

Customer Regulatory Alert

U.S. DOT Issues New Transportation Security Directive for Shippers and Carriers of Dangerous Goods

The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) has finalized new regulations that require all shippers and carriers of qualifying hazardous materials to develop and implement a transportation security plan. The requirement is designed to reduce the risk of terrorism for materials regulated in transportation as they travel over the domestic public highway system. Persons primarily affected by the final ruling are those who are required to offer communication placards to commercial carriers when transporting hazmats or who ship agents or toxins regulated by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The security plan must include an assessment of possible transportation security risks for shipments of hazardous materials and appropriate measures to address the assessed risks. The plan must be in place by September 25, 2003.

All hazmat employees covered by the security plan must be trained and tested in the details of the in-depth security plan covering the hazardous materials they have access to or handle in their employment. The security training must include company security objectives, specific security procedures, employee responsibilities, actions to take in the event of a security breach and the organizational security structure. Training must be received no later than December 22, 2003.

All hazmat employees must be trained and tested in security awareness dealing with the security risks associated with hazardous materials transportation and methods designed to enhance transportation security. This training must include a component covering how to recognize and respond to possible security threats. Hazmat employees must be trained in security awareness by their earliest recurrent retraining date after March 25, 2003 or within 90 days after employment.

For complete details, visit the DOT's web site at: <http://hazmat.dot.gov/68fr-14509.pdf>

Customers may obtain the USDOT Security Awareness Training Module *free of charge* by linking to the DOT website at http://hazmat.dot.gov/hmt_security.htm and selecting <http://diy.doc.gov/hazmat>

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