

## Attention Honda Motorcycle Dealers

Thank you for choosing GEMC for your TDG compliance needs. Recently you would have received a letter from Honda Canada outlining the legal procedures to follow when shipping dangerous goods by road such as batteries. Please find enclosed the necessary information to transport your dangerous goods safely.

### Step 1 – Training

By now you should have completed the TDG program and have current training certificates for your employees. It is the law in Canada that only those individuals that are trained have the ability to handle ship or receive dangerous goods. The **Transportation of Dangerous Goods Act & Regulations Part 6 – Training** clearing outlines the law:

#### *6.1 Training Certificate Requirements*

(1) A person who handles offers for transport or transports dangerous goods must  
(a) Be adequately trained and hold a training certificate in accordance with this Part; or  
(b) Perform those activities in the presence and under the direct supervision of a person who is adequately trained and who holds a training certificate in accordance with this Part.

(2) An employer must not direct or allow an employee to handle, offer for transport or transport dangerous goods unless the employee  
(a) Is adequately trained and holds a training certificate in accordance with this Part; or  
(b) Performs those activities in the presence and under the direct supervision of a person who is adequately trained and who holds a training certificate in accordance with this Part.

We would like to remind you that the certificates are not valid until the employer and the employee sign them. The employee must carry the certificate at all times when handling dangerous goods and the employer must be able to produce a copy of the employee's certificate when asked by an inspector. These certificates are valid for three years.

### **No one is trained!**

The dealership cannot ship, receive or handle dangerous goods until training has occurred.

We have developed a self-study program for Honda dealers. The cost is \$34.95 per employee plus GST and s/h. If you would like to order training kits call us at 1.866.271.4362 or email us [info@gemc.ca](mailto:info@gemc.ca)

## Step 2 – Preparing the shipment

The batteries that you are shipping are considered dangerous goods and must be treated accordingly. The proper shipping name is **Batteries, wet, filled with acid UN2794.**

**The batteries must:**



- Be shipped in the UN boxes which have been marked and labelled and sent to your dealerships
- The batteries must be placed in the bag provided and then placed into the box provided

**The batteries must never be shipped if they are leaking.**

**The boxes must display the proper safety marks,**

- Class 8 label
- The proper shipping name - Batteries, wet, filled with acid
- The UN number - UN 2794



**Step 3 – Preparing the Document**

Statistically documentation is the biggest issue for dealers so we have enclosed an example of a document that is in compliance.

It is mandatory that the document contain a 24 hr emergency phone number. As most shippers do not want to use their own personal number the Government of Canada has set up a free service to assist with this requirement.

**Take the time immediately to sign up with Canutec, it is a free service.** It is illegal to use the number if you are not registered with them it is a very easy process and it is free. The website is <http://www.tc.gc.ca/canutec/en/register/register.htm>

#### **Step 4 – Further Compliance**

As indicated in the bulletin put out by Honda each dealership should have an eyewash station in the unlikely event there is an accident. Battery Acid is extremely corrosive and could cause permanent damage.

If you would like to order eyewash stations please call us for details.

Congratulations on taking the time and incurring the expense to make sure that your employees, the public and the environment are safe. If you should ever have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us as we endeavour to ensure that you have a comfortable understanding of the Transportation of Dangerous Goods Regulations as they relate to your operation.

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