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Placarding and marking requirements for limited quantities when carried by sea transport in Cargo Transport Units

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Limited quantity placarding and marking

- Following differing interpretations of the limited quantity placarding and marking requirements for a cargo transport unit (CTU) when it is fully or part loaded with limited quantities and it is carried on a sea voyage where the IMDG Code applies
- To facilitate the smooth flow of limited quantities along the transport supply chain MCA has issued this interpretation document



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- The IMDG Code Amdt 36-12 Chapter 3.4, has three scenarios, given in the following pages, for placarding a CTU.
- If the sea journey forms part of a RID/ADR journey where differing placarding requirements may apply.
- The transport document should be annotated with:
*ADR Carriage in accordance with 1.1.4.2.1
However, RID 5.4 and 1.1.4.2 do not require the
transport document annotation*



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Scenario 1

If the Cargo Transport Unit (CTU) contains only Dangerous goods in Limited Quantity (LQ), it “shall not” be placarded (large labels) or marked with the Proper Shipping Name or UN No. However, it shall be marked with the 250 mm x 250 mm LQ mark



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Scenario 2

If CTU contains
Class 6.1 Dangerous goods
in Limited Quantity
and
Class 3 Dangerous Goods
and
Class 8 Dangerous Goods

Class 3 and 8 Placards only



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Scenario 3

If the CTU contains only LQ but the LQ is a Marine Pollutant (MP), the packages in the CTU may not need MP mark but CTU shall be marked