

## Frequently Asked Questions on Explosives

### 1. What are explosives?

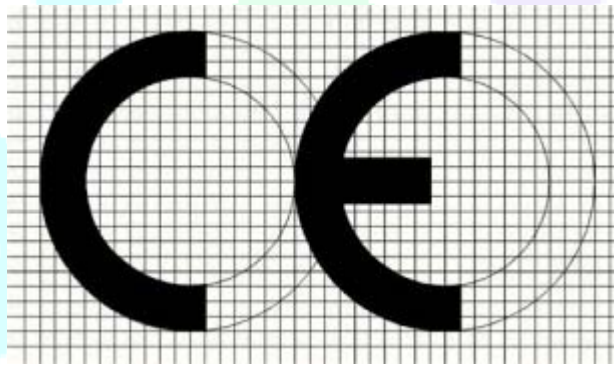
Explosives are materials and articles considered to be such in the United Nations recommendations laid down by the [United Nations of Experts on the transport of Dangerous Goods](#), as published in the UN (Orange Book) and falling within Class 1 of those recommendations.

### 2. Is there any compulsory identification marking that should be present on explosives found within the Community?

If a company places an explosive on the market, this explosive has to be CE marked. The CE marking of conformity shall be affixed in such a way as to be visible, easily legible and indelible on the explosives themselves or, if this is not possible, on an identification plate attached thereto or, in the last resort, if the first two methods cannot be used, on the packaging. The identification plate must be so designed as to make its reuse impossible.

It shall be prohibited to affix on explosives any mark or inscription which may confuse third persons as to the meaning and style of writing of the CE marking. Any other mark may be affixed on explosives provided the visibility and legibility of the CE marking is not impaired.

*The CE conformity marking shall consist of the initials 'CE' taking the following form:*



*If the marking is reduced or enlarged the proportions given in the above graduated drawing must be respected.*

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## 3. What are the legal tools that regulate the explosives for civil use?

The following 2 legal tools regulate explosives for civil use:

- Council Directive 93/15/EEC of 5 April 1993 on the harmonization of the provisions relating to the placing on the market and supervision of explosives for civil uses was transposed into national legislation by LN 279/2004; and
- Council Directive 2004/57/EC of 23 April 2004 on the identification of pyrotechnic articles and certain ammunition for the purposes of Council Directive 93/15/EEC was transposed into national legislation by LN 74/2005.

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