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1. Container design

- Cylinders to comply with AS 2030.1 *Gas cylinders Part 1: General requirements*
- Cylinders manufactured to AS 2469 *Steel cylinders for compressed gases* and tested at approved test stations
- Tanks certified as pressure vessels to AS 1210, with current WorkSafe Vessel Registration
- Periodic in-service inspection to AS 3788 *Pressure equipment – in-service inspection*
- LPG road tankers designed to AS 2809.3 *Tankers for compressed liquefiable gases*

2. Installation of tanks

- Facility design and installation to comply with AS 1596 *The storage and handling of LP Gas*, or demonstrate equivalent safety
- Design and selection of foundations, fixtures, pumps, manifolding, regulators, venting and pipework to be undertaken by competent LP Gas industry personnel
- Tank installations exceeding 5,000 litres require DG Site Licence, a formal LGIRS application and risk assessment submitted to WorkSafe

3. Risk control measures

- Separation of LP Gas from dwellings, workshops and offices
- Segregation of LP Gas from incompatible dangerous goods and fuel storage
- Protection provided to prevent vehicular impact on tanks and fittings
- Adoption of safe transfer procedures
- Exclusion of ignition sources in vicinity of tanks, cylinders and decant points
- Control of explosive gas atmospheres – ventilation and electrical equipment rating
- Control of fire hazards – removal of adjacent combustible material

4. Emergency planning measures

- Emergency plan adopted and rehearsed with staff and contractors
- Appropriate fire-fighting equipment
- Training of staff in contingency measures



5. References for LP Gas storage and handling activities

- Dangerous Goods Safety (Storage and Handling of Non-explosives) Regulations 2007
- Static storage: see AS 1596 *The storage and handling of LP Gas*
- Exchange LP Gas cylinder facilities: see Appendix G of AS 1596
- Mobile use of oxy-fuel systems: see AS 4839 *The safe use of portable and mobile oxy-fuel gas systems for welding, cutting, heating and allied processes*
- Decanting: LP Gas suppliers have standard procedure. Also see Appendix J of AS 1596

6. References for LP Gas transport activities

- Transport of LP Gas in quantities exceeding 250 litres is described as placard load transport and is regulated under the Dangerous Goods Safety (Road and Rail Transport of Non-explosives) Regulations 2007 (www.legislation.wa.gov.au)
- Technical requirements for transport are contained in the Australian Dangerous Goods Code (www.ntc.gov.au)
- Responsibilities are defined for:
 - Consignor
 - Driver
 - Loader
 - Prime contractor
 - Vehicle owner