

# Conditions of issue

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1. This certificate is issued by the Vehicle Certification Agency Dangerous Goods Office (hereinafter called VCADGO) as the certifying body acting under the authority of the Department for Transport, the Civil Aviation Authority and the Maritime and Coastguard Agency, in accordance with dangerous goods guidance No.2 (available on the DfT website).
2. This certificate is issued to the holder at the registered address shown overleaf. It is not transferable and remains the property of VCADGO.
3. VCADGO shall be notified immediately of any changes affecting the certificate holder; including change of ownership, address or cessation of trading.
4. This certificate confirms that the packaging design type has been tested by an accredited laboratory and has satisfied the Test Requirements for Packagings, Large Packagings or IBCs (as applicable) of part 6 of RID;ADR, IMDG; ICAO<sup>1</sup>. It is issued on the basis of one or more reports describing those tests and detailing the specifications of the approved packaging.
5. The certificate holder is authorised to apply the unique package marking identified by this certificate (hereinafter called the "UN mark") only to packagings which conform to the approved design type specifications and which comply with the relevant requirements of part 6 of RID<sup>1</sup>,ADR<sup>1</sup>, IMDG<sup>1</sup>; ICAO<sup>1</sup>.
6. The design type tests have been carried out on packagings prepared as for carriage. Combination packaging including large packagings have been tested in conjunction with the inner packaging(s) or article(s) which are to be carried. In this case the UN mark shall be applied to the outer packaging, but not to the inner packagings or articles. The UN mark is valid only when the outer packaging contains inner packaging(s) or article(s) described in this certificate and/or the test report(s); use with other inner packaging(s) or articles is not permitted and will invalidate the approval.
7. The certificate holder may not mark or cause to be marked any packaging which, allowing for accepted manufacturing tolerances, deviates from the approved design type specification. If the packaging is to be modified from the design type specification identified in the test report or certificate, the certificate holder shall inform VCADGO immediately. A fee may be charged for activity associated with granting approval for any such modification.
8. The UN mark provides a guide to the test levels and use of a packaging but additional conditions in this certificate and associated test report must be taken into account.
9. The UN mark indicates that the packaging which bears it corresponds to a successfully tested design type and that it complies with the provisions of the relevant manufacturing test requirements of RID<sup>1</sup>,ADR<sup>1</sup>, IMDG<sup>1</sup>; ICAO<sup>1</sup>.
10. The UN mark does not imply that the packaging may be used in any particular mode of transport or for any particular substance. The type of packaging, its maximum capacity and/or mass and any special requirements are specified for each substance and for each mode of transport in RID<sup>1</sup>,ADR<sup>1</sup>, IMDG<sup>1</sup>; ICAO<sup>1</sup> as applicable. Attention is also drawn to S6 of the Health and Safety at Work etc Act 1974<sup>1</sup> - General Duties of manufacturers etc. as regards articles and substances for use at work.
11. The certificate holder must ensure that the user of the packaging is made aware of and the need to check that the packaging is compatible with its contents.
12. It is noted that
  - A packaging design type is defined by the design, size, material and thickness, manner of construction and packing but may include various surface treatments. It also includes packagings which differ from the design type only in the lesser design height. The UN mark is valid for packagings of the design type(s) tested only as defined in the foregoing;
  - Packagings bearing the UN mark specified in this certificate shall be manufactured in accordance with an appropriate quality assurance programme;
  - Proof may be required, at any time, by retesting, that packagings bearing the specified UN mark meet the conditions of issue;
  - When applied to packaging, the UN mark allocated in this certificate must be durable, legible and large enough to be readily visible;
  - All single packaging for liquids shall undergo a leakproofness test before use;
  - Packagings meeting the criteria for Packing Group I (X mark) shall not be used for substances or articles of Class 1 or 5.2;
13. This certificate does not exempt any persons or class of persons or any dangerous goods or class of dangerous goods from all or any of the requirements or prohibitions imposed by or under any legislation including secondary legislation which may apply.

<sup>1</sup> The legislation referred to above may be obtained from several sources, details may be found in Guidance Note 2.