

ITZAGASCAN: FIRE SAFETY HAZARD

This bulletin is intended to advise fire inspectors, fire marshals, code enforcement officials and the public as to the suitability of a product named ItzaGasCan for use in the State of New York.

The product in question, a collapsible container utilized for storing and dispensing flammable liquids, including motor fuel, is predominately constructed of cardboard.

The Fire Code of New York State requires that containers meet the requirements of Section 3404.3.1 and NFPA 30. NFPA 30, 2000 edition, Section 4.2.1 requires containers be either metal or plastic. Furthermore, regarding the actual operation of filling this product with motor fuel, the Fire Code of New York State Section 2204.4.1 prohibits Class I, II, or IIIA liquids from being dispensed into containers that do not have a screw-type or spring-loaded cover. The nozzle of ItzaGasCan, being designed to snap into place, not being removable after insertion and sealed by use of a stopper placed over the end of the nozzle to prevent spillage, does not meet the requirements for a tight-closure per the Fire Code.

The Fire Code of New York State does not regulate products differently by virtue of the product being reusable, disposable, or based on the probability of use. Section 2702.1, definition of 'Hazardous Materials Storage' does not provide direction that retaining hazardous materials for a short amount of time is not considered 'Hazardous Materials Storage.' Therefore, the assertion that ItzagasCan is used for emergency purposes only has no bearing on the enforcement of regulations on such product.

In Summary, it has been determined that ItzaGasCan is not an approved container for storing or dispensing flammable liquids within the State of New York.



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