



Transportation of Petrol Storage Containers in Private Motor Vehicles

(Advice to members of the public)

The Petroleum (Consolidation) Regulations 2014 place a maximum limit of 30 litres of petrol in two portable petrol storage containers that can be stored in a vehicle (a 'vehicle' is interpreted as any type of vehicle so includes boats, aircraft and hovercraft).

This storage counts towards the petrol that can be stored at a domestic premises for domestic or leisure use.

Subject to these conditions private non-work related transportation of petrol is completely exempted by ADR (European Agreement concerning Carriage of Dangerous Goods). However, measures should be taken to prevent leakage of petrol or vapours.

Only suitable portable petrol storage containers can be filled with petrol, stored and transported in private vehicles:

- Plastic petrol containers up to 10 litres capacity
- Metal petrol containers up to 20 litres capacity
- Demountable fuel tanks up to 30 litres capacity

Petrol storage containers should not be transported in the passenger compartment of the vehicle



This information is not intended to fully detail all the specific requirements for the transportation of petrol storage containers, and therefore should you require further information or advice please contact your local trading standards office as detailed below.