



Grow the Crop

Handout 5

Guidelines for Transporting Chemicals

LEGAL REQUIREMENTS TO ADHERE TO PRIOR AND AFTER LOADING VEHICLES WITH HAZARDOUS CHEMICALS

Legal requirements to be adhered to prior to loading a vehicle

Before a vehicle is loaded with dangerous goods, the act requires that a competent person check the following:

- The vehicle is of the correct type and capacity.
- The vehicle is properly parked.
- The operation takes place in a workplace where all the necessary safety measures associated with the substance are observed.
- There is no spillage from previous contents on the vehicle cargo area.
- No sharp protrusions or faulty fittings are present.
- The vehicle is free of goods or substances that could contaminate the load or create a safety hazard. x Multi loads (or mixed loads) are compatible.
- The goods are stacked and labelled correctly.

Legal requirements to be adhered to after loading a vehicle

Once a vehicle has been loaded with dangerous goods the act requires that a competent person checked the following:

- The load is secured and washed free of spillage.
- The permissible vehicle and axle mass-loads for the loaded vehicle have not been exceeded.
- Cargo is properly secured and undamaged.
- The correct type and number of warning signs are displayed on the vehicle and the driver carries the tram card/s, dangerous goods declaration, the route plan and any other instructions.

Before the vehicle is allowed to leave the driver should do the following checks.

- Ensure that all the containers are packed, tied and loaded in such a way that they will not be damaged or leak.
- Check that all containers are sealed and transported upright.
- Ensure that people are not transported with chemicals in the same cab.
 - Ensure that no food or drinks are placed in the same compartment as the chemicals.