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PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by the Joint Australian/New Zealand Standards Committee CH/9, Safe Handling of Chemicals, to supersede the 1994 edition and align with the sixth edition of the *Australian Dangerous Goods Code* (ADG Code). It is an essential guide to the AS 1678 series, *Emergency procedure guides* (EPGs), including *Group text emergency procedure guides* (GTEPGs), devised for the safe land transport of dangerous goods within Australia.

The purpose of this Standard is to enable prospective users of EPGs to select and use the correct EPG for the type of dangerous goods cargo. Use of the correct EPG permits better management of transport emergencies involving dangerous goods.

This edition of the Standard is aligned with the sixth edition of the ADG Code, and lists the Proper Shipping Names and UN Numbers of all dangerous goods for which a relevant EPG or GTEPG is published by Standards Australia. For dangerous goods not listed herein, HB 76, *Dangerous goods —Initial emergency response guide* should be used.

It is stressed that this Standard is supplementary to the ADG Code, for the sole purpose of providing information on the selection and use of the appropriate EPG. **It is not intended to be used as a substitute for any part of the ADG Code.**

This Standard is a result of consensus amongst Australian and New Zealand representatives on the Committee that it be produced as an Australian Standard.

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SECTION 1 SCOPE, APPLICATION AND GENERAL

1.1 SCOPE AND APPLICATION

This Standard provides lists of Emergency Procedure Guides (EPGs) and Group Text Emergency Procedure Guides (GTEPGs) and guidance on their selection, completion and use. This Standard should serve as a reference when selecting the appropriate EPG for a particular type of dangerous goods.

This Standard is intended to be used in conjunction with HB 76, the AS 1678 series and the 6th edition of the Australian Code for the Transport of Dangerous Goods (ADG Code). Where a UN Number of Proper Shipping Name does not appear in the list, HB 76 should be consulted.

This Standard does not apply to dangerous goods of Classes 1 (explosive) or 7 (radioactive).

1.2 REFERENCED DOCUMENTS

AS
1678 Emergency procedure guide—Transport (series)

HB 76 Dangerous goods—Initial emergency response guide

ACTDG (Advisory Committee on the Transport of Dangerous Goods)
ADG Code Australian Dangerous Goods Code

1.3 DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of this Standard, the following definitions apply:

1.3.1 ADG Code

The Australian Dangerous Goods Code, which comprises—

(a) the Australian Code for the Transport of Dangerous Goods by Road and Rail, 6th edition;

(b) the Rail (Dangerous Goods) Rules;

(c) the Road Transport Reform (Dangerous Goods) Regulations; and

(d) technical appendices.

1.3.2 Emergency procedure guide (EPG)

A document or card that is part of the AS 1678 series and which provides information on the correct procedures to be followed when there is an emergency involving the transport of dangerous goods.

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