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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
3M Company
Abbott Laboratories
Agility Logistics Solutions, Inc
Air Canada
Air Liquide
Air Sea Atlanta
Air Sea Containers
Akzo-Nobel Coatings Inc.
Alaska Airlines & Horizon Air
Amazon.com
American Airlines
American Honda Motor Co., Inc.
American Trucking Associations, Inc.
Americase, Inc.
Amway Corporation
AQT Solutions
Aquion Energy
ARC Automotive, Inc
Arcadis
Atlas Air
Atlas Copco Drilling Solution LLC
Autoliv ASP, Inc.
Aviall Services, a Boeing Company
B&H Photo
Baxter Healthcare
Bill Thomas Associates, Inc.
BMW of North America, LLC
Brewer Science, Inc.
Bureau of Dangerous Goods, LTD.
Cargo Training International
Cavalier Logistics
ChemTel, Inc.
CHEMTREC Center
Chrysler LLC
Clorox Company
Complete Compliance Solutions LLC
COSTHA

Covance Central Laboratory
Cyclo Industries, Inc.
Daicel
Dangerous Goods Council Inc.
Dangerous Goods, A Division of Berlin Packaging
Deere & Company, Inc.
Delphi Automotive Systems, LLC
Delta Air Lines
DGI Training Center
DGM Support (North America), Inc.
DHL Express
Edgewell Personal Care
Eli Lilly and Company
EMC Information Systems International
EMD Millipore Corp.
Endeavor Air, Inc.
Energizer Holdings, Inc.
Entegris, Inc.
Envoy Air Inc.
Exis Technologies
Expeditors International of Washington, Inc.
ExpressJet Airlines
FCA US LLC
FedEx Express
FedEx Ground
Ford Motor Company
Genentech, Inc.
General Motors Corporation
GH Testing
GlaxoSmithKline
Global Language Translations & Consulting, Inc.
GSK Consumer Healthcare
Hazmat Software LLC
HAZMATPAC, Inc.
HAZPlus - a division of C.L. Smith
Henry H. Ottens MFG Co., Inc.
Hewlett-Packard
Honda North America, Inc.
Honeywell International
ICC The Compliance Center, Inc.
iControl Incorporated
Industrial Packaging Alliance of N.A.
Inmark
Institute of Hazardous Materials Management (IHMM)
Institute of Makers of Explosives
Instrumentation Laboratory
International Air Transport Assoc (IATA)
ITW Chemtronics
IVODGA (formerly VOHMA)
J S Helwig & Son LLC
J.J. Keller & Associates, Inc.
Jaycox Consulting LLC.
JetBlue Airways
Kao USA, Inc.
Key Safety Systems, Inc.
L’Oreal USA Products, Inc.
Labeline International Ltd.
Labelmaster
Labelmaster Services
Lighter Association, Inc.
Lion Technology Inc.
Lonza, Inc.
Mallinckrodt Pharmaceuticals
Marken LLP
Mary Kay Inc.
Mays Chemical Co.
Meda Pharmaceuticals, Inc.
Mercedes Benz USA, LLC
Merck & Co. Inc.
Mitsubishi Corporation (Americas)
Mitsubishi Motors NA
Mobis Parts America, LLC
Motion Industries, Inc.
MSC Industrial Direct
Nissan North America
Nobel Trading Limited

Northern Air Cargo, Inc.
Novartis Pharmaceuticals
Pfizer Inc.
PHI, Inc.
PRI International, Inc.
Pro-Pack Testing Laboratory, Inc.
Procter & Gamble
Procter & Gamble Global Product Stewardship
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
Purolator International
Purple Diamond Testing Service
Quick International
Raytheon
RB LLC
Regulations Training, Inc.
Reusable Industrial Packaging Association
Roche
Safety & Compliance Services, Inc.
Sealed Air Corporation
Seastar Chemicals Inc.
Skolnik Industries, Inc.
Soleras Advanced Coatings
Southwest Airlines Co.
Stericycle
Stresau Laboratory, Inc.
Sun Chemical Corporation
Takata
Ten-E Packaging Services, Inc.
Thermo Fisher Scientific
Toyoda Gosei Missouri Corporation
Toyota Motor Engineering & Manufacturing NA, Inc.
Toyota Motor Sales, USA, Inc.
Toyota Tsusho America, Inc.
Transportation Management Group, Inc.
TRQSS Canada
TRW Automotive, Occupant Safety Systems
Unilever HPC-NA
United Airlines
UPS
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