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DOT Announces Security Requirements for Hazardous Materials Shippers

The Department of Transportation (DOT) final rule (HM-232) "Hazardous Materials: Security Requirements for Offerors and Transporters of Hazardous Materials" (49 CFR 171-180) was published in the Federal Register and became effective on March 25, 2003 (57 FR 14510). This rule, which requires the development and implementation of security plans and training, applies to anyone who ships or transports products containing methyl bromide or chloropicrin.

Anyone who offers or ships hazardous materials (Hazmat) must develop and comply with a security plan that conforms to the new DOT requirements no later than September 25, 2003. The plan must be in writing, retained as long as it is in effect, be available to the employees that are responsible for implementing it, and be revised and updated as necessary to reflect changing circumstances. Plans already in place as a result of other regulatory requirements may be used to satisfy the DOT security plan.

Security plans must include an assessment of possible transportation security risks for Hazmat shipments and appropriate measures to address the risks. Plans must also include the following three elements: (1) Personnel security - Measures to confirm information provided by job applicants hired for positions that involve access to and handling of hazardous materials, (2) Unauthorized access - Measures to address the risk of unauthorized access to the hazardous materials or to vehicles prepared for transportation of hazardous materials, and (3) En route security - Measures to address risks of shipments of covered hazardous materials en route from origin to destination.

All Hazmat employees must receive training that provides an awareness of security risks associated with Hazmat transportation and methods of enhancing Hazmat security. New Hazmat employees hired after the March 25, 2003 must receive the required training within 90 days after employment. Current Hazmat employees must receive the required security awareness training by their next scheduled DOT refresher-training date.

Additional in-depth training is required for Hazmat employees whose employer has a required security plan. This training must cover the security plan and its implementation, company security objectives, specific security procedures, employee responsibilities, actions to take in the event of a security breach, and the organizational security structure. This "in-depth security training" must be completed before December 22, 2003.

Please let us know if you have questions or if you would like a copy of the new rule.

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