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OTHER BUSINESS

Application for consultative status by the Association of Hazmat Shippers, Inc. (AHS)

1. The secretariat reproduces below information received from the Association of Hazmat Shippers, Inc. (AHS) requesting consultative status as a non-governmental organization for participation in the work of the Sub-Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods.
2. The Sub-Committee is invited to decide whether AHS may participate in its work with a consultative status.



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Re: Request for Consultative Status;
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Dear Mr. Kervella:

As Executive Director of the Association of Hazmat Shippers, Inc. (AHS), I am writing to request consultative status of this association in the UN Sub-Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods. Background information on AHS is attached to this letter, and I ask that you please transmit our request to the Sub-Committee for consideration at its next session.

AHS is made up of multinational companies with plants across the globe, having particular interest in regulatory provisions applicable to consignment and transport of smaller quantity packages containing dangerous goods in all modes of transport. While also interested as manufacturers in a wider range of dangerous goods issues, AHS has been especially concerned with achieving global harmonization of the provisions applicable to excepted quantity and limited quantity packages. Companies are international producers and consignors of pharmaceutical and other consumer products, in addition to samples of materials in all nine classes of regulated goods.

AHS already has participated directly in all meetings of the Limited Quantity Working Group at which industry was invited, either through member companies or through our General Counsel, Lawrence W. Bierlein. Our members have vast experience in the international distribution of small packages, and we would appreciate the opportunity to make that experience available to the Sub-Committee.

Thank you for considering this Association of Hazmat Shippers application for consultative status and for transmitting it to the Sub-Committee. If you have any questions about this application or our association, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,


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Attachments:

AHS Web site print-out
AHS By-laws
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About Us -

Many shippers of hazardous materials, in the United States and abroad, have noted that smaller package shipments consume a disproportionate amount of time, attention and resources. The Association of Hazmat Shippers, Inc. is headquartered in Washington, DC and focuses on hazmat shipper's concerns and smaller package shipment issues in particular. AHS encourages membership by companies and their trade associations who are involved in the shipment of hazardous materials.

Members buy, produce, distribute, ship, reship, and return smaller and medium-sized packages of hazardous materials. Many members also have an interest in larger package shipments, and the Association addresses those concerns as well, but the primary focus of AHS is on smaller package distribution problems. Examples of materials of interest are medical and dental supplies, pharmaceuticals, automotive parts, flavors, fragrances, paints and coatings, and sample or laboratory sizes of all types of chemical products.

AHS's membership includes manufacturers, direct shippers, catalogue companies, brokers, forwarders, Internet marketers, and their commercial suppliers and customers. AHS provides a forum in which hazmat shippers are able to learn about evolving regulatory requirements, and to take positions on the issues in time to affect the outcome of those deliberations.

AHS combines the dissemination of timely information and advocacy, through the work of [Larry Bierlein](#) as General Counsel, and The Roberts Group, LLC, as administrators. The Roberts Group, managed by [Glenn Roberts](#), is an experienced trade association management firm with more than 35 years of expertise managing associations, particularly those dealing with FDA-regulated ingredients. [Ce Harrison](#), the Chief Financial Officer and Chief Operating Officer for the firm serves as Executive Director for the Association and is the primary point of contact for its members.

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BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I

Name & Location

The name of this association shall be the Association of HAZMAT Shippers, Inc. (The Association). Its principal office shall be in Washington, DC as designated in the Articles of Incorporation and any amendments thereto. It may have other offices in such places as the Board of Directors may from time to time determine.

ARTICLE II

Purposes

The purposes of the Association is to gather and disseminate information on rules and regulations pertaining to the shipment of hazardous materials, and other such purposes as the Board may deem appropriate, as well as organized efforts on behalf of the members to advocate and to obtain balanced and reasonable regulatory treatment both in the United States and around the world for such shipments.

ARTICLE III

Membership

Active Membership in this Association shall be open to those companies that ship hazardous materials. There shall be two classes of Active members: Association and Company membership. Association membership is open to trade associations while individual memberships are open to individual companies. In addition, there shall be a category of Supporting Members, which is open to any other business, which in the opinion of the Board of Directors, would advance the general purposes of the Association. The Board shall annually review membership categories.

ARTICLE IV

Dues

The Board of Directors shall annually propose dues for each category of membership. The dues and budget for the Association shall be approved by the members at the annual meeting.

ARTICLE V

Board of Directors

Section 1 -- Authority and Responsibility:

The governing body of the Association shall be the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall have supervision, control and direction of the affairs of the Association, its committees and publications; shall determine its policies or changes therein; shall actively pursue its objectives and supervise the disbursement of its funds.

The Board may adopt such rules and regulations for the conduct of its business, including but not limited to meetings, voting, removal, and vacancies, as shall be deemed advisable. A majority vote of the Board present is required to pass a motion except where exceptions are set forth in these By-Laws. The President of the Association is the President of the Board of Directors.

Section 2 -- Election and Terms of Office:

There shall be up to 12 directors who shall be elected by the members for 2-year terms.

Section 3 -- Quorum of the Board:

At any meeting of the Board of Directors, half or more of the members of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of the business of the Association and any such business thus transacted shall be valid providing it is affirmatively passed upon by a majority of those present, except where otherwise stipulated in these By-Laws.

Section 4 -- Vacancies:

If vacancies occur on the Board of Directors between annual meetings, then the Board of Directors shall have the power to fill an unexpired portion of that 2-year term.

**ARTICLE VI
Officers**

Section 1 -- Elected Officers

The elected officers for the Association shall be: the President, the Vice President/Secretary and the Treasurer. Officers will be elected by the Board of Directors. The President of the Board shall preside over meetings of the Board. In the event of the absence of the President, the Vice President/Secretary shall preside.

Section 2 -- Qualifications

Any employee of a Qualified Active Member shall be eligible for nomination and election to any elective office of this Association.

Section 3 -- Election

All officers of the Association will be elected by a plurality of the votes of those Directors present and voting at the first Board of Directors meeting held after the Association's Annual Meeting.

Section 4 -- Term of Office

Directors and officers serve 2-year terms. Each elected officer shall take office on January 1 or immediately upon installation and serve until a successor is duly elected and qualified. Each elected officer shall serve concurrently as a member of the Board of Directors.

Section 5 -- Vacancies

Vacancies in any elective office may be filled for the balance of the term thereof by Board of Directors.

Section 6 - Executive Director

The Board of Directors shall have the authority to retain an Executive Director who shall be responsible for the administration of the Association. The Executive Director shall maintain the minutes, manage the finances, and conduct all of the normal business and operations of the association.

Section 7 - General Counsel

The Board of Directors shall have the authority to retain a General Counsel who will be responsible for providing legal services to the Association.

ARTICLE VII Meetings of Members

Section 1-- Annual Meeting

There shall be an Annual Meeting of the members of the Association for the election of a Board of Directors, for receiving annual reports, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly be brought before it. The Annual Meeting shall be held at such time as the Board of Directors shall set.

Section 2 -- Special Meetings

Special meetings of members may be called by the Board of Directors whenever they deem it necessary. Upon the written request of 25% of the members, the Board of Directors shall call a special meeting of members.

Section 3 -- Quorum

50% of the voting members present shall constitute a quorum at all regular and special meetings of the members. Proxies shall be counted in determining whether there is a quorum.

Section 4 -- Notice of Meetings

Notice of all meetings, annual and special, of the members shall be given to each member by mailing the same, postage pre-paid, addressed to the member at the address which appears upon its application for membership or as corrected by the member subsequently by letter received by the Association. Such notice of

meeting shall state briefly the purpose(s) of the meeting. Notice of special meetings shall be given at least fifteen (15) days before the time of the meeting; at least thirty (30) days notice shall be given for the Annual Meeting.

Section 5 -- Location of Meetings

The Annual Meeting or special meetings of the members may be held at such location as the Board of Directors shall set.

ARTICLE VIII Rules of Order

The official guide for the officers and members of this Association to be used at all Parliamentary procedures shall be the current edition of "Robert's Rules of Order Revised."

ARTICLE IX Dissolution

The Association shall use its funds only to accomplish the objectives and purposes specified in these bylaws as permitted by Section 501(c)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code. No part of the net earnings of the Association shall inure to the benefit of any private individual or member of the Association. Upon the dissolution of the Association in any manner or for any reason, whether voluntary or involuntary, its assets, if any, remaining after the payment or provision for payment of all liabilities of the Association shall be distributed to, and only to, one or more nonprofit charitable, educational, scientific or philanthropic organizations described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code as shall be selected by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE X Amendment of By-laws

These By-Laws may be altered or amended in whole or in part by a vote of two-thirds of the Board of Directors present and voting at a regular or special meeting of the Board.

ARTICLE XI
Indemnification

Every Director, officer, and scientific consultant of the Association shall be indemnified by the Association against all expenses and liabilities including counsel fees, reasonably incurred or imposed upon them in connection with any proceeding to which they may have been made a party, or in which they may become involved, by reason of being or having been a Director, officer or scientific consultant of the Association, or as a representative of the Association on the boards of other Associations, or any settlement thereof, whether the person is a director, officer or scientific consultant at the time such expenses are incurred, except in such cases wherein the director, officer or scientific consultant is adjudged guilty of willful misfeasance or malfeasance in the performance of duties as determined by the Board of Directors. The foregoing right of indemnification shall be in addition to and not exclusive of all other rights to which such Director, officer or scientific consultant may be entitled. The Directors and Officers of the Association are authorized to obtain such director's and officers liability insurance as they deem necessary and appropriate.

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