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TDG: Part 12 - Air Public Consultation

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Transport Canada is in the midst of updating Part 12 of the Transportation of Dangerous Goods Regulations. They have recently submitted the proposed updates to industry for consultation.

The proposed changes address:

- 1. moving general exemptions to Part 1;
- 2. incorporating some permits into the regulations;
- ensuring equal requirements for helicopter and fixed wing aircraft (limited access); and
- 4. redefining Limited Access.

TDG Act 1st Reading Again

The TDG Act was reintroduced into the House of Commons on February 2, 2009. This is the same bill (Bill C-56) that was first introduced in May 2008.

The progress of the TDG Act can be found at:

http://www.tc.gc.ca/tdg/consult/ actreview/menu.htm Transport Canada is hosting a public consultation meeting on February 26, 2009 to discuss the proposed changes. Monarch Regulatory Services Inc. will be attending the meeting.

Summary of Proposed Changes

Proposed modifications to the current TDGR requirements include:

- ✓ modifying the definition of "passenger" in 1.4;
- ✓ moving 12.11 (Geological Core Samples) to Part 1 in 1.19.1(g)
- ✓ adding an exemption for the air transport of measuring instruments (1.29.1);
- ✓ moving 12.4(2) (Peace Officer/ In-flight Security Officer) to Part 1 as 1.49; and
- ✓ moving 12.10 (Private Aircraft) to Part 1 as 1.50.

Part 12 has been rewritten to address:

✓ modifying and simplifying International and Domestic Transport requirements (12.1 & 12.2) to line up with ICAO;

- ✓ combining Class 1, Explosive requirements into one section (new 12.3);
- ✓ redefining and rewriting limited access requirements (new 12.4);
- ✓ addressing medical aid requirements (new 12.5);
- ✓ combining all specialized operations into one section (new 12.6); and
- adding an Appendix for specialized operations.

A copy of the proposed updates can be accessed at

http://www.monarchregservices.ca

Domestic air operators will be the most affected by these changes through both the operations manuals and training programs. However, all air operators will need to review their operations manuals and training programs.

By ensuring you are aware of how the changes in the regulations will affect your company, you will be able to maintain due diligence!

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Changes for Air ICAO TI's (2009-2010)

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The TDG Regulations allow the use of the most current versions of the ICAO Technical Instructions for air transport. The ICAO Technical Instructions 2009 – 2010 Edition has been published and is effective January 1, 2009.

Some of the changes to the ICAO TI's have a transition period assigned, some changes must be implemented as of the effective date.

General Summary of Changes

Some of the changes include:

✓ "No Carry" operators require training;

- ✓ updated passengers and crew exemptions;
- ✓ Excepted Quantity codes and a new marking;
- ✓ updated State and Operator Variations;
- ✓ changes to some Packing Instructions; and
- ✓ effective January 1, 2011, a new format for the Packing Instructions.

The Packing Instruction format changes are the most extensive. To accommodate these changes, many Packing Instructions will be deleted, with new Packing Instructions numbers assigned.

This will help to reduce confusion over whether the shipment is prepared using the proper Packing Instruction.

Additionally, the Labelmaster A.I.R. Shipper and the IATA Dangerous Goods Regulations have also been updated (effective January 2009).

For a complete list of changes, refer directly to each publication.

Ensure your company is using the appropriate edition and has incorporated the required changes so your shipments are not affected!

Dangerous Goods Canada

Monarch Regulatory Services Inc. proudly announces the acquisition of Dangerous Goods Canada.

After a rewarding career in dangerous goods consulting, Alex Carman has decided to enjoy a full retirement.

Those of you who know Alex well know that retirement does not necessarily mean sitting back and watching the grass grow. Alex will be busy taking care of his "list of things to do" that has accumulated over the years.

Congratulations Alex!

Addendums

To access any addendums for air publications purchased from Monarch Regulatory Services Inc., please visit:

http://www.monarchregservices.ca/air.php

Recent addendums include:

- ✓ Labelmaster A.I.R. Shipper (2009), Addendum 1
- ✓ IATA DGR (50th edition), Addendum 1