

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.