

# IVODGA

INTERNATIONAL VESSEL OPERATORS  
DANGEROUS GOODS ASSOCIATION

# MEMBERSHIP

**Compliance. Education. Collaboration.**



*MISSION: to assist and support its members and their transportation partners of the world for the purpose of assuring the safe, compliant, efficient, and cost-effective transportation of dangerous goods.*



# ABOUT IVODGA



Established in 1990, IVODGA's commitment to the safe and secure transport of dangerous goods protects critical transportation infrastructure from incidents and disruptions that may present significant safety and economic impacts. IVODGA staff monitors international regulations and quick intervention of impractical and unsafe regulatory schemes ensures our members continue to operate using best management practices, and provide a safe work environment for all. This commitment saves lives and prevents injuries throughout the supply chain.

## MEMBER BENEFITS

An international organization comprised of representatives of the ocean common carriers of the world, operating under the flags of several nations, dedicated to the development and enhancing the understanding of rules and regulations governing maritime transportation of dangerous goods. Collectively, IVODGA members are responsible for the safe transportation of over 75% of the world's ocean borne container traffic.



### REPRESENTATION

IVODGA holds consultative status and actively represents members' interests at the industry meetings listed below. IVODGA also provides members with detailed reports before and after each session.

- International Maritime Organization (IMO)
- United Nations SubCommittee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (UN SCOE)
- Joint Meeting of the RID Committee of Experts (RID/ADR/ADN)

Meeting representation provides maritime operations expertise that has resulted in savings to our industry of millions of dollars by averting the adoption of impractical and overly burdensome regulations.

IVODGA also provides representation at the US DOT, US Coast Guard, Transport Canada, Mexico SICT, and other regulatory bodies around the globe. IVODGA comments and petitions on rulemaking activity.

IVODGA participates in the IMO Correspondence Group on IMDG Code Special Provisions and an informal group discussing regulations for data loggers.

### COLLABORATION

IVODGA hosts meetings featuring industry leaders and key regulators providing members an opportunity to interact in an informal, open dialogue environment.

Co-hosts events with other industry partners, such as the National Cargo Bureau on their whitepaper regarding issues with the carriage of undeclared and misdeclared dangerous goods.

A memorandum of understanding signed with International Cargo Handling Coordination Association (ICHCA) regarding effective guidance on the correct safety procedures that need to be employed to avoid container ship fires and explosions in port storage facilities.

Collaborated with other industry groups to address and produce best practices guidelines for warehousing issues for dangerous goods.

IVODGA worked with the Association of American Railroads (AAR) to provide a presentation to the membership on cargo securement by railroad.

[Visit webpage for resources.](#)

# MEMBER RESOURCES

**Information to avoid Non-Compliance** - IVODGA staff continually provide information to members and enforcement personnel to avoid penalties and frustrated shipments based on incorrect application or interpretation of the regulations.

Access to internationally recognized dangerous goods consultants and IVODGA Administrator and Chief Technical Officer, Tom Ferguson, DGSA, CHMM, and other technical experts, and opportunities to network with other carriers.

Summary of significant changes with each IMDG Code Amendment.

IVODGA writes technical documents on topics such as the [IMDG Code Special Provisions 961 and 962](#), providing guidance on how and when to use each special provision.

**IVODGA Watch** - a quick read email newsletter that keeps you up-to-date on all of the important regulatory activities.

Complimentary IMDG Code Recurrent training sessions hosted for members.

Mini training sessions on frequently asked questions and popular industry topics such as Lithium Batteries, Marine Pollutant Classification (49 CFR vs IMDG), and Safety Data Sheets.

Through the Members Only website, IVODGA members discover a wealth of relevant and timely information from the latest regulatory changes and news impacting the industry. The website features:

- **Membership Directory** - a list of contact details for all members.
- Regulatory Tools for members to use to quickly review regulatory changes and proposed changes.
- Summary Tables on the UN SCOPE, IMO, and RID/ADR/ADN meeting papers.
- Transport Canada, Mexico SICT, and US DOT regulatory updates.
- Access to various resources relating to the blocking, bracing, and/or securement of cargo.
- All IVODGA member employees are able to access the email newsletter and Members Only website.
- With your membership you will be able to register as many employees for these resources.

Availability and discounts on the regulatory publications such as the IMDG Code and placards and labels.



## IVODGA - THE INDUSTRY STANDARD IN IMDG CODE COMPLIANCE TRAINING

IVODGA offers availability of first class training designed by and for the maritime industry.

IVODGA provides instructor-led training (onsite and webinar), online training, and courses for your e-Learning / Learning Management System (LMS).

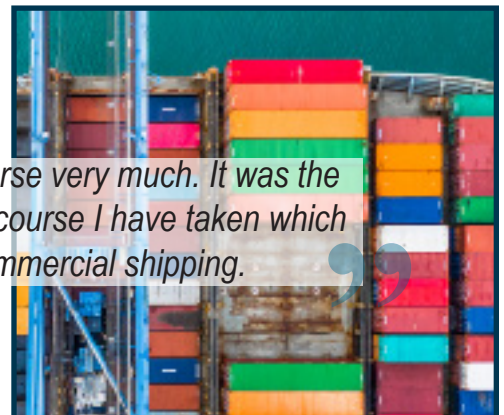
A variety of courses are available, such as:

- IMDG Code Recurrent
- IMDG Code Function Specific
- Cargo Securement
- Blocking & Bracing (Dangerous Goods)
- 49 CFR Safety & Security Compliance
- Transportation of Lithium Batteries
- Transport Canada TDG Regulations
- ADR – Agreement Concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road

“ I enjoyed the course very much. It was the most informative course I have taken which covers commercial shipping. ”

## Online Dangerous Goods Training [www.dgtrainingonline.com](http://www.dgtrainingonline.com)

IVODGA members receive a 5% discount on any online training program (with member coupon code).



# IVODGA MEMBERS

**COSCO Shipping Lines (North America) Inc.**  
**Crowley Maritime Corporation**  
**Evergreen Marine Corp. (Taiwan) Ltd.**  
**Hapag-Lloyd**  
**HMM America Shipping Agency, Inc.**  
**Independent Container Line, Ltd.**  
**Klinge Corporation**  
**Matson Navigation Company**  
**National Cargo Bureau**  
**Ocean Network Express, Inc.**  
**OOCL (USA) Inc.**  
**Seaboard Marine, Ltd.**  
**Tropical Shipping USA, LLC.**  
**Wallenius Wilhelmsen Ocean**  
**WAN HAI Lines Ltd.**  
**Yang Ming (America) Corporation**  
**Zim Integrated Shipping Services Ltd.**



“ Not only does this organization keep us abreast of issues that concern the transportation of dangerous goods, it provides us the opportunity to discuss and voice our concerns during the regulatory development process. ”

## JOIN TODAY

To apply for membership, complete this application and return it to IVODGA at:  
mail@ivodga.com

The IVODGA Dues per year (August 1 – July 31) are based on TEUs as follows -

\_\_\_\_\_ <100,000 TEUs transported annually = \$4,650  
\_\_\_\_\_ >100,000 TEUs transported annually = \$6,880  
\_\_\_\_\_ Associate Member (non-water carriers) = \$3,480



**Yes! I am interested.**

Please contact me with more information.

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