

## Legislation

### Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act 1996

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#### Definition of a hazardous substance – Part 1 section 2

**hazardous substance** means, unless expressly provided otherwise by regulations, any substance—

- (a) with 1 or more of the following intrinsic properties:
  - (i) explosiveness:
  - (ii) flammability:
  - (iii) a capacity to oxidise:
  - (iv) corrosiveness:
  - (v) toxicity (including chronic toxicity):
  - (vi) ecotoxicity, with or without bioaccumulation; or
- (b) which on contact with air or water (other than air or water where the temperature or pressure has been artificially increased or decreased) generates a substance with any 1 or more of the properties specified in paragraph (a)

#### Requirement to notify – section 143 2(A)

##### **143 Notification of hazardous substances injuries**

- (1) In this section,—
  - hospital** means a hospital care institution within the meaning of [section 58\(4\)](#) of the Health and Disability Services (Safety) Act 2001
  - medical practitioner** means a health practitioner who is, or is deemed to be, registered with the Medical Council of New Zealand continued by [section 114\(1\)\(a\)](#) of the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003 as a practitioner of the profession of medicine.
- (2) If any person, upon admission to a hospital, is found to be suffering from any injury caused by a hazardous substance, the person for the time being in charge of the hospital shall give notice of the injury to the Medical Officer of Health.
- (2A) If a medical practitioner finds that a person who is not admitted to a hospital is suffering from an injury caused by a hazardous substance, the medical practitioner must give notice of the injury to the Medical Officer of Health.
- (3) The Medical Officer of Health shall ensure that information about any injury notified in accordance with subsection (2) or subsection (2A) (not being information which identifies any individual person) is supplied to the Minister of Health.

Section 143(1): substituted, on 22 December 2005, by [section 36\(1\)](#) of the Hazardous Substances and New Organisms (Approvals and Enforcement) Amendment Act 2005 (2005 No 123).

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Requirement to notify lead absorption and poisoning arising from chemical contamination of the environment – Schedule 2

**Schedule 2**  
**Diseases notifiable to medical officer of health (other than**  
**notifiable infectious diseases)**

Schedule 2: replaced, on 26 November 1982, by section 6 of the Health Amendment Act 1982 (1982 No 34).

*Section A Conditions arising from occupation*

Schedule 2 Section A: amended, on 13 December 2012, by [clause 4](#) of the Infectious and Notifiable Diseases Order 2012 (SR 2012/339).

*Section B Other conditions*

Cysticercosis  
Decompression sickness  
Lead absorption equal to or in excess of 0.48  $\mu\text{mol}/\ell$   
Poisoning arising from chemical contamination of environment  
Taeniasis  
Trichinosis

Source: New Zealand Legislation website, <http://www.legislation.govt.nz/act/public/1956/0065/latest/DLM308746.html> Cited on 9 January 2013.