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## PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by the Standards Australia Committee on Safe Handling of Chemicals to supersede AS 3780.8—1990, *The storage and handling of hazardous chemical materials*, Part 8: *Class 8 substances—Corrosive substances*. It deals with Class 8 substances, as classified in the ADG Code, and augments the information contained in those storage and handling cards of AS 2508, *Safe storage and handling information cards for hazardous materials*, that deal with Class 8 substances.

Further, attention is drawn to those cards of AS 1678, *Emergency procedure guides—Transport* that relate to Class 8 substances, such cards having the initial subdesignation digit ‘8’.

This Standard is one of a series of Standards planned, published or being developed, for the storage and handling of dangerous goods. This series presently comprises, in addition to AS 2508 and AS 1678 cited above, the following Standards:

### AS

- 1596 LP gas—Storage and handling
- 1894 Code of practice for the safe handling of cryogenic fluids
- 1940 The storage and handling of flammable and combustible liquids
- 2022 Anhydrous ammonia—Storage and handling (known as the SAA Anhydrous Ammonia Code)
- 2507 The storage and handling of pesticides
- 2714 The storage and handling of hazardous chemical materials—Class 5.2 substances (organic peroxides)
- 2927 The storage and handling of liquefied chlorine gas
- 2931 Selection and use of emergency procedure guides for the transport of dangerous goods
- 3961 Liquefied natural gas—Storage and handling
- 4081 The storage, handling and transport of liquid and liquefied polyfunctional isocyanates

The objective of this Standard is to provide users of corrosive substances with such requirements and recommendations for the storage and handling of those substances as are appropriate to the interests of safety of persons and property. In this edition of the Standard, attention has been paid to the better alignment of requirements with the current needs of regulatory authorities, emergency services and environmental authorities, and greater cognizance has been taken of various publications of Worksafe Australia.

The opportunity to reorganize and simplify the structure and content of the Standard has also been taken. Further, because it has been invalidated by the 5th edition of the *Australian code for the transport of dangerous goods by road and rail*, and because more changes to the allocation of Subsidiary Risks to corrosive substances are anticipated in the future, the informative appendix that listed corrosive substances having Subsidiary Risks has been deleted from this edition; an informative appendix providing guidelines on the preparation of emergency plans has been newly included.

The terms ‘normative’ and ‘informative’ have been used in this Standard to define the application of appendices to which they apply. A ‘normative’ appendix is an integral part of a Standard, whereas an ‘informative’ appendix is for information and guidance only.

Statements expressed in mandatory terms in notes to tables are deemed to be requirements of this Standard.

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