

# TRAINING REQUIREMENTS FOR TRANSPORTING DANGEROUS GOODS AND SHIPPER'S RESPONSIBILITIES

## **Training Requirements**

The successful application of regulations concerning the transport of dangerous goods is greatly dependent on a detailed understanding of the regulations. This understanding can only be effectively achieved through the completion of initial and recurrent training for all personnel involved in the transport of dangerous goods.

Training must be provided or verified prior to any personnel transporting dangerous goods. Recurrent training must take place within 24 months of previous training to ensure knowledge is current. A test must be undertaken following the completion of training to verify understanding of the regulations. Confirmation is required of successful completion of the test.

Personnel must receive training in the requirements commensurate with their responsibilities. Training must include the following components:

- Information aimed at providing familiarity with the general provisions.
- Detailed training in the requirements applicable to the function for which the person is responsible
- Information covering the hazards presented by dangerous goods, safe handling and emergency response procedures

A record of training must be maintained, which includes the individual's name, the most recent training completion date, a description or reference to the training materials used to meet the training requirements, the name of the organization providing training, and evidence that a test has been completed satisfactorily. The training records must be made available upon request.

## **Shipper's Responsibilities**

- I. A shipper must ensure proficiency to carry out their responsibilities with regard to the transport of dangerous goods.
- II. The shipper must ensure that articles or substances are not prohibited for transport by air.
- III. The article or substance must be properly identified, classified, packed, marked, labeled, documented and be in the condition for transport in accordance with these regulations.
- IV. Before a consignment of dangerous goods is offered for transport, all relevant personnel involved in its preparation must have received training to enable them to carry out their responsibilities.
- V. The dangerous goods must be packaged in compliance with all applicable transport requirements.
- VI. The shipper must provide an emergency response telephone number for use in the event of an emergency involving the hazardous material. The telephone number must be monitored at all times the hazardous material is in transportation, and must be for a person who is knowledgeable of the hazardous material being shipped and has comprehensive emergency response and incident mitigation information for that material.