



To: CLG Members
DGWG Members

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Safety Advisory Notice SAN 001/03
Underdeclared Dangerous Goods Leakage

Dear Members,

As a mandate of DGWG to keep members aware of any DG incident, I append below an undeclared dangerous goods leakage incident for your information.

An undeclared dangerous goods incident was spotted out during pallet breakdown by Cathay Pacific at LHR.

A) Shipment details

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| 1) | Master AWB No. | : | 160-94368072
HKG/MAN
4 Pieces 114Kgs |
| 2) | Nature of goods declared by agent | : | Consolidated shipment. |
| 3) | Shipper | : | Power International Cargo Ltd.
1105B, Join-in Hang Sing Centre,
2-16 Kwai Chung, N.T.
Hong Kong |
| 4) | Consignee | : | Skyways Cargo
Skyways House, 5 Emerald Rd.,
Moss Nook Manchester,
M22 5WA,
United Kingdom |
| 5) | Cargo agent | : | Birkart Globistics Ltd. |
| 6) | House Manifest | | |
| | - HAWB No. | | PIC31179 |
| | - No. of package | | 4 |
| | - Commodity | : | Pharmaceutical Raw Material |
| | - Shipper | : | Zhejiang Junda Pharm Chem
Plant Co. China |

- Consignee : Apollo Scientific Ltd.
Whitefield Road Bredbury,
Stockport SK6 2QR,
United Kingdom

B) Incident details:

- Shipment was received from Birkart Globistics Ltd. and declared as consolidation on the air waybill. There was no dangerous goods declaration attached with the air waybill.
- Shipment was loaded on the pallet of PMC70193, which pre-packed by the cargo agent and forwarded to MAN via LHR by CX037/09July.
- Upon shipment arrival at LHR on 10July and broken down from the pallet; it was found that 2 of 4 boxes showed signs of wet damage and after removal of the polythene cover a very strong smell of mothballs emitted.
- At that point the Fire Service were called. They sealed off the cargo warehouse and isolated three handling staffs who had come into contact with the shipment. They were taken to hospital for test due to toxic nature of the shipment.
- The carrier has obtained the safety data sheet from the consignee. It clearly shown the item as 4-(Triflouromethoxy) Aniline. According to IATA DGR, this item should be declared as dangerous goods Class 6.1 Toxic liquid, organic, nos.
- An incident report was sent to UK CAA by the carrier's local office.

C) Finding:

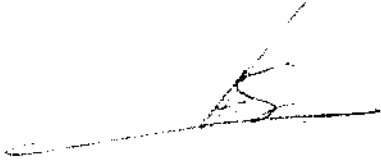
- Power International Cargo Ltd declared the shipment as Pharmaceutical Raw Material on House Cargo Manifest.
- Birkart Globistics Ltd declared as Consolidation on Master Air Waybill.
- Refer to the safety data sheet obtained from the consignee, it clearly shown the item as 4-(Triflouromethoxy) Aniline. According to IATA DGR, this item should be declared as dangerous goods Class 6.1 Toxic liquid, organic, nos.
- According to the carrier's record, this is a second case of undeclared dangerous goods from Power International Cargo Ltd.

D) Immediate actions taken by the carrier:

- After the incident, Cathay immediately notified the incident to Birkart Globistics Ltd and brought their serious attention to this matter.

- In view of the above record of Power International Cargo Ltd, Cathay has issued an embargo for all shipment (include general cargo and dangerous goods) from Power International Cargo Ltd.

This is for your information and any action to be taken is solely at respective carrier's discretion.



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