

# Special Cases

## Special Cases under TDG

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The TDG Regulations cover all shipments of dangerous goods, unless they qualify as “special cases”. These are situations where applying the normal regulations is excessively difficult or expensive, or the risk is so low that applying the regulations fully is not required for safety.

Some Special Cases exempt the shipment from all requirements under TDG. Others exempt the shipment from only part of the regulations - for example, shipping documents may not be required, but standardized packaging will still be needed.

The following are the various Special Cases found in Part 1 of the TDG Regulations.

### 150 kg Gross Mass Exemption (TDG 1.15)

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This exemption applies to packages not more than 30 kg gross mass (except for compressed gas cylinders) in a shipment not exceeding 150 kg gross mass. Flammable gas cylinders cannot exceed 46 L capacity.

Under this exemption, for shipment by road, rail or domestic ship:

- Packaging does not have to be standardized (except for cylinders of Class 2 substances).
- No dangerous goods documentation is required.
- No dangerous goods safety marks (labels, placards or other marks) are required.
- Shippers, carriers and receivers do not require dangerous goods training.
- Spills do not have to be reported as Accidental Releases according to Part 8.

There are some products that this exemption cannot be used for. These include:

- Goods that require an ERAP, or a control or emergency temperature,
- Certain explosives (listed in 1.15(2)(c)),