

Information Services

Portable Fire Extinguishers Information Memorandum

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This is covered by Section 594 that states: -

The following articles, manufactured and filled to the regulations of the manufacturing State and packaged in strong outer packagings, are not subject to the requirements of the ADR.

- UN Number 1044 fire extinguishers provided with protection against inadvertent discharge.

This applies to pressurised stored pressure extinguishers and gas cartridge extinguishers fitted with a charged gas cartridge.

It means that extinguishers manufactured in accordance with the standard applicable in the country it was manufactured can be transported provided the safety pin is securely fitted and the manufacturer has supplied it in a suitable carton.

If it is not carried in a carton provided by the manufacturer a suitable alternative should be provided.

The carton should carry the Non-flammable Compressed Gas Hazard Sign (green diamond shaped).

These regulations should also apply to charged extinguishers being removed from a customers premises. If at all possible the gas cartridge should be removed or the extinguisher de-pressurised in these circumstances.

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