



Membership Policy & Application

About IVODGA. The International Vessel Operators Dangerous Goods Association (IVODGA) is an international organization comprised of representatives of the ocean common carriers of the world, operating under the flags of several nations. Our members are dedicated to improving the understanding and uniform application of rules and regulations governing maritime transportation of hazardous materials / dangerous goods, including the IMDG Code. Collectively, IVODGA members are responsible for the safe transportation of over 75% of ocean-borne container traffic internationally.

Membership Eligibility.

Full Membership

Full membership is limited to vessel ocean common carriers as defined in the organization's bylaws.

- Each member representative has one vote.
- Each member company may designate two representatives and may change the member representative at any time subject to the discretion of the member.
- The designated representatives have voting rights and must reflect the consensus position of their company when voting.
- Designated representatives may also select an individual from their company to serve as an alternate voting representative to exercise voting privileges in their absence.
- Designated representatives are eligible to hold elected office.
- Representatives should have direct responsibility for hazardous materials/dangerous goods programs within their company.
- Upon joining the Association, the Member agrees to be bound by and to abide by the terms and provisions of the International Vessel Operators Dangerous Goods Association Agreement (FMC Agreement No. 203-011290)

Associate Membership

Organizations that are not ocean common carriers may qualify for associate membership upon majority approval by full members.

Eligible company types include:

- Domestic carriers
- National Cargo Bureau
- Non-Vessel Operating Common Carriers (NVOCCs)
- Ports
- Refrigerated container manufacturers (e.g., Klinge Corporation)
- Terminal operators

Associate member policy:

- Do not have voting rights.
- May participate and present at IVODGA meetings, programs, seminars, and events.
- May be excluded from portions of meetings or discussions / minutes.
- May receive member discounts.

Ineligible Company Types

The following organizations are not eligible for IVODGA membership:

- Freight forwarders



- Suppliers (e.g., offerors, training, or consulting companies)
- Manufacturers, distributors, or sellers of products that are transported as cargo
- Third-Party Logistics (3PL) providers
- Trade associations

Application for Membership

If your organization meets the eligibility criteria outlined above, please complete the application below for review and approval by the IVODGA staff and Executive Committee.

You will be notified in writing of your application status. Upon approval, you will be invoiced and added to the IVODGA membership roster (website, email distribution lists, and meeting invitations).

An application is not required if you are:

- An external entity seeking to present or participate in a meeting (submit topics to mail@ivodga.com for consideration).
- An IVODGA member requesting approval for a contracted service provider or consultant to participate on your behalf (submit written request to mail@ivodga.com).

IVODGA Membership Application Form

Applicant Information

Applicant Name	
Title	
Company Name	
Address	
Phone Number	
Email	

Certification

By signing below, I certify that:

- My company meets the criteria for IVODGA membership as outlined in this policy.
- I have direct responsibility for my company's hazardous materials/dangerous goods program(s).

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Not eligible for IVODGA membership but would like to attend an IVODGA meeting?

[Click here to view our meeting participation policy](#)

Contact

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