

# CONTAINERS FOR HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES ORDINANCE 1970

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No. 54 of 1970

## An Ordinance relating to containers for hazardous substances

[Assented to 8 December, 1970]

BE it ordained by the Legislative Council for the Northern Territory of Australia as follows:—

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the *Containers for Hazardous Substances Ordinance 1970*. Short title

2. This Ordinance shall come into operation on a date to be fixed by the Administrator by notice in the *Gazette*.\* Commencement

3.—(1.) Subject to the next succeeding sub-section, a person shall not bottle, sell or have in his possession a prescribed liquid in a glass or plastic bottle in the Northern Territory, unless— Containers to be distinctive

(a) the bottle, if made of glass, is made of colourless glass or brown glass;

(b) the bottle—

(i) is of triangular cross-section; or

(ii) has embossed on its outer surface a sufficient number of prominent vertical ribs or grooves or prominent points or stars to make the bottle readily distinguishable by sight and touch from a bottle normally used to contain food or drink;

(c) words indicating that the bottle is not to be used as a food container or that the contents of the bottle are not to be taken are clearly and prominently embossed or clearly, prominently and indelibly written on the bottle; and

(d) the bottle is fitted with a top or seal that is designed to be re-used and is, and with re-use will remain, secure.

Penalty: Two hundred dollars.

(2.) The last preceding sub-section does not apply in respect of a prescribed liquid that is made up ready for internal human or animal use or for use as eye, ear or nose drops or sprays.

\* The date fixed was 24 March, 1971 (see *Northern Territory Government Gazette* No. 10 of 30 March, 1971, page 89).

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Containers  
not to be  
used for  
food

4. A person shall not use a bottle as a container for food or drink if words indicating that the bottle is not to be used as a food container or that the contents of the bottle are not to be taken are clearly and prominently embossed or clearly prominently and indelibly written on the bottle.

Penalty: Two hundred dollars.

Prescribed  
liquids

5. For the purposes of this Ordinance, the following liquids are prescribed liquids:—

kerosene, or preparations containing more than 25% kerosene;

methylated spirit, or preparations containing more than 25% methylated spirit;

mineral turpentine, or preparations containing more than 25% mineral turpentine;

oil of turpentine, or preparations containing more than 25% oil of turpentine;

petrol, or preparations containing more than 25% petrol white spirit, or preparations containing more than 25% white spirit.

Declaration  
of prescribed  
liquids

6. For the purposes of this Ordinance the Administrator and Council may declare any liquid not prescribed in the last preceding section to be a prescribed liquid.

Prosecution  
of offences

7. A prosecution for an offence against this Ordinance may not be prosecuted except with the consent in writing of the Administrator or some person thereto authorized by him in writing.