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HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES AND WASTES TRANSPORTATION

1. On February 12, 2010, the Secretariat of Communications and Transportation (*Secretaría de Comunicaciones y Transporte*) published in the Federal Official Gazette the official Mexican Standard NOM-009-SCT2/2009. This standard identifies, classifies and establishes the compatibility and segregation criteria, and special specifications of containers and packaging of hazardous substances, materials or wastes identified as Class 1 (explosives), and criterion for transportation of explosives. The standard is specifically applicable to shippers, transporters and consignees of Class 1 (explosives) hazardous substances, materials or wastes, when these are being transported through general communication terrestrial roads.

2. On February 16, 2010, the Ministry of Communications and Transportation published in the Federal Official Gazette, the official Mexican Standard NOM-032-SCT2/2009. This standard establishes the specifications and characteristics for the design, construction, inspection and tests of portable cisterns to be used for transporting Class 1 (explosives), 3 (flammable liquids), 4 (flammable solids), 5 (oxidants and organic peroxides), 6 (acute toxics and infectious agents), 7 (radioactive), 8 (corrosive) and 9 (miscellaneous) hazardous substances, materials or wastes, as well as their labelling and certification. This standard is specifically applicable to shipper, transporters, consignees and producers of portable cisterns to transport Class 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 hazardous substances, materials or wastes through general communication roads.

3. On February 17, 2010, the Ministry of Communications and Transportation published in the Federal Official Gazette the official Mexican Standard NOM-027-SCT2/2009. This standard establishes the special and additional specifications for the containers and/or packaging, intermediate bulk containers and portable cisterns for the transportation of Division 5.2 Organic Peroxides, including, their classification rules, packing and wrapping ways, insensibility, temperature regulation, and the kind of transportation. This standard is specifically applicable to shipper, transporters, consignees and producers of portable cisterns to transport Division 5.2 Organic Peroxides through general communication roads.

