

**DURBAN TRANSITIONAL METROPOLITAN COUNCIL**  
**INTERIM CODE RELATING TO FIRE PREVENTION AND**  
**FLAMMABLE LIQUIDS AND SUBSTANCES**

**CHAPTER IV**

**FLAMMABLE LIQUIDS AND SUBSTANCES**

21. No **Person** shall manufacture, store, convey, sell, use or handle **Flammable Liquids** or substances except in accordance with the provisions of this Code.

**Certificate of registration to be obtained**

23. (1) No **Person** shall -
- (a) use any **Premises** as a **Spraying Room** or **Spraying Booth** or as a **Dry Cleaning Room**;
  - (b) store, manufacture, sell, use or handle any **Flammable Liquids** or substances on any **Premises** in excess of the following quantities:
    - (i) **Class I Flammable Liquid**, 200 l, or in the case of **Liquefied Petroleum Gas**, 48 kg;
    - (ii) **Classes II and III Flammable Liquids**, 400 l;

- (iii) **flammable substances**, a quantity specified by the **Chief Fire Officer**;
- (c) transport or convey any **Flammable Liquid**, substance or **Liquefied Petroleum Gas** or vapours by means of any **Vehicle** within the **City**, save as is provided in section 91;

unless he is in possession of a **Certificate of Registration** in respect of such **Premises** or of such **Vehicle**; provided, however, that nothing in this Code contained shall relieve any **Person** from the obligation to take out any licence which may be necessary in terms of any other law.

- (2) For the purpose of subsection (1), any **Container** for **Liquefied Petroleum Gas** found on any **Premises** shall be deemed to be full until the contrary is proved.

#### **Application for certificate of registration**

- 24. (1) An application for a **Certificate of Registration** in respect of **Premises** shall be submitted to the **Chief Fire Officer** on the form prescribed in the Third Schedule to this Code and shall be accompanied by:
  - (a) a plan of the **Premises** in respect of which the certificate is required, drawn to a scale of not less than one in a hundred (1 : 100), which shall indicate the proposed installation or room in which the **Flammable Liquid or Substance** is to be stored, used or handled, describe the material with which such installation or room is or is to be constructed, and indicate the position of any **Pump, Storage Tank, store, pipeline, Dry Cleaning Machinery, Spraying Room, Spraying Booth** or ventilating equipment;
  - (b) a block plan of such **Premises**, drawn to a scale of not less than one in five hundred (1:500) which shall specify -

- (i) the **Buildings** in relation to adjoining subdivisions, and the materials of which such **Buildings** are constructed or to be constructed;
- (ii) the subdivisions and lots immediately adjoining the **Premises** giving their street, block and postal numbers;

-14-

- (iii) names of any streets on which the **Premises** abut;
- (iv) the north point.

(2) Where the plan relates to existing **Premises** in respect of which a **Certificate of Registration** has been issued and wherein it is proposed to make alterations or additions to any **Building** or equipment or apparatus lawfully used or intended to be used thereon for the storage or handling of a **Flammable Liquid or Substance**, a ground plan only need be submitted for approval. Such ground plan shall be drawn to a scale of not less than one in a hundred (1:100) and shall show such additions or alterations in relation to the existing **Buildings** or equipment or apparatus.

(3) All plans shall be -

- (a) signed by the applicant or his agent;
- (b) drawn in Indian ink on tracing linen or be clear prints on cloth with white back ground or on drafting paper which is acceptable to the **Chief Fire Officer**;
- (c) coloured with fixed colours, as follows:-

- (i) Block plan  
Proposed **Buildings**: red;  
existing **Buildings**: grey or neutral tint;  
open spaces : uncoloured;
  
- (ii) Other plans  
Ventilation ducts, trunks or enclosures : blue;  
**Storage Tanks, Pumps, pipelines, Dry Cleaning Machinery and Spray Booths**: red;  
**Buildings** in which the **Flammable Liquid or Substance** is to be stored, used or handled : uncoloured;  
existing **Buildings** where required to be shown : grey or neutral tint.

- (4) Every application for a **Certificate of Registration** for purposes of the conveyance of **Flammable Liquids or Substances** shall be submitted to the **Chief Fire Officer** on the form provided in the Fourth Schedule to this Code.

91. The provisions of section 23 and 24 of this Code shall not apply to the conveyance of **Flammable Liquid** on a **Vehicle**, not being a **Road Tank Waggon** -

- (1) of a quantity not exceeding 200l of **Class I Flammable Liquid** or 400l of **Class II Flammable Liquid** or 600l of **Class III Flammable Liquid** in securely closed metal **Containers** of a capacity not exceeding 200l; or
  
- (2) of a quantity of **Class 0 Flammable Liquid** in **Containers** not exceeding 90 litres in total capacity,

provided that the **Person** who so conveys such liquid shall ensure that such **Containers** are of substantial construction and are packed in such a manner as to prevent leakage from and damage to the **Containers** in the course of conveyance, and provided, further, that any **Container** for **Liquefied Petroleum Gas** found on a **Vehicle** shall be deemed to be full until the contrary is proved.

