

Customer News – June 2005

Movement of Dangerous Goods – Legislation Update

As part of our commitment to keeping our customers informed of developments within the Dangerous Goods Industry, you may find the following information below of interest.

The Dangerous Goods (Amendment) Regulations 2005 and the Implementation of ADR 2005

From July 2005 the Department for Transport (DfT) will introduce Dangerous Goods (Amendment) Regulations 2005. It is part of the overall implementation of ADR 2005. This has some significant implications for UK Consignors, Carriers and Consignees of dangerous goods. Some of the larger areas of interest are covered below.

Security – General

All drivers transporting dangerous goods above the Load Thresholds (orange plates displayed) will be required to produce Photographic Identification (ID). This will in particular be enforced on the road by the Police and VOSA (Vehicle Operator and Service Agency). A consignor should not load a vehicle with dangerous goods, if the driver is unable to confirm their identity. The form of ID has not yet been clarified; however, it is my understanding that any verifiable form of ID will be acceptable. For example a photo driving licence or a company photo ID card.

Any driver in breach of this legislation could receive a prohibition notice.

Other general measures require companies to review their security arrangements and carry out a security risk assessment. All employees involved in the transport of dangerous goods will need to receive a security awareness briefing and training records kept as evidence.

Security – High Consequence Dangerous Goods

All companies who transport high consequence dangerous goods will have to implement a full security plan. A template has been produced by TRANSEC and companies are advised to follow it. Companies who believe they move high consequence dangerous goods should speak to us.

Driver Training

Drivers of vehicles less than 3.5 tonne transporting dangerous goods above the load thresholds will be required to hold an ADR License. This is to be introduced fully by 1st January 2007. All drivers transporting dangerous goods that are below load threshold will still have to demonstrate that they have received some form of training.



The expected number of drivers this will affect is estimated by the DfT to be in the region of 20,000. That being the case, it is important to plan training well in advance. Given the scale of the training required, the DfT believe that by August 2006 demand will mean that it will be almost impossible to book people on training courses.

Marking of Overpacks

As the 1st July 2005 all overpacks will need to be marked with the word "Overpack" as a label. International consignments will be under particular scrutiny.

Transport of Gas Cylinders

A sign will be required externally on enclosed vehicles reading, "Transporting gas with no ventilation".

Should you wish to speak with us on any of the enclosed, please give us a call on 0800 3283297.

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