Handling of Hazardous or Dangerous Goods (DG) cargo

Dangerous Goods cargo as defined in the **International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code** (IMDG) and the New Zealand **Hazardous Substances & New Organisms Act** (HSNO) may be Received and Delivered (R & D) at the Ports of Auckland.

Dwell times

There are restrictions on the dwell time and quantity of different DG Classes that may be held in the port area. There are 3 categories which determine the dwell time on the wharf:

- **L & R (Land and Remove) 24 hours:** Export/import containers to be delivered/collected within 24 hours.
- **L & R (Land and Remove) 72 hours:** Export/import containers to be delivered/collected within 72 hours.
- **DMV (Direct to/from Motor Vehicle):** Export cargo is to be received at the ship side on motor vehicle and loaded directly to the vessel. Import cargo is to be unloaded from ship directly to motor vehicle.

Helpful documents for hazardous cargo

- DMV or L & R check is available here
- DG Class Quick Reference Guide is available here.

Imports

- Must be collected within 24 or 72 hours relevant to DG Class and UN number. This can be determined by using the DMV or L & R check above.
- The allowable dwell time for DG cargo commences from the time the container is discharged onto the wharf. Discharge times are available via container tracking on PortConnect here
- **Classes 6 & 8**: From 1 December 2019 a plan for uplift within 72 hours of discharge from vessel must be provided to Customer Service latest 24 hours prior to vessel arrival to confirm arrangements for uplift within the allowable time.
- As a transit facility we hold electronic copies of Hazardous Certificates provided by Shipping Lines. If an importer or trucking company request a copy of a certificate, we

will print it out at no cost provided the request is made 24 hours in advance of uplift (the certificate may not comply with NZ Land Transport Authority requirements). Contact: driversassist@poal.co.nz

Exports

- A valid Hazardous certificate must accompany the container upon delivery to the port. Our DG documentation checklist is available here .
- DG cargo must be pre-advised 24 hours prior to delivery to the port and requires a valid shipping line booking.
- DG cargo must be processed through the Fergusson Road Office (an Express PIN cannot be applied to DG cargo).
- At Multi Cargo it DG Cargo is processed through the POAL Road Office and the relevant stevedores for the vessel. Contact: mcops@poal.co.nz
- Shipping Lines will submit the DG cargo manifest 48 hours prior to vessel arrival.

Vehicles

Containerised vehicles can be received either:

- as Hazardous with an accompanying DG certificate; or
- as General – vehicle, with an accompanying exemption letter.

The booking for either general – vehicle or hazardous must be made with the shipping line. The receival at the gate will be compared with the booking prior to loading on the vessel.

Further information on containerised cars and wording for an exemption letter is available here.

Misdeclared cargo

- Cargo is considered misdeclared where it is hazardous and has been declared as general or some other non-hazardous commodity.
- When a container comes through the gate or off a ship declared as General cargo and we find that it is hazardous, we have to take it out of the stack, change the information and place it in the appropriate area.
- Misdeclared cargo places us in breach of our Code of Practice and the consequences of any audit failure or issues with the container are severe.
- The fee of $1,028 + GST is to cover costs, underline the seriousness of the mistake and ensure shippers understand the importance of providing the correct information.

DG storage

- Hazardous storage charges apply without exception. DG cargo will incur Hazardous storage (please note demurrage applies to general and reefer cargo only). Hazardous storage is $150 + GST per container per day.
- The storage charge reflects the risk involved storing the DG container and to encourage the containers to be collected within the allowable time.
- Containers that dwell beyond the allowable time place us in breach of the Hazardous Substances & Dangerous Goods Code of Practice and can incur serious consequences.
- Hazardous Storage allowable time on Public Holidays remains the same. Please contact Customer Service if you have a Dangerous Goods container query.

For more information please contact:

Customer Service
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Email us here

Please find useful documents for Hazardous Cargo and Transport Operators here.