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IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MARITIME DANGEROUS GOODS ACCREDITATION MANDATED BY AMSA - SHORE-BASED PERSONNEL TRAINING A REQUIREMENT BY 1 JANUARY 2010

The Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) has stipulated that there will be mandatory training requirements under Chapter 1.3 of the International Maritime Dangerous Goods (IMDG) Code with the requirement that all shore based personnel involved in the transport of dangerous goods for sea be provided with appropriate mandatory training prior to **1 January 2010**.

AMSA have stated that the mandatory requirement has been adopted in recognition that the successful application of the requirements and objectives of the IMDG Code is dependent on those involved having an appreciation of the risks and a detailed understanding of the requirements.

The training requirements specify that relevant personnel must be provided with “training in the contents of dangerous goods provisions commensurate with their responsibilities”. The system adopted by AMSA in Australia will follow the requirements of the IMDG Code and as such it will be the employer’s responsibility to determine:

- Those personnel that need to be trained
- The degree of training they require
- The method of training they use to enable them to comply with the provisions of the IMDG code.

The IMDG Code stipulates that persons who are engaged in the transport of goods “intended to be transported by sea” **MUST** receive the training required under the code. Effectively this means a full range of persons across the supply chain from the direct shipper right through to persons in depots packing cargo must be qualified with an AMSA certified training course.

For further information about who should be trained, click here to see the Information Sheet provided by AMSA on [Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Sea](#).

AMSA has indicated it will have the ability to audit compliance with the training requirements.

The training solution for industry

The Customs Brokers and Forwarders Council of Australia (CBFCA) and the Australian Federation of International Forwarders (AFIF) are currently working with an AMSA accredited training provider to jointly offer training to industry utilising both e-learning and traditional classroom based delivery options. This training will meet the requirements of the IMDG Code and will be role specific, meaning that persons taking the training need only be trained in those areas relating to their role.

Further information about these training options will be provided to industry within the next two weeks.
In the meantime, any queries should be directed to Bill Murphy (CBFCA) via bmurphy@cbfca.com.au or
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