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Any other business

Request for consultative status

Note by the secretariat

The secretariat reproduces hereafter the information received from the Council on Safe Transportation of Hazardous Articles (COSTHA) seeking consultative status for participation in the work of the Joint Meeting.

COSTHA profile:

1. COSTHA is a not for profit industry association devoted to promoting regulatory compliance and safety in the international transportation of dangerous goods. COSTHA represents global companies such as shippers, carriers by highway, air and sea, container manufacturers, chemical manufacturers, automobile manufacturers, automobile component manufacturers such as air-bags and batteries as well as packaging manufacturers, training companies and trade associations. We are a NGO and active participant at the UN Sub-Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and the UN TDG Battery Working Group.
2. The mission of COSTHA is to assist and support its members by providing knowledge and timely regulatory information to aid and develop their roles as dangerous goods professionals and to monitor international regulatory activity and promote regulatory harmonization where practical. We currently represent 180 member companies. Please see Annex I for a complete list.
3. The Board of Directors is comprised of 13 global member companies with headquarters in Sweden, Switzerland, Canada, the Netherlands and the US.
4. COSTHA is not affiliated with any of the other organizations currently enjoying observer status with the Joint Meeting of the RID Committee of Experts and the Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods.

Interest in the work of the Joint Meeting and of WP.15

5. In relation with ADR, our interest in the work of the Joint Meeting and of WP.15 is motivated by our ambition to support and collaborate with the UNECE and its affiliated bodies and Member States, in order to educate our members and share know-how on the implementation of regulations.

Annex I

Information on COSTHA

Founded in 1972, the Council on Safe Transportation of Hazardous Articles (COSTHA), is a non-profit industry association devoted to promoting regulatory compliance and safety in the international and domestic transportation of dangerous goods. COSTHA represents shippers, carriers by highway, air and sea, container manufacturers, chemical manufacturers, automobile manufacturers, automobile component manufacturers such as air-bags and batteries, and training companies, as well as many other businesses and associations involved in all aspects of transportation of dangerous goods, hazardous substances, and hazardous wastes.

Our membership of over 170 companies represent chemical companies, paint and coatings manufacturers, pharmaceutical companies, electronics manufacturers, personal care and other consumer product manufacturers, transporters representing all modes of transport, automobile manufacturers and their suppliers, as well as training and consulting companies. Our members represent companies with geographical diversity, for example our automobile manufacturing members represent well known companies in Japan such as Toyota, Honda, Nissan and Mitsubishi, German manufacturers such as BMW and Mercedes Benz, Swedish car makers such as Volvo, and US manufacturers such as Ford, General Motors and DaimlerChrysler.

These global interests represented by the companies making up our membership provide COSTHA the ability to discuss and develop consensus positions based on the benefit of cultural diversity and national requirements. Many of the names appearing in our membership list can be clearly recognized as leaders in the dangerous goods manufacturing, shipping, and transporting industries throughout the world including Europe, Asia, and North America.

COSTHA member representatives primarily consist of managers with responsibility for dangerous goods compliance on a global basis.

Strategic management of the association is led by the 13 global member companies on the Board of Directors with headquarters in Sweden, Switzerland, Canada, the Netherlands and the US.

The association strives to ensure that diverse business interests are represented on the Board of Directors.

COSTHA Mission Statement

The mission of COSTHA, The Council on Safe Transportation of Hazardous Articles, Inc. is to assist and support its members by providing knowledge and timely regulatory information to aid and develop their roles as dangerous goods professionals.

To ensure the mission and goals of the organization are accomplished, COSTHA is involved in a variety of activities that promote the furtherance of dangerous goods transportation compliance and safety.

COSTHA –

- conducts quarterly meetings in the United States, Canada and Mexico
- works closely with representatives from UNCTAD in the Caribbean to schedule meetings and training courses.

- COSTHA conducts domestic and international training on dangerous goods at our annual conference, attended by hundreds of transportation professionals and speakers from around the globe.
- COSTHA promotes the availability of training and consulting services provided by its large contingency of training company and consulting company members to ensure that the transportation community has resources readily available.

COSTHA monitors, summarizes and communicates with its members on the International and National Regulations regarding the transportation of dangerous goods.

- All revenue is generated from membership dues, meetings and sales of regulatory publications.
- A list of members of the governing body of COSTHA and their countries of nationality appears below.

The Board of Directors is comprised of the following companies. Two of the companies are headquartered in Switzerland, 1 in Japan and ten in the US. Of the thirteen companies, ten are major international companies.

Air Canada

American Trucking Associations, Inc.

Arcadis

Autoliv ASP, Inc.

Chrysler Mopar

Eli Lilly and Company

FedEx Express

Honeywell International

Labelmaster

Novartis Pharmaceuticals

Procter & Gamble

Sealed Air Corporation

Sun Chemical Corporation

Annex II

A listing of the membership of the organization, is found below.

E Company	Covance Central Laboratory
3M Company	Cyclo Industries, Inc.
Abbott Laboratories	Daicel
Agility Logistics Solutions, Inc	Dangerous Goods Council Inc.
Air Canada	Dangerous Goods, A Division of Berlin Packaging
Air Liquide	Deere & Company, Inc.
Air Sea Atlanta	Delphi Automotive Systems, LLC
Air Sea Containers	Delta Air Lines
Akzo-Nobel Coatings Inc.	DGI Training Center
Alaska Airlines & Horizon Air	DGM Support (North America), Inc.
Amazon.com	DHL Express
American Airlines	Edgewell Personal Care
American Honda Motor Co., Inc.	Eli Lilly and Company
American Trucking Associations, Inc.	EMC Information Systems International
Americase, Inc.	EMD Millipore Corp.
Amway Corporation	Endeavor Air, Inc.
AQT Solutions	Energizer Holdings, Inc.
Aquion Energy	Entegris, Inc.
ARC Automotive, Inc	Envoy Air Inc.
Arcadis	Exis Technologies
Atlas Air	Expeditors International of Washington, Inc.
Atlas Copco Drilling Solution LLC	ExpressJet Airlines
Autoliv ASP, Inc.	FCA US LLC
Aviall Services, a Boeing Company	FedEx Express
B&H Photo	FedEx Ground
Baxter Healthcare	Ford Motor Company
Bill Thomas Associates, Inc.	Genentech, Inc.
BMW of North America, LLC	General Motors Corporation
Brewer Science, Inc.	GH Testing
Bureau of Dangerous Goods, LTD.	GlaxoSmithKline
Cargo Training International	Global Language Translations & Consulting, Inc.
Cavalier Logistics	GSK Consumer Healthcare
ChemTel, Inc.	Hazmat Software LLC
CHEMTREC Center	HAZMATPAC, Inc.
Chrysler LLC	HAZPlus - a division of C.L. Smith
Clorox Company	Henry H. Ottens MFG Co., Inc.
Complete Compliance Solutions LLC	
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Hewlett-Packard	Northern Air Cargo, Inc.
Honda North America, Inc.	Novartis Pharmaceuticals
Honeywell International	Pfizer Inc.
ICC The Compliance Center, Inc.	PHI, Inc.
iControl Incorporated	PRI International, Inc.
Industrial Packaging Alliance of N.A.	Pro-Pack Testing Laboratory, Inc.
Inmark	Procter & Gamble
Institute of Hazardous Materials Management (IHMM)	Procter & Gamble Global Product Stewardship
Institute of Makers of Explosives	Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
Instrumentation Laboratory	Purolator International
International Air Transport Assoc (IATA)	Purple Diamond Testing Service
ITW Chemtronics	Quick International
IVODGA (formerly VOHMA)	Raytheon
J S Helwig & Son LLC	RB LLC
J.J. Keller & Associates, Inc.	Regulations Training, Inc.
Jaycox Consulting LLC.	Reusable Industrial Packaging Association
JetBlue Airways	Roche
Kao USA, Inc.	Safety & Compliance Services, Inc.
Key Safety Systems, Inc.	Sealed Air Corporation
L'Oreal USA Products, Inc.	Seastar Chemicals Inc.
Labeline International Ltd.	Skolnik Industries, Inc.
Labelmaster	Soleras Advanced Coatings
Labelmaster Services	Southwest Airlines Co.
Lighter Association, Inc.	Stericycle
Lion Technology Inc.	Stresau Laboratory, Inc.
Lonza, Inc.	Sun Chemical Corporation
Mallinckrodt Pharmaceuticals	Takata
Marken LLP	Ten-E Packaging Services, Inc.
Mary Kay Inc.	Thermo Fisher Scientific
Mays Chemical Co.	Toyoda Gosei Missouri Corporation
Meda Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	Toyota Motor Engineering & Manufacturing NA, Inc.
Mercedes Benz USA, LLC	Toyota Motor Sales, USA, Inc.
Merck & Co. Inc.	Toyota Tsusho America, Inc.
Mitsubishi Corporation (Americas)	Transportation Management Group, Inc.
Mitsubishi Motors NA	TRQSS Canada
Mobis Parts America, LLC	TRW Automotive, Occupant Safety Systems
Motion Industries, Inc.	Unilever HPC-NA
MSC Industrial Direct	United Airlines
Nissan North America	UPS
Nobel Trading Limited	

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Viking Packing Specialists
Volkswagen Group of America, Inc.
W.E. Train Consulting
Wal-Mart Private Fleet
Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.

Walnut Industries, Inc.
Zebra Technologies Corporation
Zippo Manufacturing Company
Zogenix, Inc
