



Flight Safety Notification

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Dangerous Goods Competency-based Training and Assessment

Purpose

This Flight Safety Notification (FSN) is issued to provide information to stakeholders concerning the new competency-based training assessment (CBTA) for dangerous goods (DG).

References

The 2022-2023 edition of *ICAO Technical Instructions for the Safe Transport of Dangerous Goods by Air (TI)*

Applicability

This FSN is applicable to all employers of personnel performing functions aimed at ensuring that dangerous goods are transported in accordance with the *ICAO Technical Instructions for the Safe Transport of Dangerous Goods by Air (TI)*.

Effectivity

This Flight Safety Notification is effective March 31, 2024

Background

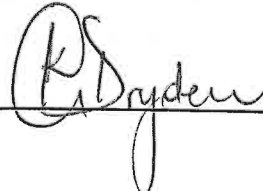
The International Civil Aviation Organization has updated the requirements of dangerous goods training and assessment to a competency-based approach, which emphasizes the practical application of knowledge and skills, rather than simply memorizing regulations and procedures.

The fundamental idea behind this approach is to provide employees with the essential knowledge and abilities they need to execute their assigned tasks at a desired level of performance that satisfies safety.

Action

All employers of personnel performing functions aimed at ensuring that dangerous goods are transported in accordance with the *ICAO Technical Instructions for the Safe Transport of Dangerous Goods by Air (TI)* must establish and maintain a dangerous goods training programme that includes a competency-based approach to training and assessment. Amendments made to training programmes as a result of the implementation of CBTA should be submitted for approval by the Jamaica Civil Aviation Authority.

Stakeholders are encouraged to familiarise themselves with the changes to the *ICAO Technical Instructions for the Safe Transport of Dangerous Goods by Air (TI)*, the *IATA Dangerous Goods Regulations (IATA DGR)* and other supporting material such as *ICAO Doc 10147 - Guidance on a Competency-based Approach to Dangerous Goods Training and Assessment* and should begin implementing CBTA at the earliest opportunity in order to meet the March 2024 deadline. Additionally, Instructors providing dangerous goods training should complete an accredited CBTA instructor course prior to the specified deadline.

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