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Civil Aviation Department
The Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region

Dangerous Goods Advisory Circular DGAC 1/2021

Approved Dangerous Goods Training Programmes for Air Transport

Recently, it has come to the attention of the Dangerous Goods (DG) Office of this Department that:

- i. some DG training organizations had offered DG training programmes which **had not been approved by the officers of this Department under the delegated authority**; and
- ii. certain personnel of the air cargo industry had completed DG training programmes which **had not been approved**, and as a result they **failed to** meet relevant legal requirements.

2. This Department hereby reminds the air cargo industry of the DG training requirements under the Dangerous Goods (Consignment by Air) (Safety) Regulations (Cap. 384A of the Laws of Hong Kong) and the Air Navigation (Dangerous Goods) Regulations, as Schedule 16 to the Air Navigation (Hong Kong) Order 1995 (Cap. 448C). Any person, be he/she **in-house or sub-contracted office or warehouse personnel** who is engaged in job functions relevant to the air transport of DG, general cargo or passenger baggage, shall have completed DG training programme which is **commensurate with the job functions** for which he/she is responsible and has been **approved by the officers of this Department under the delegated authority** prior to performing those job junctions. He/she shall also complete recurrent training every 24 months.

3. Personnel of the air cargo industry relevant to paragraph 2 above include:

Shippers:

- Shippers and persons undertaking the responsibilities of shippers ;

Staff members of freight forwarders:

- Staff involved in processing air cargo containing DG;
- Staff involved in processing air cargo not containing DG;
- Staff involved in handling, loading or storing air cargo;

Staff members of aircraft operators and their handling agents:

- Staff involved in accepting air cargo containing DG;
- Staff involved in accepting air cargo not containing DG;
- Staff involved in handling, loading or storing air cargo;
- Passenger handling staff;
- Flight crew members, loadmasters, load planners, flight operations officers and flight dispatchers;
- Cabin crew members; and
- Security screeners and their supervisors.

List of Approved DG Training Programmes

4. The air cargo industry can obtain the list and information of organizations providing approved DG Training Programmes from the websites of this Department at:

Shippers and freight forwarders -

https://www.cad.gov.hk/application/DG_Training.pdf

Aircraft operators and their handling agents –

https://www.cad.gov.hk/application/DG_Training_448C.pdf

Contravention of Regulations Relevant to DG Training

5. Shippers, freight forwarders, aircraft operators and their handling agents who fail to comply with the above DG training requirements are liable for prosecution. On conviction, they may be subject to a fine and/or imprisonment.

6. Should there be any query 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>