



## NOTE TO INDUSTRY (NTI)

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| TOPIC<br><b>PUBLICATIONS ON MANAGING GENERAL HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES IN A WORKPLACE</b> |                                                      |                                         |                             | Reference Number<br><b>2026/NTI/02</b> |
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**Purpose:** This Note to Industry (NTI) serves as a notice to inform all relevant stakeholders about the issuance of publications relating to Managing General Hazardous Substances in a Workplace.

As part of the Safety, Health and Environment National Authority (**SHENA**) initiative to raise awareness of workplace safety and health and to improve the level of compliance by workplaces within Brunei Darussalam, SHENA has developed the following publications:

- [Industry Guidance Note \(IGN\) on Managing General Hazardous Substances in a Workplace;](#) and
- [Self-Assessment Checklist \(SAC\) on Managing General Hazardous Substances in a Workplace.](#)

For the purposes of these publications, general hazardous substances refer to substances falling within one (1) or more of the following seventeen (**17**) classes specified in **Schedule 5, Part 2, Division 1 of the WSHA, Cap 277**, as follows:

1. Corrosive substances;
2. Flammable substances;
3. Explosives;
4. Oxidising substances;
5. Pyrophoric substances;
6. Gases under pressure;
7. Organic peroxides;
8. Self-heating substances;
9. Self-reactive substances;
10. Substances which, in contact with water, emit flammable gases;
11. Toxic substances;
12. Mutagens;
13. Carcinogens;
14. Teratogens;
15. Sensitisers;
16. Irritants; and
17. Substances hazardous to aquatic environment.

## **PUBLICATIONS ON MANAGING GENERAL HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE IN A WORKPLACE**

Hazardous substances are widely used across many workplaces and may adversely affect the safety and health of persons at work if they are not properly selected, transported, stored, labelled, used, handled or disposed of. The effective management of hazardous substances is therefore necessary to control the associated risks in accordance with the Workplace Safety and Health Act, Chapter 277 (**WSHA, Cap 277**) and its subsidiary regulations.

The **IGN** provides practical guidance and recommended practices to support workplaces in managing general hazardous substances throughout the relevant stages of their lifecycle. It is intended to assist principals, employers, occupiers, self-employed persons, and persons at work in identifying hazards, assessing risks, and implementing appropriate control measures to reduce associated risks to a level that is As Low As Reasonably Practicable (ALARP).

The objective of the **SAC** is to assist workplaces in reviewing the adequacy of their existing arrangements and supporting compliance with the WSHA, Cap 277, and its relevant subsidiary regulations concerning general hazardous substances.

SHENA reiterates that the IGN and the Self-Assessment Checklist serve only as practical guidance on complying with existing obligations under the WSHA, Cap 277 and its subsidiary legislation. They do not create additional legal duties and should be read together with applicable legislative requirements.

SHENA kindly seeks the cooperation and support of all relevant stakeholders to utilise and promote these publications at your workplace.

For clarifications please send your enquiries through the '**General Enquiries**' button on the SHENA website or contact the SHENA Office at +673 238 2000 / +673 272 2200 during office hours.

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