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PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by the Standards Australia/Standards New Zealand Committee CH/9 on Safe Handling of Chemicals. Preparation of the Standard was commenced following a request from the Australian Chemical Industry Council that a series of Standards be prepared on the storage and handling of dangerous goods; subsequently the Competent Authorities of various States and Territories have expressed their intentions of calling up such Standards as Codes of practice. Such Codes of practice may not be mandatory if an occupier can achieve an outcome equal to or better than that specified in the relevant Code of practice.

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

This Standard deals with Class 2 substances, as classified in the ADG Code.

Attention is drawn to those cards of AS 1678, *Emergency procedure guide—Transport*, that relate to Class 2 substances, such cards being among those having the initial sub-designation digit '2'.

The series of Standards covering the storage and handling of dangerous goods presently comprises, in addition to AS 1678 cited above, the following Standards:

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| 1596 | LP gas—Storage and handling |
| 1894 | Code of practice for the safe handling of cryogenic fluids |
| 1940 | The storage and handling of flammable and combustible liquids |
| 2022 | Anhydrous ammonia—Storage and handling (known as the SAA Anhydrous Ammonia Code) |
| 2507 | The storage and handling of pesticides |
| 2714 | The storage and handling of hazardous chemical materials—Class 5.2 substances (organic peroxides) |
| 2927 | The storage and handling of liquefied chlorine gas |
| 2931 | Selection and use of emergency procedure guides for the transport of dangerous goods |
| 3780 | The storage and handling of corrosive substances |
| 3961 | Liquefied natural gas—Storage and handling |
| 4081 | The storage, handling and transport of liquid and liquefied polyfunctional isocyanates |
| 4326 | The storage and handling of oxidizing agents |

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Statements expressed in mandatory terms in notes to tables are deemed to be requirements of this Standard.

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