

**Ministerial Decision Number 317/2001**  
**Issuing the Regulations for the Packing,**  
**Packaging, and Labeling of Hazardous Chemicals.**

- based on the Law on Handling and Use of Chemicals, issued by Royal Decree No. (46/95),
- and the Law on the Conservation of Environment and Prevention of Pollution, issued by Royal Decree No. (114/2001),
- and the Regulations issued by Ministerial Decision No. (248/97) for the Registration of Hazardous Chemicals and the Relevant Permits; according to the Requirements of the Public Interest.

**has decreed the following;**

**Article (i)**

The provisions of the attached Regulations for Packing, Packaging, and Labeling of Hazardous Chemicals, shall come into effect.

**Article (ii)**

This Decision shall be published in the Official Gazette and shall come into force as from the first day of June, 2002.

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## **Terms and Conditions for Packing, Packaging, and Labeling of Hazardous Chemicals**

### **Article (1):**

Any person whatsoever, who imports, exports, transports, stores, handles, uses or discharges any hazardous chemical, shall adhere to the following terms and conditions:

#### **Firstly - concerning containers:**

- a) containers shall be strong, vibration proof, and resistant to damage, whether this may be caused either by the external environment or the contained substance.
- b) containers shall be previously unused and shall be leak proof and non-reactive
- c) containers shall be firmly sealed so as to prevent any leakage.

#### **Secondly - concerning labeling:**

Labels shall be firmly fixed to the containers and shall clearly include not less than the following details:

- a) both the scientific and commercial names of the contents plus the quantity.
- b) the chemical and physical properties of the contained substance.
- c) the degree of risk of the contained substance plus its international hazard classification in both the Arabic and English Languages.
- d) chemical safety guidelines for handling or dealing with chemicals, especially during any incident or emergency.
- e) the purpose of use of the contents and the date of expiry.
- f) the full name and address of the manufacturer or producer.
- g) storage instructions relating to temperature, pressure, light, and so forth.
- h) all labels shall be clearly written, easily readable, and firmly fixed to the container.
- i) labels and tags shall be damage resistant, non-flammable, and shall not be readily removed.

**Article (2):**

All such relevant hazardous chemical warning symbols as depicted in the attached Appendix, shall also be drawn on, or fixed to, each container.

**Article (3):**

Without prejudice to the provisions of Article (13) of the Law on Handling and Use of Chemicals, and in accordance with the provisions stated in Article (4) therein; any violating activity concerning chemicals, or any violation the provisions of these Regulations shall cause the offending person to cease to be allowed to practice his activity.

**Article (4):**

The provisions of these Regulation shall not be applicable to the following:

- a) pharmaceuticals and medical drugs.
- b) explosives as stated in Royal Decree No. (82/77).
- c) radioactive materials.