

DANGEROUS GOODS NOTICE

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Recurrent Dangerous Goods Training Validity Extension

Dangerous Goods Notices are intended to provide advice and guidance to illustrate a means, but not necessarily the only means, of complying with the Regulations, or to explain certain regulatory requirements by providing informative, interpretative and explanatory material. Dangerous Goods Notices should always be read in conjunction with the relevant regulations.

1. Purpose

This notice makes provision for the issuance of temporary extensions to the period of validity for dangerous goods recurrent training due to the on-going difficulties in obtaining or providing recurrent dangerous goods training during the COVID-19 outbreak as a result of containment measures such as physical distancing practices and closure of workspaces and other preventative measures (travel restrictions and strict quarantine regulations being enforced by most State's Public Health Authorities).

Note: *This notice does not constitute an exemption from the training requirements of ICAO Technical Instructions Part 1, Chapter 4 nor provide for a reduction of content in training programme syllabus (training delivery method may be modified but all content needs to be either addressed or deferred for successful completion at a later date by each dangerous goods training certificate holder).*

2. Applicability

This notice applies to the following entities (as listed in ICAO Technical Instructions, Part 1; 4.1.1/IATA DGR, Section 1; 1.5.1.1) or individual holders of Dangerous Goods Training Certificates valid at the time of the alleviation with the validity period ending no later than 31st March 2021:

- Commercial Aircraft Operators (AOC holders);
- Ground Handling Agents (GHA);
- Freight Forwarders;
- Shippers of Dangerous Goods;
- Airport Security Screening Personnel;
- Designated postal operators; and
- Individual Holders of Dangerous Goods Training Certificates

3. References

- ICAO Doc 9284 Technical Instructions for the Safe Transport of Dangerous Goods by Air
- ICAO Dangerous Goods Quick Reference Guide – Recurrent Dangerous Goods Training
- IATA Dangerous Goods Regulations
- ICAO Doc 9859 Safety Management Manual

4. Additional Information/Clarification/Queries

Any queries, requests for guidance/clarification or additional information subsequent to this publication should be addressed to SSRD Dangerous Goods Inspector by mail kjeanne@scaa.sc or by contacting the SCAA Safety and Security Regulations Flight Operations and Personnel Licencing Inspectorate (telephone **4384271**).

5. Effective Date

08 September 2020.

6. Cancellation

This Notice will remain in force until revoked or replaced by the Authority.

7. Extension of Validity Period of Dangerous Goods Recurrent Training

7.1 There have been difficulties in obtaining or providing recurrent dangerous goods training during the COVID-19 outbreak as a result of containment measures such as physical distancing practices and closure of workspaces and other preventative measures. ICAO published guidance makes provisions for the extension of the validity of recurrent dangerous goods training to a specific date upon application and allowance of alternative means for providing the training that may not have been part of an approved training programme.

Applicants for the extension of dangerous recurrent training validity period must submit the following to the Authority to support their application:

- A safety risk assessment to support the alleviation sought;
- “Return to normal operations plan” to manage the completion of recurrent training by each staff member affected by the alleviation when it expires;
- Modified records management process to keep track of personnel affected by the alleviation
- Modified roster to ensure that where possible the staffing of personnel who are affected by the alleviation with those who are not;
- A comprehensive description of the alternative method and content of training the applicant intends on delivering to address the deferred elements of the required training syllabus. These may include but are not limited to;
 - Use of other means of training and assessment or combination thereof to achieve the training objective (e.g. online courses, webinars, virtual classrooms, and on-the-job training)
 - Use of webinars and other interactive means to address some topics in the syllabus which require interaction
 - Use of instructional aids to refresh knowledge
 - Use of an instructor certified to deliver limited categories of DG training to cover the elements for other categories.

7.2 In cases where an available instructor is only certified to deliver certain categories of training (e.g. Category 8, 9, and 10 but not Category 1, 3 or 6) in comparison to the training required, that instructor can deliver the elements allowed under his/her certificate and the remaining elements can be addressed using alternative methods described in 7.1 above.

8. Applications

All applications for alleviations must be made in writing to the SSRD Dangerous Goods Inspector by mail kjeanne@scaa.sc with all supporting documentation attached.