
DECISION TO AMEND GROUP STANDARD UNDER SECTION 96C(3)

1. Summary

Group Standard	Fire Fighting Chemical Group Standard 2021 - HSR002573
Application code	
Decision type	To amend a Group Standard under sections 96C(3) and 96B of the Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act 1996 ("the Act") to correct minor or technical errors in the Fire Fighting Chemical Group Standard 2021 - HSR002573.
Considered by	The General Manager ¹ of the Environmental Protection Authority ("the EPA")
Decision	Amendments approved
Decision date	20 May 2021

¹ The General Manager of the Hazardous Substances and New Organisms group of the EPA has made the decision under delegated authority in accordance with section 19 of the Act.

2. Background

- 2.1 As part of the changes required to implement the GHS 7, a new set of group standards was issued following public consultation. The last group standard to be issued was the Fire Fighting Chemical Group Standard 2021 - HSR002573, which was issued in 11 March 2021 and came into effect on 30 April 2021. At this time, it replaced the group standard that was reissued in 2017 and amended in 2020.
- 2.2 After the group standard was issued, the EPA identified two minor or technical errors in this group standard. The proposed amendments will correct these minor or technical errors.

3. Proposed changes to correct minor or technical errors

- 3.1 The proposed amendments are as follows:
 - a) In Schedule 1, Part 1, in each of clauses 1 -5, after “Substances covered by this Group Standard,” insert the phrase “under clause 4 (Scope of Group Standard)”.
 - b) In Schedule 1, Part 1, clause 4, remove the extraneous text “Substances covered by this Group Standard must comply with the relevant provisions of the”.

4. Evaluation against the criteria in the Act

- 4.1 The EPA may, by notice in the Gazette, amend or revoke a Group Standard under section 96B of the Act.
- 4.2 Under section 96C(3), the EPA may, on its own initiative, amend a group standard under section 96B without complying with subsections 96C(1) and 96C(2) if it considers that the amendment is minor in effect or corrects a minor or technical error. This means that a public hearing and consultation process is not required.
- 4.3 The amendments to the Fire Fighting Chemical Group Standard 2021 - HSR002573 were considered under the criterion “minor or technical error”.
- 4.4 The amendments to the Fire Fighting Chemical Group Standard 2021 - HSR002573 will correct minor or technical errors which occurred during the issuing of this group standard in March 2021. These amendments are to ensure there is no unintended change in obligation from the 2017 version of the group standard to the new version. On this basis, each of these amendments can be regarded as an error that is both minor and technical.

5. Decision

- 5.1 I am satisfied that the amendments correct technical errors in the group standard. Therefore the amendments, set out in section 3 of this Decision, are approved under sections 96C and 96B of the Act.
- 5.2 Notice of the amendments will be published in the Gazette and consolidated versions of the group standards published on the EPA website.



Signed by: **Dr Christopher Hill**

Date: 20 May 2021

General Manager, Hazardous Substances and New Organisms
Environmental Protection Authority
