

Explosive Act, 1884 & Explosive Rules, 1983

Authority : Chief Controller of Explosives

Applicability Criteria “: Any person engaged in manufacture, possession, use, sale, transport and import of explosives is required to obtain a License under Explosives Act, 1884 and Explosive Rules, 1983.

Type of Explosive : Explosives are divided into four categories according to the risks which they present when initiated, namely –

- i) Category ‘X’ - Those explosives, which have a fire or a slight explosion risk or both but the effect of which will be local.
- ii) Category ‘Y’ - Those explosives which have mass fire risk or a moderate explosion risk but not the risk of mass explosion.
- iii). Category ‘Z’ – Those explosives which have a mass explosion risk and minor missile effect.
- iv) Category ‘ZZ’ – Those explosives which have a mass explosion risk and major missile effect

If any question arises as to whether any explosives belongs to category x, category y, category – z or category – zz, the matter shall be referred to the Chief Controller of Explosives, whose decision shall be final.