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# **Ministry of Regional Municipalities, Environment and Water Resources**

## **Ministerial Decision Number 317/2001 Issuing the Regulations for the Packing, Packaging, and Labeling of Hazardous Chemicals**

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**Ministerial Decision Number 317/2001**  
**Issuing the Regulations for the Packing,  
Packaging, and Labeling of Hazardous Chemicals.**

- based on the Law of Handling and Use of Chemicals, issued by Royal Decree No. (46/95),
- and the Law of the Conservation of Environment and Prevention of Pollution, issued by Royal Decree No. (114/2001),
- and the Regulations issued by Ministerial Decision No. (248/97) for the Registration of Hazardous Chemicals and the Relevant Permits; and according to the requirements of public interest.

**has decreed the following :**

**Article (i)**

The provisions of the attached Regulations for Packing, Packaging, and Labeling of Hazardous Chemicals, shall come into effect.

**Article (ii)**

This Decision shall be published in the Official Gazette and shall come into force as from the first day of June, 2002.

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# **Terms and Conditions for Packing, Packaging, and Labeling of Hazardous Chemicals**

## **Article (I)**

Any person whatsoever, who imports, exports, transports, stores, handles, uses or discharges any hazardous chemical, shall adhere to the following terms and conditions:

### **First - concerning containers :**

- a) containers shall be strong, vibration proof, and resistant to damage, whether this may be caused either by the external environment or the contained substance.
- b) containers shall be previously unused and shall be leak proof and non-reactive.
- c) containers shall be firmly sealed so as to prevent any leakage.

### **Second - concerning labeling :**

Labels shall be firmly fixed to the container and shall clearly include not less than the following details :

- a) both the scientific and commercial names of the contents plus the quantity.
- b) the chemical and physical properties of the contained substance.
- c) the degree of risk of the contained substance plus its international hazards warning symbols; in both the Arabic and English Languages.
- d) chemical safety guidelines for handling or dealing with chemicals, especially during any incident or emergency.
- e) the purpose of use of the contents and the date of expiry.
- f) the full name and address of the manufacturer or producer.
- g) storage instructions relating to temperature, pressure, light, and so forth.
- h) all labels shall be clearly written, easily readable, and firmly fixed to the container.
- i) labels and tags shall be damage resistant, non-flammable, and shall not be readily removed.

## **Article (2):**

All such relevant hazardous chemical warning symbols as depicted in the attached Appendix, shall also be drawn on, or fixed to, each container.

## **Article (3)**

Without prejudice to the provisions of Article (13) of the Law on Handling and Use of Chemicals, and in accordance with the provisions stated in Article (4) therein; anyone violating the provisions of these Regulations shall be censured to cease to be allowed to practice his activity.

## **Article (4)**

The provisions of these Regulations shall not be applicable to the following:

- a) pharmaceuticals and medical drugs.
- b) explosives as stated in Royal Decree No. (82/77).
- c) radioactive materials.

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## **Appendix**

# **Hazardous Chemical Warning Symbols**



E  
قابلية للانفجار  
Explosive



O  
مؤكسدة  
Oxidizing



F  
مشتعلة  
Flammable



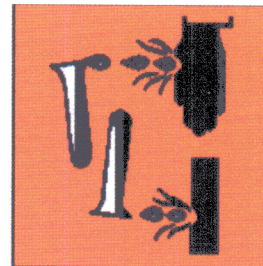
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شديدة الاشتعال  
Highly Flammable



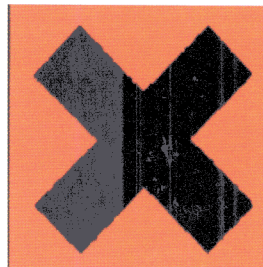
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Toxic



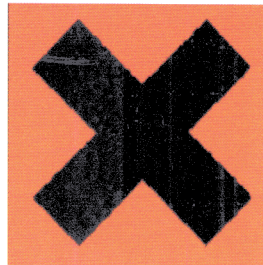
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Very Toxic



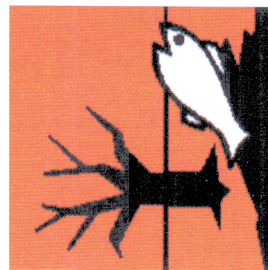
C  
آكلة (حارقة)  
Corrosive



Xn  
ضارة  
Harmful



Xi  
مهيجة  
Irritant



N  
خطرة على البيئة  
Environmentally  
Dangerous  
Substances