on board at any one time does not exceed 333 kilos.
- d) If carrying large quantities of extinguishers on trucks or large vans it may be acceptable for these to be placed in metal cages similar to those used by the workshops who undertake refurbishing.

We will forward further advice as soon as we are able to ascertain the full requirements.

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