



# Victoria Government Gazette

No. S 217 Tuesday 3 May 2022  
By Authority of Victorian Government Printer

## Subordinate Legislation Act 1994

### PROPOSED DANGEROUS GOODS (STORAGE AND HANDLING) REGULATIONS 2022

#### Notice of Preparation of Regulatory Impact Statement

Notice is given that, in accordance with section 11 of the **Subordinate Legislation Act 1994**, a Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS) has been prepared in relation to the proposed Dangerous Goods (Storage and Handling) Regulations 2022 (proposed Regulations).

Copies of the proposed Regulations and RIS will be available for public review and comment from Tuesday 3 May 2022. The closing date for submissions is close of business, Tuesday 31 May 2022.

The proposed Regulations will replace the Dangerous Goods (Storage and Handling) Regulations 2012 (current Regulations), which sunset on 27 November 2022.

The primary objectives of the current Regulations and the proposed Regulations are to provide for the health and safety of people, property and the environment in the manufacture, storage, transfer, use, handling, sale and disposal of dangerous goods.

The proposed Regulations aim to support the objectives set out by the **Dangerous Goods Act 1985** by prescribing duty holders' obligations for ensuring the safety of people and property in relation to, but not limited to:

- the manufacture, storage, transfer, use, handling, sale and disposal of dangerous goods;
- the determination, classification and labelling/packing/marketing of dangerous goods;
- the requirement for safety sheets to be prepared and provided; and
- where necessary, that supply must be prohibited.

The costs and benefits of the proposed Regulations are considered in the RIS, which has been prepared by Deloitte Access Economics.

It is important to note that the remaking of the current Regulations is being undertaken concurrently with a broader and comprehensive independent review of the **Dangerous Goods Act 1985** and all associated regulations ('the Review'). The Review may give rise to material amendments to the regulatory framework in the near future. As such, the RIS only considers the option of maintaining the current Regulations with minor updates. Alternative feasible options are not being considered by WorkSafe so as to mitigate unnecessary logistical burden on industry and government that would result from multiple material changes to the regulatory framework within a short period of time.

As such, the changes to the proposed Regulations are limited to updating definitions, modernising language and drafting style, and aligning the Regulations with current industry practice. The proposed changes are intended to promote ease of compliance and do not alter any current duty holder responsibilities.

The proposed Regulations present a cost to individuals and duty holders wishing to interact with dangerous goods in that they must expend time, money and resources to meet obligations and requirements. The RIS provides an estimate of these costs on a yearly basis, based on the best available data regarding the number of businesses involved with dangerous goods and a range of credible and conservative assumptions. These costs are offset by savings from the prevention of illnesses, injuries and death caused by dangerous goods incidents.

Public comment is invited on the proposed Regulations and RIS.

Please note, all submissions will be treated as public documents and will appear online unless clearly identified as being confidential.

**SPECIAL**

Comments should be received by WorkSafe by no later than the close of business on Tuesday 31 May 2022.

Submissions may be lodged electronically using an online form, by email or via post.

Electronic copies of the proposed Regulations and RIS can be obtained from the Victorian Government's engage website: <https://engage.vic.gov.au/dangerous-goods-storage-and-handling-regulations-2022> from the WorkSafe Advisory Service on 1800 136 089 (toll-free) or via email: [legislation@worksafe.vic.gov.au](mailto:legislation@worksafe.vic.gov.au)

INGRID STITT MP  
Minister for Workplace Safety

---

This page was left blank intentionally

# ive

The *Victoria Government Gazette* is published by IVE Group Limited with the authority of the Government Printer for the State of Victoria

© State of Victoria 2022

This publication is copyright. No part may be reproduced by any process except in accordance with the provisions of the Copyright Act.

Address all enquiries to the Government Printer for the State of Victoria  
Level 2, 1 Macarthur Street  
Melbourne 3002  
Victoria Australia

## How To Order



### Retail & Mail Sales

### Victoria Government Gazette

Ground Floor, Building 8,  
658 Church Street,  
Richmond 3121

DX 106 Melbourne



### Telephone

(03) 8523 4601

### email

[gazette@ivegroup.com.au](mailto:gazette@ivegroup.com.au)

**Price Code A**