

Statement on BS5609

The British Standard BS5609 relates to labels used for identifying chemical drums during marine shipment. The testing includes a three-month immersion of labeled test panels in sea water. BS5609 is a requirement for drum labels needing International Maritime Dangerous Goods (IMDG) certification.

BS5609 is a three-section standard:

- Section 1: a general statement outlining general requirement, responsibilities and definitions.
- Section 2a: requirements and method for Marine performance type of testing ensuring that the label base material will endure 3 months immersed in seawater.
- Section 2b: requirements and methods for additions Laboratory type of tests of label base materials.
- Section 3: requirements and test methods for ensuring that the printed information will endure three months immersed in seawater. This part needs to be tested by the printer of the labels.

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