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The Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region

Dangerous Goods Advisory Circular DGAC 1/2018

Dangerous Goods Training for Air Transport

Recently, it has come to our attention that a shipper who had not completed a dangerous goods training programme approved by the Director-General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) had signed a dangerous goods transport document (i.e. Shipper's Declaration for Dangerous Goods "DGD") on behalf of his/her company and offered dangerous goods for air transport from Hong Kong. The shipper and his/her company were both convicted and fined. This Department hereby reminds the air cargo industry of the dangerous goods training requirements under the Dangerous Goods (Consignment by Air) (Safety) Regulations (Cap. 384A of the Laws of Hong Kong).

Dangerous Goods Training Requirements for Shippers

Regulation 7 of the Dangerous Goods (Consignment by Air) (Safety) Regulations stipulates that no person shall sign a dangerous goods transport document (i.e. DGD) and offer dangerous goods for carriage by air unless he/she has completed dangerous goods training programmes that commensurate with his/her functions (i.e. Category 1 personnel) and **have been approved by the DGCA**, and he/she shall receive recurrent training every 24 months.

Dangerous Goods Training Requirements for Freight Forwarders

In accordance with Regulations 7A and 7B of the Dangerous Goods (Consignment by Air) (Safety) Regulations, staff members of freight forwarders, whether they be in-house or sub-contracted office or warehouse personnel, shall also have completed dangerous goods training programmes that commensurate with their functions and **have been approved by the DGCA**, and they shall

receive recurrent training every 24 months.

The staff members of freight forwarders include:

- 1) Staff involved in processing air cargo containing dangerous goods (Category 3 personnel);
- 2) Staff involved in processing air cargo not containing dangerous goods (Category 4 personnel); and
- 3) Staff involved in handling, loading or storing air cargo (Category 5 personnel).

Approved Dangerous Goods Training Programmes under Cap. 384A

Shippers and freight forwarders (i.e. Category 1, 3, 4 & 5 Personnel) can obtain the list and information of organizations providing approved Dangerous Goods Training Programmes from the website of this Department at https://www.cad.gov.hk/application/DG_Training.pdf. The Dangerous Goods (Consignment by Air) (Safety) Regulations (Cap. 384A of the Laws of Hong Kong) can be accessed at the website of Hong Kong e-Legislation at <https://www.elegislation.gov.hk/hk/cap384A>.

Contravention of Dangerous Goods (Consignment by Air) (Safety) Regulations

Shippers, freight forwarders and their companies / organizations who fail to comply with the above training requirements are liable for prosecution. On conviction, they may be subject to a fine of \$25,000 and imprisonment for 6 months.

Should there be any queries regarding this circular, please contact the Dangerous Goods Office at 2910 6856 or 2910 6857.

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<http://www.cad.gov.hk/english/DGAC.html>