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of Transportation
**Federal Aviation
Administration**

Advisory Circular

Subject: **GUIDE FOR AIR CARRIERS, FREIGHT FORWARDERS, AND SHIPPERS IN OBTAINING INFORMATION DEALING WITH THE TRANSPORTATION OF HAZARDOUS MATERIALS BY AIR**

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1. PURPOSE. This advisory circular provides air carriers, freight forwarders, and shippers with sources of regulatory and training information and provides office locations and telephone numbers where technical assistance may be obtained dealing with the provisions of the appropriate regulations concerning the transportation by air of commodities which have been designated as regulated hazardous materials.

2. REFERENCES :

- a. Title **14** Code of Federal Regulations (**CFR**), Parts **60** to **139**.
- b. Title **49 CFR** Parts **100** to **199**.
- c. **International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)** Technical Instructions for the Safe Transport of Dangerous Goods by Air.
- d. **International Air Transport Association (IATA)** Dangerous Goods Regulations.
- e. **United Nations Economic and Social Council** "Transport of Dangerous Goods."
- f. **International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)** Regulations for the Safe Transport of Radioactive Materials, **Safety Series No. 6**.

3. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS.

- a. Hazardous materials may not be offered or accepted for transportation in air commerce unless that material is properly classed, described, packaged, marked, labeled, and in condition for shipment as required or authorized by either national or international regulations in force at the time of shipment.
- b. Hazardous materials may not be transported in air commerce unless that material is handled, loaded, and transported in accordance with the provisions of the pertinent national or international regulations in force at the time of transport.

4. COMPLIANCE AND ENFORCEMENT. The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has been delegated authority in Title **49 CFR § 1.47** to carry out the functions vested in the Secretary of Transportation by **§ 902(h)(2)** of the Federal Aviation Act of **1958** as amended, as it relates to enforcement of the hazardous materials

regulations as they apply to the transportation or shipment of hazardous materials by air. The FAA is further responsible to carry out the functions vested in the Secretary by **49 U.S.C. 1807** (Hazardous Materials Transportation Act) as it relates to the establishment of procedures for monitoring and enforcing provisions of the regulations with respect to the transportation of radioactive materials on passenger-carrying aircraft. **49 CFR Part 173.1(b)** states in part: "It is the duty of each person who offers hazardous materials for transportation to instruct each of his officers, agents and employees having any responsibility for preparing hazardous materials for shipment as to applicable regulations in this subchapter." Current regulations of primary concern dealing with hazardous materials transportation are Title **49 CFR Parts 100 to 199** and the **ICAO Technical Instructions for the Safe Transport of Dangerous Goods by Air**.

5. SOURCES OF INFORMATION. The following regulations and publications pertaining to the safe transportation of hazardous materials are for sale and available from the addresses listed below:

a. National.

(1) U.S. **CFR**, Title **14**, Aeronautics and Space, Parts **60-139**. (Required Parts include Parts **91, 121, 125, and 135**). This contains the regulations which are applicable to air carrier and air taxi operations (including helicopter operations), which define the duties and responsibilities for training programs and procedural manuals dealing with the air transportation of hazardous materials.

(2) U.S. **CFR**, Title **49**, Transportation, Parts **100-177**, and Parts **178-199**. These contain the regulations dealing with the proper identification, classification, packaging, labeling, marking, and certification of hazardous materials transported in commerce.

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Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402 (202) 783-3238

b. International.

(1) **ICAO Technical Instructions for the Safe Transport of Dangerous Goods by Air** (current edition). These Technical Instructions amplify the basic provisions of Annex **18** to the Convention on International Civil Aviation and contain the detailed instructions necessary for the safe international transport of dangerous goods by air. These regulations are issued each September and are effective the following January 1.

(2) **IATA Dangerous Goods Regulations**. These regulations are published by **IATA** for their members and associate members. They are closely aligned with the **ICAO Technical Instructions** with few exceptions. These regulations also contain air carrier exceptions and, in certain instances, state variations which may not be included in any other publication. **IATA Dangerous Goods Regulations** are published on an annual basis.

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c. Other International Regulations Dealing With Hazardous Materials.

(1) UN "Transport of Dangerous Goods" - Recommendations prepared by the United Nations Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (Document No. **ST/SG/AC. 10/REV.2**)

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(2) International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Regulations for the Safe Transport of Radioactive Materials, Safety Series No. **6** (Document No, **STI/PUB/323**). These regulations provide the international standards for the transport of radioactive materials as promulgated by IAEA and are the regulations which the Department of Transportation and the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission have drawn from in amending Title **49 CFR** and Title **10 CFR** Part **71**.

(3) IAEA Safety Series No. **37**, Advisory Material for the Application of the IAEA Transport Regulations.

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d. Training Material. **ICAO** and **IATA** have jointly developed training documents in support of the provisions contained in Annex **18** to the Convention on International Civil Aviation. These documents have been produced to help achieve uniform worldwide level of training in all aspects of handling and transporting dangerous goods by air and particularly to assist those who are responsible for the establishment of training programs. They consist of a series of six books, each developed for training of a particular category of personnel involved in the transport of dangerous goods by air and are of the self-study type. The six books are:

- Book **1**: Shippers and Packers
- Book **2**: Cargo Agents
- Book **3**: Operators Cargo Staff
- Book **4**: Load Planners and Cargo Handlers
- Book **5**: Flightcrew
- Book **6**: Passenger Handling Staff and Flight Attendants

They may be obtained by contacting:

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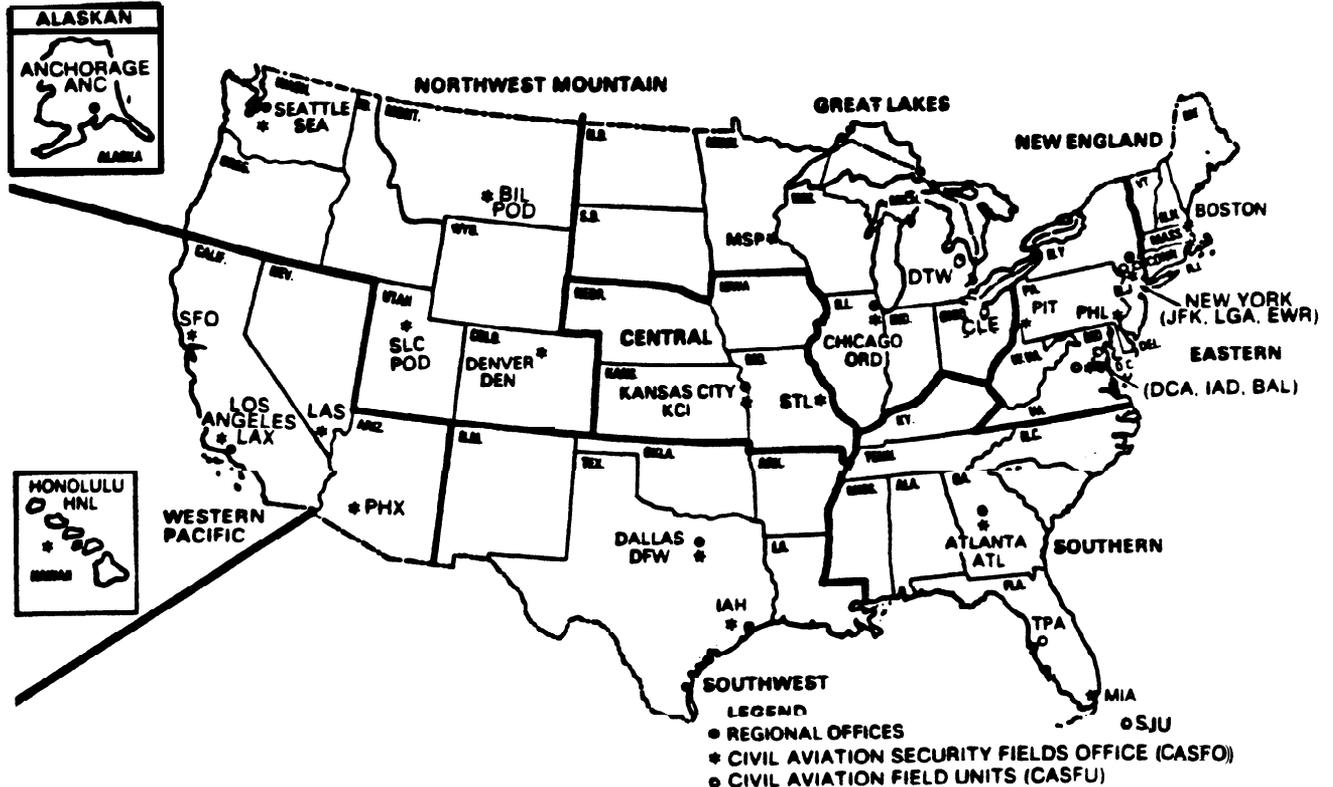
IATA
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e. Other Sources. There are numerous other sources of information including updating services which deal with the regulations and the correct procedures to follow in the shipment of hazardous materials. Those listed in this publication are but a few and inclusion herein does not necessarily indicate a preference by the Federal Aviation Administration,

6. TECHNICAL CLARIFICATION AND INFORMATION. In order to assist the aviation community in dealing with hazardous materials transportation, Appendix 1 lists the FAA's Hazardous Materials Coordinators by regional and geographical areas. These personnel may be contacted regarding specific questions dealing with the classification and/or technical aspects of the national and international regulations and their continued amendments as they relate to the transportation of hazardous materials by air. The availability of these personnel does not reduce the responsibility of the air carrier or freight forwarder in having their personnel fully trained in all aspects of hazardous materials transportation. They should be capable of providing their potential customers with the provisions and requirements of the hazardous materials transport at ion regulations.

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