

Legislation

Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act 1996

Definition of a hazardous substances – Part 1 section 2

hazardous substance means, unless expressly provided otherwise by regulations or an EPA notice, 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.

Source: New Zealand Legislation website, <https://www.legislation.govt.nz/act/public/1996/0030/latest/DLM381222.html> cited on 9 March 2021

Health Act 1956

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

2 Commencement

This order comes into force on 9 April 2021.

3 Schedule 2 of Health Act 1956 amended

In the Health Act 1956, Schedule 2, [Section B](#), item relating to lead absorption equal to or in excess of 0.48 $\mu\text{mol}/\ell$, replace “0.48 $\mu\text{mol}/\ell$ ” with “0.24 $\mu\text{mol}/\ell$ ”.

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

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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 0.24 $\mu\text{mol}/\ell$

Poisoning arising from chemical contamination of environment

Taeniasis

Trichinosis