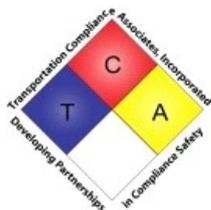


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Employee Spotlight

TCA's team has more than 300 years of hands-on industry experience. Our professionals have distinguished reputations in the industry and are dedicated to serving our clients. This makes us unique and allows us to customize our services.

This month, meet **Lora Wilson**, Manager of IT Services.

What is your role at TCA?

I am TCA's Manager of IT

News & Views

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A Message from the Front Desk...

Dear Friends,

Did you know that nearly every day we come in contact with hazardous materials? Whether in our workplaces or at home, we often rely on these materials throughout our days. The fuel that runs the cars we drive, the products used to clean our homes and offices, the electronics that help process our data, and the batteries that keep our clocks running are simply a few examples of hazardous materials.

It is our goal here at TCA to educate you on how to properly handle and treat hazardous materials. As you are well aware, the regulations governing the use and transportation of these materials are always changing – offering safe and more efficient operations for users like you. We strive to help make understanding these regulations an essential part of your business and we want to see you succeed.

This newsletter sheds light on some regulations that are currently being implemented and will become mandatory in the coming months. As your compliance partner, TCA is dedicated to helping you as you implement these changes in your facility. Please do not hesitate to contact us for support.

Best Wishes,

Karen Alston

New Minimum Size Requirements for Hazmat Package Markings and Labels



New to the regulations this year is a statement regarding

Services. My role was designed to help assist customers with the added options we are currently developing. With my IT background, I also serve as an addition to our team as someone who is able to help resolve any technical issues that may occur in our office.

Explain your educational background:

I obtained a Bachelor's Degree from Robert Morris University in Management Information Systems and a Masters in Internet Information Systems.

What is your background in the industry?

I have worked in IT for nine years. During that time, I was a supervisor for three years and a manager for two years of IT helpdesks. I have worked in customer support for over nine years.

This is my first experience in the hazardous materials industry. In previous positions, I worked in IT support for medical companies, software, and hardware.

Explain the project you are currently working on:

I am currently helping develop and improve our online training courses.

Why is your project an important part of compliance safety and what we do here at TCA?

Training courses are helping to expand our training offerings here at TCA. This is important because we are now able to provide more options to our customers than just on-site training. This will help the companies who only need a person or two trained and cannot afford to send someone somewhere to train or have us come out to their

the size of markings pertaining to the UN number on hazardous materials packages and their corresponding labels. The new size change for the UN numbers and letters "UN" for markings on hazardous materials packages and their labels are as follows:

Size of Package	Size of Text (mm)	Size of Text (inches)
Larger than 30 kg or 30 L	12 mm	.47 inches
Not more than 30 kg or 30 L	6 mm	.24 inches
Not more than 5 kg or 5 L	APPROPRIATE SIZE	APPROPRIATE SIZE
Cylinders not more than 60 L water capacity	6mm	.24 inches

This change applies to the UN number and does not apply to the proper shipping name, technical name, the word OVERPACK, and any other markings which must be of the appropriate size that is according to the capacity of the package.

This minimum size requirement change will be mandatory for shipments made by air (IATA and ICAO) and sea (IMDG) effective as of January 1, 2013 and mandatory as of January 1, 2014. For domestic transportation within the United States under DOT regulations you will have until January 1, 2017 to fully comply with this newly added regulation. (§172.301) This new minimum size requirement has been added to help aid emergency first responders in being able to quickly identify the hazardous materials identification number.

How are CSA Regulations Affecting You? 8 Changes You Should Be Aware Of:



Effective December 1, 2012, the following changes to Compliance Safety Accountability (CSA) regulations went into effect. Are your trucks compliant with these new regulations? Make sure you are aware of the new violations to avoid costly mistakes.

1.) CSA Changes to Hours of Service Compliance BASIC

The fatigued driving BASIC will now become the Hours of Service (HOS) Compliance BASIC. The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Agreement (FMCSA) has determined that this BASIC is strongly associated with the risk of future crashes. This category will now include HOS documentation requirements that, on their own, may not indicate a fatigued driver or a driver who's exceeded their legal allowable hours on the road. In addition to this, the CSA changes will also treat drivers' paper logs and e-logs as equal.

2.) New Hazardous Materials BASIC

The cargo-related BASIC has been phased out. Now, the FMCSA will create a hazardous materials (HM) BASIC,

site and train. This will also give our customers more flexibility, if they have 24/7 staff. This training is available online at all times of the day. I think this online training is helping TCA to become more of a well-rounded company and give our customers more options.

Your thoughts on working at TCA:

Every day is a new adventure! I love that I am not confined to just doing the same thing every day and that I am encouraged to step out of my comfort zone.

The Clock is Ticking 9 Months Left to Learn GHS



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which will include regulation violations specific to packaging, transporting, identifying, and communicating hazardous cargo should a spill or crash occur.

The new HazMat scores will be private, and the FMCSA will attempt to more accurately identify hazardous materials carriers.

3.) Vehicle Maintenance BASIC Update

Vehicle Maintenance will now include load securement violations.

4.) Driver-only and Vehicle-only Inspections

Vehicle violations are now removed from driver-only inspections. In addition to this, driver violations have been moved from vehicle-only inspections. As a result, carriers will no longer be penalized for violations that were outside the scope of an inspection. Those violations will not be recorded in the Safety Measurement System SMS.

5.) Intermodal Equipment Provider Regulations

Violations of Intermodal Equipment Provider (IEP) regulations are now recorded in the SMS and include violations that should be detected and corrected during a drivers' pre-trip inspection.

6.) Motor Vehicle Crashes

The display in the SMS will now separate crashes with injuries from crashes resulting in fatalities. Also, the terms, "inconclusive" and "insufficient data," need to include fact-based descriptions – making crashes easier to interpret and interventions more effective.

7.) Speeding Violations

Speeding violations between 1 and 5 MPH recorded in the previous 24 months will be removed from SMS. Violations will no longer be assessed. This change is consistent with [49 CFR 393.82](#), requiring speedometers be accurate within 5 MPH. The severity rating of general speeding violations has been lowered to 1.

8.) Identification of Passenger Carriers

The definition of passenger carrier within the SMS has been updated, so that those carriers can be more easily identified.

If you require assistance applying these changes to your operations, or if you require an in-depth look at the regulations, please [contact TCA](#).

PHMSA Fines

Not having your staff properly trained and certified in DOT regulations is considered a violation of the Federal Hazardous Materials Transportation Law and Hazardous Materials Regulations found in the Code of Federal Regulations.

Here is a refresher of the penalties that can be assessed by the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA).

These penalties follow the law that sets the minimum and maximum limits for civil penalties and violations on or after December 31, 2009.

- The maximum civil penalty that can be assessed is \$55,000 and a minimum of \$250 per day for each violation.
- If the violation results in a death, serious illness, severe injury, or destruction of property, the maximum limit increases to \$110,000. The minimum increases to \$495 per day if that violation concerns training.

When was the last time you had your employees trained? Are you aware of how these penalties can impact your operations? [Contact TCA](#) if you would like to address your compliance concerns.

HazCom Quiz

Test your HazCom Knowledge Here!

1.) The OSHA standard is based on what concept?

2.) True or false? Chemical labels include only one of the two signal words. _____

3.) Three routes of chemical exposure are:

- 1.) _____
- 2.) _____
- 3.) _____

4.) Under the GHS standard, new pictograms must include a: _____

5.) All bulk containers leaving a facility must include: _____

(answers can be found to the left)

Answers to HazCom Quiz:

- 1.) "Right-to-Know"
- 2.) True - Only one word may be present either "danger" or "warning"
- 3.) 1.) contact, 2.) inhalation, 3.) swallowing
- 4.) Red Border
- 5.) Product or Label Tags

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