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§ 178.702 IBC codes.

(a) Intermediate bulk container code designations consist of: two numerals specified in paragraph (a)(1) of this section; followed by the capital letter(s) specified in paragraph (a)(2) of this section; followed, when specified in an individual section, by a numeral indicating the category of intermediate bulk container.

(1) IBC code number designations are as follows:

Type	For solids, discharged		For liquids
	by gravity	Under pressure of more than 10 kPa (1.45 psig)	
Rigid	11	21	31
Flexible	13		

(2) Intermediate bulk container code letter designations are as follows:

- “A” means steel (all types and surface treatments).
- “B” means aluminum.
- “C” means natural wood.
- “D” means plywood.
- “F” means reconstituted wood.
- “G” means fiberboard.
- “H” means plastic.
- “L” means textile.
- “M” means paper, multiwall.
- “N” means metal (other than steel or aluminum).

(b) For composite IBCs, two capital letters are used in sequence following the numeral indicating IBC design type. The first letter indicates the material of the IBC inner receptacle. The second letter indicates the material of the outer IBC. For example, 31HA1 is a composite IBC with a plastic inner receptacle and a steel outer packaging.

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§ 178.703 Marking of IBCs.

(a) The manufacturer shall:

(1) Mark every IBC in a durable and clearly visible manner. The marking may be applied in a single line or in multiple lines provided the correct sequence is followed with the information required by this section in letters, numerals and symbols of at least 12 mm in height. This minimum marking

size applies only to IBCs manufactured after October 1, 2001). The following information is required in the sequence presented:

(i) The United Nations symbol as illustrated in §178.503(e)(1). For metal IBCs on which the marking is stamped or embossed, the capital letters ‘UN’ may be applied instead of the symbol.

(ii) The code number designating IBC design type according to §178.702(a). The letter ‘W’ must follow the IBC design type identification code on an IBC when the IBC differs from the requirements in subpart N of this part, or is tested using methods other than those specified in this subpart, and is approved by the Associate Administrator in accordance with the provisions in §178.801(i).

(iii) A capital letter identifying the performance standard under which the design type has been successfully tested, as follows:

- (A) X—for IBCs meeting Packing Group I, II and III tests;
- (B) Y—for IBCs meeting Packing Group II and III tests; and
- (C) Z—for IBCs meeting only Packing Group III tests.

(iv) The month (designated numerically) and year (last two digits) of manufacture.

(v) The country authorizing the allocation of the mark. The letters ‘USA’ indicate that the IBC is manufactured and marked in the United States in compliance with the provisions of this subchapter.

(vi) The name and address or symbol of the manufacturer or the approval agency certifying compliance with subparts N and O of this part. Symbols, if used, must be registered with the Associate Administrator.

(vii) The stacking test load in kilograms (kg). For IBCs not designed for stacking, the figure ‘0’ must be shown.

(viii) The maximum permissible gross mass or, for flexible IBCs, the maximum net mass, in kg.

(2) The following are examples of symbols and required markings:

(i) For a metal IBC containing solids discharged by gravity made from steel: