

Dangerous Goods-Recommended Practice 005

Recommendations to Detect Any Hidden Dangerous Goods (DG) presented by Shippers as General Goods

This is a joint announcement made by CLG and HAFFA on the above Recommended Practice.

Documentation level

Shipment declared under a general description may contain “HIDDEN HAZARD”. Accompanying document, such as “Shipper Letter of Instruction”, invoices, packing list, customs declaration must be carefully checked to detect any hidden dangerous goods.

Typical examples of descriptive items that may contain or indicate the presence of dangerous goods are: (please refer to Attachment 1)

In case you have any doubt in the content of the goods, ask your customer/shipper to provide the product specifications and reserve your right to inspect the physical goods.

Contact your DG trained personnel in your company to fully check the description of goods according to the current edition of the IATA Dangerous Goods Regulation or IMDG (International Maritime Dangerous Goods) Code

Observation level

Observe if there is any DG label (please refer to attachment 2) and / or marking affixed in the carton in the general cargo areas. In case you find it doubtful, check with your dangerous goods trained personnel to identify whether all dangerous goods have been properly classified, packed, marked, labelled and documented/declared by the shipper before they are offered for transportation.

Observe if there is any DG carton to be mixed/built-in along with other Non-DG carton within the pallet. Or if there is any DG carton loaded in the container along with other general cargo. If you find it doubtful, stop and consult the DG trained personnel immediately.

Remark:

This best practice is jointly issued by Carrier Liaison Group – Dangerous Goods Working Group (CLG-DGWW) and HAFFA for industry reference only. You are strongly requested to observe the requirements of individual carrier and forwarders for air-cargo carriage.

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Attachment 1

SUMMARY CHART OF HIDDEN DANGEROUS GOODS

POSSIBLE CLASS HAZARDS (see Unit 3 for further explanation)															
Description	1	2.1	2.2	2.3	3	4.1	4.2	4.3	5.1	5.2	6.1	6.2	7	8	9
Aircraft on ground (AOG) spares	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X	X
Automobile parts			X		X									X	X
Breathing apparatus			X						X						
Camping equipment		X			X	X									
Chemicals			X		X		X	X	X	X	X			X	
Comat		X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X
Cryogenic liquid			X												
Cylinders		X	X	X											
Dental apparatus					X				X						
Diagnostic												X			
Diving equipment			X						X						X
Drilling/mining	X														
Electrical equipment											X			X	X
Expeditionary equipment	X	X			X									X	X
Film crew or media equipment	X				X									X	X
Frozen embryos			X												X
Frozen food															X
Fuels		X			X	X									
Hot air balloon		X	X		X									X	X
Household goods		X			X		X			X	X			X	
Instruments											X			X	
Laboratory test equipment					X								X	X	X
Machinery parts					X									X	X
Medical supplies					X	X					X	X	X		X
Passengers' baggage	X	X	X		X	X				X	X			X	X
Passenger service units									X						
Pharmaceuticals											X				
Photographic equipment					X						X				
Portable power tools					X										
Racing team equipment		X			X	X								X	X
Refrigerators			X	X											
Repair kits					X	X	X	X		X	X			X	
Safety equipment	X		X		X	X	X							X	X
Samples for testing					X	X	X	X	X		X		X	X	X
Semen			X												
Stage special effects	X				X										X
Swimming pool chemicals									X					X	
Electrical switches											X				
Tool boxes	X	X			X				X		X			X	
Vaccines												X			X

Attachment 2

