

Overpack means an enclosure used by a single consignor to contain one or more packages and to form one unit for the convenience of handling and stowage during transport. Examples of overpacks are a number of packages either:

- .1 placed or stacked on to a load board, such as a pallet, and secured by strapping, shrink-wrapping, stretch-wrapping, or other suitable means; or
- .2 placed in a protective outer packaging such as a box or crate.

Overstowed means that a package or container is directly stowed on top of another.

Package means the complete product of the packing operation, consisting of the packaging and its contents prepared for transport.

Packaging means one or more receptacles and any other components or materials necessary for the receptacles to perform their containment and other safety functions.

5.1.2 Use of overpacks and unit loads

- 5.1.2.1 An overpack and unit load shall be marked with the proper shipping name and the UN number and marked and labelled, as required for packages by chapter 5.2, for each item of dangerous goods contained in the overpack or unit load unless marks and labels representative of all dangerous goods in the overpack or unit load are visible. An overpack, in addition, shall be marked with the word "OVERPACK" unless marks and labels representative of all dangerous goods, as required by chapter 5.2, in the overpack are visible. Labelling of overpacks containing radioactive materials shall be in accordance with 5.2.2.1.12. The lettering of the "OVERPACK" mark shall be at least 12 mm high.
- 5.1.2.2 The individual packages comprising a unit load or an overpack shall be marked and labelled in accordance with chapter 5.2. Each package of dangerous goods contained in the unit load or overpack shall comply with all applicable provisions of the Code. The "OVERPACK" mark on an overpack is an indication of compliance with this provision. The intended function of each package shall not be impaired by the unit load or overpack.
- 5.1.2.3 Each package bearing package orientation marks as prescribed in 5.2.1.7.1 of this Code and which is overpacked, placed in a unit load or used as an inner packaging in a large packaging shall be oriented in accordance with such marks.

