

Classification of hazardous substances - December 2017

On 1 December 2017, the EPA's Hazardous Substances (Minimum Degrees of Hazard) Notice and the Hazardous Substances (Classification) Notice come into force. These notices set the level of hazard a substance must have to be classified as having a particular hazardous property and the classification framework.

Once in force, these notices will replace the Hazardous Substances (Minimum Degrees of Hazard) Regulations and the Hazardous Substances (Classification) Regulations.



There's no changes to the framework or degrees of hazard

There's no changes to the minimum degrees of hazard or the classification framework in these notices. The requirements are the same as those currently set in the regulations.

More about EPA notices

An EPA notice is a new way to set rules under the Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act (HSNO). Notices allow us to simplify rules and put them all in one place, making it easier for people to comply with the rules. You can find out more on our website www.epa.govt.nz

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The EPA (Environmental Protection Authority) approves hazardous substances under the Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act 1996 by assessing the environmental and economic risks and benefits to New Zealanders and the environment.