



FEA recommendation on small aerosols

The Aerosol Directive 75/324/EEC applies to aerosol dispensers with the exception of those with a maximum container capacity of less than 50 ml (Different from the net content – e.g. “35 ml” – the relevant container capacity is typically marked on the can as 59).

These aerosols (without toxic constituents) are also not subject to the requirements of the transport of dangerous goods legislation.

FEA recommends that aerosols with a maximum capacity of less than 50 ml should follow all safety requirements laid down in the UN regulations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and in the Aerosol Directive 75/324/EEC, with a special attention to:

- the maximum pressure at 50°C,
- the maximum volume of the liquid phase at 50°C, and
- the different test requirements on both empty aerosol cans and filled aerosol dispensers.

It should, however, be considered that there often are practical limitations as to the labelling of small aerosols in a legible manner. Nevertheless, FEA recommends that aerosols with a maximum container capacity of less than 50 ml follow as far as possible the requirements laid down in the Aerosol Directive 75/324/EEC concerning the appropriate caution labelling.