

Unpack explosive substances and/or articles

Overview

This standard covers the competences you need to unpack explosive substances and/or articles in accordance with approved procedures and practices.

You will be required to demonstrate that you can confirm the identity and condition of the explosive substances and/or articles to be unpacked and their handling, confirming that the work environment and conditions under which the unpacking is carried out meet regulatory requirements in accordance with approved procedures and practices.

This activity is likely to be undertaken by someone whose work role involves Weapons, Ordnance, Munitions or Explosives work activities. This includes people working as supervisors and operators involved in unpacking explosive substances and/or articles.

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Performance criteria

- You must be able to:*
- 1 work safely at all times, complying with health and safety, environmental and other relevant regulations, legislation and guidelines
 - P2 confirm the identity and condition of the explosive substances and/or articles to be unpacked and their handling
 - P3 confirm that the work environment and conditions under which the unpacking is carried out meet regulatory requirements
 - P4 adhere to unpacking requirements
 - P5 report any problems beyond your level of authority to the appropriate person
 - P6 ensure that the explosive substances and/or articles have been clearly labelled in accordance with instructions

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Knowledge and understanding

- You need to know and understand:*
- K1 the health, safety and environmental and other statutory legislation, regulations and safe working practices and procedures governing explosives and their implications for your area of work
 - K2 the relevance of personal protective equipment (PPE)
 - K3 the nature, characteristics, hazards and risks of the explosive substances and/or articles
 - K4 the actions to be taken in response to an unplanned event
 - K5 any specific requirements relevant to the task
 - K6 the classification of the explosive substances and/or articles
 - K7 the importance of marking and labelling requirements
 - K8 how the package has been put together to form a load
 - K9 the procedures covering unpacking and/or their components
 - K10 the availability of appropriate equipment/components
 - K11 the correct use of tools and equipment
 - K12 when something unexpected should be treated as potentially hazardous
 - K13 packaging disposal procedures, and associated restrictions
 - K14 the importance of re-using packaging
 - K15 the importance of maintaining appropriate security standards
 - K16 reporting lines and procedures
 - K17 the limits of your personal authority

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Scope/range

1. Packages: single/loose items; multiple items
2. Packaging and contents: where the contents meets expectations; where the contents are not as expected

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