

Hazardous Materials Storage Regulation Act (HMSRA)

Section 1 – Purpose

This Act establishes minimum standards for the storage, handling, and administration of hazardous and dangerous materials in order to protect public safety, environmental integrity, and infrastructure.

Section 2 – Definitions

For the purposes of this Act:

- **Dangerous materials** refer to substances classified as flammable, toxic, corrosive, explosive, or otherwise hazardous.
- **Storage site** refers to any fixed or temporary facility used to contain dangerous materials.

Section 3 – General Obligations

Rule 1 – Monitoring Requirement

All storage sites (of dangerous materials) must be constantly monitored to ensure operational safety and immediate response to incidents.

Rule 2 – Access Control

Storage sites must restrict access to authorised personnel only, using physical or procedural access controls.

Rule 3 – Structural Standards

All storage facilities must be constructed using materials appropriate to the type of dangerous material stored and must meet nationally approved engineering standards.

Rule 4 – Labelling and Documentation

All containers holding dangerous materials must be clearly labelled, and up-to-date documentation describing their contents must be maintained on site.

Rule 5 – Capacity Limits

No storage site may exceed its certified maximum storage capacity under any circumstances.

Rule 6 – Emergency Equipment

Storage sites must be equipped with appropriate emergency response equipment, including fire suppression tools and spill containment materials.

Rule 7 – Disposal Procedures

Dangerous materials must be disposed of in accordance with approved disposal procedures and may not be abandoned or discarded unlawfully.

Section 4 – Compliance

Failure to comply with the provisions of this Act may result in penalties, suspension of operating licences, or other enforcement actions as determined by the relevant authority.