

## ANNEX C

### EXTRACTS FROM CANADIAN REGULATIONS FOR PROPELLANT EXPLOSIVES AND SPORTING AMMUNITION<sup>1</sup>

#### GENERAL

1. The *Explosives Act and Regulations* govern the manufacture, sale, storage and importation of explosives including the various propellants, percussion caps (primers) and ammunition for shooters and collectors. For the foreseeable future, jurisdiction of road transport will be split between the *Explosives Regulations* and the *Transportation of Dangerous Goods Regulations (TDG)*, the latter having come into force on July 1, 1985 and having been adopted at later dates by the provinces and territories

2. The following summary of the requirements of these two regulations which apply to shooters, collectors, hand-loaders, and to the suppliers of sporting ammunition and explosive components used in handloading. The *Explosives Act (R.S., c.E-15)* and the *Explosives Regulations (C.R.C., c.599)* as amended, the *Transportation of Dangerous Goods Act (S.C. 29 Elizabeth II c.36)* and the *Transportation of Dangerous Goods Regulations (P.C. 1985-147; SOR:85-77)* as amended, should be consulted if a legal interpretation is required.

3. This revision became necessary due to:

- a) the introduction of a new international classification system for dangerous goods based on recommendations of the United Nations (UN);
- b) the increase in fees for importation permits; and
- c) new criteria for assessing the hazards of propellants in storage based on international standards.

#### CLASSIFICATION AND HAZARDS

4. All explosives legally available for sale in Canada are evaluated to ensure that they conform to established safety and performance standards. At the same time, the ability of their packages to withstand the rigours of handling and transportation is assessed, as well as the conformance of the labelling or other markings on these packages to both the *Consumer Packaging and Labelling Regulations* and the *Explosives Regulations*, including mandatory warnings as applicable. Those explosives which pass the test are declared "Authorized Explosives" and assigned to an explosives class and a classification code in accordance with the

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<sup>1</sup> For a complete version of the regulations see - <http://www.nrcan.gc.ca/mms/explosif>. These regulations should be read in conjunction with other acts and regulations such as Bill C-68, Export and Import Permits Act and the National Defence Act to understand ammunition controls in all its dimensions.