



SAFETY & ADR COMPLIANCE GUIDE



Petroleum & Dangerous Goods Transport

A practical guide to safety controls, driver competence, vehicle readiness, documentation and emergency preparedness for responsible hazardous-goods transport.



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Moving critical cargo with safety at the centre.



COMPLIANCE DISCLAIMER

This guide is provided for client-facing safety education purposes only and does not replace applicable national law, dangerous-goods regulations, shipper instructions, site procedures or competent professional advice.





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What Does ADR Compliance Mean?

ADR (the European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road) is the international framework that sets the requirements for the safe transport of dangerous goods by road.

It covers classification, packaging, marking, documentation, vehicles, equipment, driver training and operational controls.

In East Africa, operators must also comply with the laws, regulator requirements, border controls and customer or site rules applicable to each corridor.

2 | Five Critical Safety Standards

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Correct Dangerous-Goods Classification
Accurately identify and classify goods in accordance with ADR to determine the correct packing group, UN number, hazard class and special provisions.

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Competent & Trained Drivers
All drivers must hold the appropriate ADR driver training certificate and receive regular refresher training.

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Fit-for-Purpose Vehicles & Equipment
Use ADR-compliant vehicles and equipment that are maintained, inspected and fit for the intended dangerous goods.

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Documentation, Marking & Traceability
Ensure correct transport documents, hazard marking, placarding and full traceability throughout the journey.

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Emergency Preparedness & Incident Control
Equip vehicles with the required safety equipment, maintain clear emergency procedures, and ensure drivers are ready to respond to incidents and minimize their impact.

3 DRIVER SAFETY: THE FIRST LINE OF DEFENCE



- **Pre-Trip Inspection:** Inspect vehicle, tanker, tyres, lights, brakes, hoses and safety equipment.
- **Journey Readiness:** Ensure you are fit, rested and understood the route, load and site requirements.
- **Safe Driving:** Comply with speed limits, traffic rules and safe following distances.
- **Ignition Controls:** Observe terminal/site ignition controls and no phone rules.
- **Stop-Work Authority:** Stop and report if anything feels unsafe.
- **Incident Reporting:** Report all incidents, near misses and hazards immediately.

4 VEHICLE & TANKER READINESS



	CONTROL	KEY CHECKS
	Roadworthiness	Vehicle is roadworthy and all safety systems are functional.
	Tank integrity	No leaks, corrosion or damage. Compartments and manways secure.
	Emergency equipment	Fire extinguisher, spill kit, first aid kit and PPE are available and in date.
	Identification	Hazard placards, UN numbers and warning labels are in place and legible.
	Load security	Hoses, valves and equipment secured. Loose items stowed.
	Tracking & communication	Tracking device operational and communication device charged.



6 EMERGENCY RESPONSE: WHAT DRIVERS SHOULD REMEMBER

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PROTECT PEOPLE

Ensure your safety and the safety of others.
Move people away from danger.

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CONTROL IGNITION

Stop the engine and eliminate ignition sources
where it is safe to do so.

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ASSESS SAFELY

Assess the situation from a safe distance. Do
not put yourself at risk.

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COMMUNICATE

Alert your control room and emergency services
with clear and accurate information.

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FOLLOW AUTHORITIES

Follow instructions from emergency
services and site personnel.

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REPORT

Report all incidents and near misses
promptly and accurately.

PETROLEUM TRANSPORT PRE-DISPATCH CHECKLIST



Product identity and transport classification confirmed



Quantity/load plan verified



Driver authorization, competence and fitness confirmed



Vehicle roadworthiness and tanker condition checked



Required markings/placards and documentation checked



Emergency equipment present and serviceable



Loading/discharge equipment inspected



Route and journey risks reviewed



Tracking/communications confirmed



Delivery site instructions and contact details confirmed



Emergency escalation contacts available; Any defects or unsafe
conditions closed out before dispatch



8 WHAT CLIENTS SHOULD EXPECT FROM A SAFETY-FOCUSED CARRIER



Clear communication – Timely, accurate and proactive updates.



Operational visibility – Track-and-trace and exception reporting.



Competent personnel – Trained, authorised and accountable teams.



Documented controls – Procedures that are followed and verifiable.



Continuous improvement – Lessons learned drive safer outcomes.

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IMPORTANT COMPLIANCE NOTE

The term ADR-compliant should be used carefully. Requirements depend on the dangerous-goods classification, route, contracting parties and applicable legal framework. Operators must verify current requirements with the competent authority, dangerous-goods adviser or safety professional where required, shipper and receiving facility.



SAFETY ISN'T AN OPTION.

It is a system — built into every journey, every vehicle and every handover.



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