



Transportation Safety
Healthcare Waste Management
Dangerous Goods Safety Advisors

INDEPENDENT SAFETY SERVICES LTD—DGSA

Consultancy

The carriage of dangerous goods is a complex and strictly regulated operation.

Organisations which carry, pack, fill, load and un-load dangerous goods are required by The Carriage of Dangerous Goods and Use of Transportable Pressure Equipment Regulations and The European Agreement Concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road (ADR) to appoint an examination qualified Dangerous Goods Safety Adviser (DGSA) when specific threshold levels are exceeded.

Independent Safety Service Ltd acts a DGSA provider to numerous organisations both within the health service and in the private sector.

With a wide range of experience in bulk and packaged transportation of dangerous goods by road, sea and air freight in addition to manufacturing, warehousing and the health service, we are ready and able to offer a service tailored to your specific situation whatever goods are involved.

Our DGSAs are qualified for “all classes” including radioactives, explosives and infectious substances and have experience of dangerous goods activities spanning 30 years.

The role of the DGSA is to examine the activities of the undertaking to ensure they meet Regulatory compliance. Where deviations are found the DGSA is there to assist in implementing change, suggesting viable solutions to problems, providing training and monitoring the equipment used and the roles of the participants engaged in dangerous goods works. Two other important functions are the investigation of accidents involving dangerous goods and the production of the Annual Report which must be retained for five years.

The Regulatory framework of ADR imposes extensive requirements on all organisations involved with dangerous goods both directly and indirectly. Packaging manufacturers are required to meet strict quality standards. Label producers must adhere to highly specified designs, vehicle producers must offer variants which have protected electrical and exhaust systems, tankers must also meet strict specifications dependent upon the intended load, packers must ensure that goods are properly prepared for transport, drivers must have appropriate training, vehicles properly equipped and the Consignor must produce transport documentation. The DGSAs’ role is to give advice on, and check that, all these issues are dealt with before transport occurs.

“Since the introduction of the requirement for our company to have an appointed DGSA we have employed Gary Spooner of Independent Safety Services Ltd. During this time we have always received excellent service. Outlined below are some of the reasons for us justifying this service:

The information we receive is always up to date. When we request information it is always supplied quickly. Any information supplied is always clear and supplied with a full explanation. We are proactively informed of any changes that may affect the running of our business.

Having Independent Safety Services Ltd as our DGSA makes life so much easier for our company. It enables us to ensure with confidence that we are meeting the correct requirements and if we are challenged by any of our customers or regulatory bodies we are able to justify with confidence our actions.”

Simon Holland, Sales Director, Specialised Chemicals Ltd



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TRAINING

We offer a comprehensive solution to all dangerous goods transportation issues, including radioactives and infectious materials. Dangerous Goods Safety Adviser (DGSA) services include:

- Full dangerous goods advisory services;
- Comprehensive auditing of all dangerous goods related activities;
- Completion of annual reports;
- Contractor auditing;
- Advice on development of new products designed to carry dangerous goods;
- Statutory investigation of reportable accidents concerning dangerous goods;
- Development of dangerous goods policies and procedures;
- DGSA, ADR and 'general awareness' training and implementation; and
- We offer training courses / programmes to suit the needs of every organisation.

Dangerous Goods Safety Adviser (DGSA) – Initial / Refresher ADR – Vocational Certificate Training for Drivers

Carriers, packers, fillers, loaders and intermediate storage facilities of dangerous goods may be legally required to appoint an examination qualified DGSA.

Whilst many organisations choose to use us in a consultancy role, to fulfil this statutory requirement, others require a member of their own staff to achieve this qualification.

The five day 'Initial' course culminates in an examination set by the Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA) and a Vocational Certificate is issued to successful candidates. This is valid for five years, after which the examination must be re-taken following 'Refresher' training (three days duration). Courses are scheduled ahead of the quarterly examinations.

The ADR qualification is obtained by attendance on an approved course and passing SQA examinations.

Course durations vary from 3 – 5 days, depending on the specific modules required, which relate to type of goods carried. Courses are run throughout the year at our locations or at client's premises, by arrangement.

Other Courses Include:

- Carriage of Clinical Waste / Infectious Material;
- Carriage of Dangerous Goods (CDG) Awareness;
- Practical Road Tanker Operative; and
- LPG Safety Awareness.

