



## International Vessel Operators Hazardous Materials Association, Inc.

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### Attachments:

- E-freight paper
- VOHMA regulatory citations
- Worksheet

**DATE:** October 11, 2007

**TIME:** 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**(Coffee and continental Breakfast available at 9:00)**

**LOCATION:** Marriott Courtyard, 140 L Street, SE  
Washington DC 20003

**Welcome:** Bob Ahlborn, VOHMA Chairman, Robert Ahlborn  
Director Security & Dangerous Goods, Hapag-Lloyd AG

Bob Richard, Deputy Associate Administrator for Hazardous  
Materials Safety Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety  
Administration

**Facilitator:** John Currie, VOHMA Technical Consultant, Administrator

**Objective:** Working session to discuss how we can work together  
to remove impediments to intermodal transportation. For this  
session we plan to:

1. Identify specific areas in the 49 CFR Regulations or modal specific regulations (IMDG, ICAO/IATA) where clarification or regulatory change would make an improvement. (VOHMA example attached)
2. Begin work on identifying necessary information for inclusion in shipping document that could be used by all modes.
3. Ensure that information developed facilitates E-commerce

**Road - Rich Moskowitz, American Trucking Associations**

limit – 10 minutes for presentation if requested

**Rail – Dave Edington, BNSF Railway  
Tom Bolling, Norfolk Southern Corporation**

limit – 10 minutes for presentation if requested

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**Air – Dave Brennan, International Air Transport Association**

**E-freight**

15 Minutes

**Barbara Vatie, Air Transport Assoc. of America**

limit – 10 minutes for presentation if requested

**Water – Robert Ahlborn, Hapag-Lloyd AG**

limit – 10 minutes for presentation if requested

**General Discussion/Identification possible solutions etc.**

**Networking Lunch – 12:30 – 1:30 p.m. (pre-ordered, served in the hotel restaurant or lounge, Dutch treat)**

**Review PHMSA documentation**

**re: shipping paper requirements – all modes**

**Action Items**

**Schedule Next Meeting**

**VOHMA Antitrust/Shipping Act  
Meeting Guidelines**

1. US antitrust law prohibits competitors from reaching agreements (verbal or written) on most issues which restrict or restrain free competition. (This does not apply to communications with and petitions to Congress and governmental agencies). The Shipping Act provides an exemption from the antitrust prohibition, but only to the extent of activities described in an agreement filed and in effect with the FMC.
2. The VOHMA agreement authorizes discussion and voluntary agreement on a variety of hazmat safety issues, but does not authorize discussion or agreements on freight rates for hazardous or other goods. However, the members can discuss and agree upon tariff rules governing the acceptance and handling of hazmat cargoes.
3. The Shipping Act prohibits carrier groups from negotiating with inland carriers about rates or services provided to ocean carriers within the US. There is also not antitrust immunity for discussion relating to inland divisions paid to inland carriers by ocean carriers.
4. Bear in mind that all group decisions under VOHMA are by voluntary adherence. Thus, the group can't force a member by a vote to adhere to an action. Once a line agrees to adhere to a decision, it may depart from the decision upon notice to the other parties. You are referred to Article 5 of the Basic Agreement for applicable requirements.
5. If counsel is not present and a questions arises, you should not hesitate to contact counsel. The following are suggested contacts at Sher & Blackwell:  
Jeffrey F. Lawrence, Marc J. Fink, Stanley O. Sher  
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