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Overview

IMDG Code Compliance for Shippers and Port Operators Training Course is a one-week course for freight forwarders, shippers, port teams, dangerous goods coordinators and maritime compliance staff, who leave with an IMDG Consignment Compliance File. The course connects dangerous goods classification, Dangerous Goods List navigation, packaged dangerous goods controls, shipping documentation, port acceptance, segregation and emergency response across the shipper–forwarder–port interface. Agile Leaders Training Center presents practical IMDG Code compliance.

Who Should Attend

- Teams responsible for classifying and describing packaged dangerous goods
- Teams responsible for packing, marking, labeling and container preparation
- Teams responsible for freight booking and dangerous goods documentation
- Teams responsible for terminal acceptance, storage and vessel-interface checks
- Teams responsible for maritime logistics compliance and audit evidence
- Teams responsible for incident readiness and dangerous goods coordination

The course assumes participants handle shipping records, cargo acceptance or port operations; it leaves out tanker cargo, bulk cargo, customs tariff classification and vessel command duties.

Departments and Industries

The course supports coordinated controls across shipping, logistics, manufacturing and port operations.

- Freight forwarding and ocean logistics departments
- Port and container terminal operations
- Manufacturing and chemical distribution logistics
- Retail and industrial supply chain functions
- Shipping line documentation and cargo acceptance teams
- Health, safety and compliance departments

Learning Objectives

By the end of this course, participants will be able to:

- Apply role responsibilities across the dangerous goods chain.
- Use the Dangerous Goods List to build transport descriptions.
- Evaluate packaging, marking and labeling evidence.
- Analyze declarations and container packing records.
- Compare segregation, stowage and port handling controls.
- Build an IMDG Consignment Compliance File.

Course Agenda

Day 1: Establish IMDG Responsibilities

- IMDG Code Structure and Amendment Verification Method
- Shipper, Packer, Forwarder and Carrier Responsibility Map
- Dangerous Goods Training Needs Matrix
- Marine Pollutant and Packaged Cargo Scope Test
- Consignment Compliance Workflow Map

Day 2: Classify and Identify Dangerous Goods

- Hazard Class and Subsidiary Risk Decision Method
- UN Number and Proper Shipping Name Selection Process
- Dangerous Goods List Column Navigation Guide
- Packing Group and Special Provision Review Matrix
- Limited and Excepted Quantity Eligibility Check

Day 3: Control Packages and Cargo Units

- Packing Instruction and Package Approval Checklist
- Package Marking and Hazard Label Verification Sheet
- Container Placarding and Marking Control Map
- Compatibility and Segregation Decision Table
- Container Condition and Packing Inspection Record

Day 4: Document, Accept and Handle

- Dangerous Goods Transport Document Data Set
- Container Packing Certificate Evidence Review
- Port and Carrier Acceptance Checklist
- Stowage Category and Handling Control Plan
- Emergency Schedule and Incident Information Pack

Day 5: Practice IMDG Consignment Control

- Exercise: Build a Dangerous Goods Transport Description
- Exercise: Verify Package Marks, Labels and Placards
- Exercise: Review a Declaration and Packing Certificate
- Exercise: Resolve a Segregation and Stowage Case
- Capstone Exercise: Complete the IMDG Consignment Compliance File

Practical Exercises

The course uses suggested activities based on manufacturing shipments, consolidated freight and container terminal cases.

- Suggested activity: identify a substance through the Dangerous Goods List and assemble its transport description.
- Suggested activity: inspect package and cargo-unit evidence against packing, marking, labeling and placarding requirements.
- Suggested activity: test mixed consignments against segregation and stowage controls.
- Suggested activity: combine classification, documents, acceptance evidence and emergency information into one file.

FAQs

Who suits IMDG Code compliance training, and what does it assume?

IMDG Code compliance training suits freight forwarders, shippers, port operators, cargo acceptance teams and dangerous goods coordinators. It assumes participants already work with cargo records, shipments or terminal processes and excludes tanker and bulk-cargo operations.

How does IMDG Code compliance training differ from general freight documentation training?

IMDG Code compliance training applies hazard classification, packaging, marks, labels, declarations, segregation, stowage and emergency information to packaged dangerous goods by sea. General freight documentation training covers broader commercial shipping records without this hazard-control depth.

How is an IMDG dangerous goods transport description built?

An IMDG dangerous goods transport description is built by using the Dangerous Goods List to select and sequence the required identifiers, including the UN number, proper shipping name, hazard class and assigned packing group, with applicable supplementary information.

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What should an IMDG port acceptance check verify?

An IMDG port acceptance check verifies declared cargo details, package condition, marks, labels, cargo-unit placards, packing evidence, documentation consistency and the controls needed for safe handling, segregation and onward carriage.

How does IMDG segregation affect container and vessel planning?

IMDG segregation affects whether dangerous goods may be packed, stored or stowed together. Teams use the applicable segregation provisions, cargo properties and transport arrangement to identify separation controls and prevent incompatible exposure.

Conclusion

Participants take back an IMDG Consignment Compliance File linking classification, package controls, cargo-unit evidence, declarations, acceptance checks, segregation decisions and emergency information. The file improves traceability across shipper, forwarder and port handoffs. It also helps teams identify incomplete or inconsistent consignments before operational acceptance.

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