



LET'S KEEP IT GREEN

MARCH 2009 EDITION

**Proposed Amendment to the TDG Regulations**

**(Amendment [xx])** for informal review. This amendment affects several parts of the Regulations and aims to correct some of the errors, omissions and unintended consequences resulting from the adoption of Amendment 6. Comments are requested on or before March 20, 2009, following the consultation period, the amendment will go to Justice before being published in Canada Gazette Part I for formal review.

**Proposal to Amend Part 12, Air, of the Transportation of Dangerous Goods Regulations**

– Last week we attended a meeting with Transport Canada which included industry, associations and various governmental bodies where we discussed the changes to Part 12 of the TDG Regulations. The objective of this amendment is to recognize the changes and advancements in industry practices and needs. Some current permits are incorporated into Part 12 and the regulatory requirements for Special Cases, Limited Access and Specialized Operations are streamlined. Transport Canada is encouraging comments until March 27<sup>th</sup>.

**IATA Document Lithium Batteries By Air** – IATA has produced a document based on the provisions set out in the 2009/10 Edition of the ICAO Technical Instructions for the Safe Transport of Dangerous Goods by Air. The purpose is to provide guidance for complying with the provisions applicable to the safe transport by air of lithium batteries that took effect January 1, 2009.

**GEMC PUBLICATIONS**

|                                    |    |        |
|------------------------------------|----|--------|
| TDG Update Service                 | \$ | 100.00 |
| <b>New</b> TDG Workbook            | \$ | 29.95  |
| <b>New</b> TDG Handbook            | \$ | 9.40   |
| TDG Independent study              | \$ | 34.95  |
| <b>New</b> TDG Act & Regulations   | \$ | 164.50 |
| <b>New</b> TDG Instructors Package | \$ | 494.00 |
| WHMIS Handbook                     | \$ | 5.40   |
| WHMIS Poster                       | \$ | 29.00  |
| WHMIS Regulations                  | \$ | 109.00 |
| WHMIS Instructors Package          | \$ | 494.00 |
| A.I.R. Shipper                     | \$ | 114.00 |
| <b>New</b> ERG                     | \$ | 10.95  |

**AIR TRAINING COURSES TIMMINS**

**BASIC AIR – MARCH 23, 24,25.**

**REFRESHER AIR MARCH 26**

**DO YOU KNOW WHAT YOUR SHIPPER IS SHIPPING?**

Undeclared dangerous goods described as "laundry products" loaded almost caused the loss of a passenger aircraft. By the time the aircraft landed, the floor had started to sag from the heat generated by a fire caused by a mixture of a hydrogen peroxide solution, an oxidizer, and about 12 kg of a sodium based orthosilicate-based mixture (a corrosive solid.) Because the consignment was not declared as DG, no labels or orientation markings were on the package. It was loaded on its side in the cargo compartment and the liquid leaked onto the solid causing a very hot fire. It was estimated by aircraft accident investigators that this aircraft could have broken in two within another 10-15 minutes.

**Caution -** If you are considering sending dangerous goods by air and if the packaging, labelling, documentation etc does not meet the requirements of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), and the TDG Legislation, then you may be liable to heavy financial penalties which can run into thousands of dollars and/or up to two years in prison.

Canada Post has a legal policy of not accepting dangerous goods into the postal system. Shipping dangerous goods into the postal system can incur a penalty of up to two years in prison and the goods may be destroyed.

Before sending any product that may be considered as dangerous goods, you should first seek advice from the appropriate air transport freight forwarder or airline operator.



This newsletter is published by GEMC INC. [info@gemc.ca](mailto:info@gemc.ca) 1.866.271.4362  
Managing Directors: Patrick Wallwork & Noreen Byers