

THE COUNCIL ON SAFE TRANSPORTATION OF HAZARDOUS ARTICLES (COSTHA) is a dynamic industry association providing cost efficient and easy to use ways to access timely information you use daily.

OUR MISSION IS CLEAR AND FOCUSED: COSTHA helps your company comply with regulations for the transportation of hazardous materials. COSTHA also encourages the professional development and high standards of individuals working in the hazmat industry.

More than 160 leading companies demonstrate their commitment to the safe transportation of hazardous materials through their membership with COSTHA — Clorox, Toyota, UPS, Eli Lilly, Sun Chemical, Procter and Gamble, Honda, and New Century Transportation, to name a few.

REPRESENTING THE INTERESTS OF COSTHA MEMBERS is our primary goal and responsibility. As the leading association for its industry, COSTHA represents all types of companies working with the transportation of hazardous materials. We protect your company's interests through representation at international forums such as the UN Sub-Committee of Experts on the transportation of Dangerous Goods, as well as domestic groups and governmental agencies such as Interested Parties Group, PHMSA, DOT, USCG, FRA, FAA, FMCSA, and others.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SHAPE YOUR INDUSTRY'S FUTURE are available by serving on one of COSTHA's four member committees. Choose the forum that best suits your interests and make your voice heard!

Regulatory Affairs — Committee members monitor international and domestic regulatory activities at ICAO, IMO, the UN, and domestic agencies to keep the membership informed and provide input in the rulemaking process.

Education & Training — Committee members identify the information and education needs of COSTHA members and develop cost efficient tools to help you train your company's employees on regulatory compliance issues and management.

Membership — Committee members work to ensure that the benefits of COSTHA membership continually reflect the interests and needs of current and prospective members. They also welcome new members and help them become familiar with specific services.

Annual Forum — Committee members identify members' interests and develop a valuable two day conference experience, featuring guest speakers, educational sessions, and networking events designed to encourage the exchange of ideas and experiences.

Industry Initiatives — COSTHA leads the way in partnering with the US DOT and other organizations and associations on issues of concern to the industry. Current initiatives include Reverse Logistics and Enhancing the Image of the HazMat Professional.

COSTHA GOVERNANCE. COSTHA is governed by an elected board of directors and operates on a lean budget to keep membership dues low while devoting maximum resources to member services.

OUR PLEDGE TO YOU: We promise to be a member-responsive industry association that consistently delivers total member satisfaction.

SAVE TIME AND MONEY BY USING COSTHA'S ONLINE RESOURCES.

COSTHA's state of the art web site provides members an easy, cost efficient way to keep current on regulatory changes affecting transporters of hazardous materials. Through the Members Only Section, COSTHA members discover a wealth of relevant and timely information from the latest regulatory changes and news affecting the hazmat transportation industry to links to US DOT PHMSA, The US Federal Register, UN Papers, IMO Papers, ICAO Papers, Transport Canada and other resources you use daily.

ACCESS TIMELY AND RELEVANT INFORMATION FROM COSTHA'S PUBLICATIONS.

The COSTHA QUARTERLY newsletter helps you understand domestic and international regulatory changes and provides articles and analysis from experts in the field. You'll gain deeper insights about regulatory trends and practices and the implications for your company. Members also receive timely Regulatory Bulletins from Richard Schweitzer, noted transportation attorney and COSTHA General Counsel. You'll also enjoy "COSTHA Post," a quick read e-newsletter packed with industry news and updates on activities at COSTHA.

COSTHA helps members save money by negotiating special discount prices on the publications you use frequently: UN Orange Book, IMDG Code, 49 CFR, ICAO, and more.

GAIN SUPPORT FROM A NETWORK OF INDUSTRY EXPERTS AND LEADERS.

The COSTHA staff and Board of Directors are among the most experienced and respected professionals in the hazardous materials transportation industry. COSTHA's diverse membership includes professionals working in manufacturing, distribution, transportation, and related fields like training, packaging manufacturing and testing. COSTHA's dynamic membership is a rich exchange of ideas and experiences, and members use the COSTHA Membership Directory to find helpful people with similar interests.

TURN TO US FOR CUSTOMIZED ASSISTANCE.

Help with your specific regulatory compliance situation or question is just a phone call away without risk of exposure to enforcement action. Members can contact COSTHA's Administrator, John Currie, the internationally recognized dangerous goods consultant; and COSTHA's Technical Consultant, Tom Ferguson; and COSTHA's General Counsel, Rick Schweitzer, who is available for consultations with members. The knowledgeable and friendly people at COSTHA stand ready to deliver quality service you can count on.

LEARN FROM INDUSTRY EXPERTS.

COSTHA's conferences give members the opportunity to hear guest keynote speakers and meet one on one with key industry regulators. Three to four meetings annually held in Washington, DC and across the U.S. bring regulatory compliance managers in contact with their colleagues and regulators. Attendees of COSTHA's two day Annual Forum experience a variety of dynamic educational, general session, and networking events.

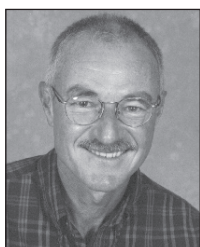
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