

IMPORTANT NOTICE

To: YOW Canada Customers

YOW Canada Inc.: TDG Amendment 6 – Overview

The Transportation of Dangerous Goods (TDG) Regulations were designed to promote public and environment safety when dangerous goods are being transported on Canadian roads. The regulations are managed and maintained by Transport Canada. The regulations are a set of rules that prescribe safety standards and shipping requirements for thousands of different dangerous goods across Canada. In order to adapt to different situations, the TDG Regulations are amended on a regular basis.

On February 20, 2008, Amendment 6 to the TDG Regulations was published in the Canadian Gazette and thereby made law. Amendment 6 represents the largest amendment to the regulations in over 5 years and includes updates to 12 of the 16 parts of the TDG Regulations.

Due to the magnitude of the changes, it's widely accepted in the industry that many people should re-certify their training to ensure legal compliance with the TDG Regulations. The following is an overview of some of the major updates to the regulations. The link below provides a 'Part by Part' synopsis of all the changes. YOW Canada is available for consultation on any impact that Amendment 6 may have on you or your organization's TDG obligations.

The 3 most significant changes to the regulations are summarized here: (followed by the 'Part by Part' more detailed summary of changes).

Personal Use exemption is now “150 kg Gross Mass Exemption”

Section 1.15 has been expanded from “Personal Use” to any transportation of Dangerous Goods (including for commercial use), meeting the restrictions and not exceeding 150 kg Gross Mass. Note that each individual package / container of DGs must weigh less than 30 kg. Dangerous goods that fall into this category are ‘fully exempt’ from the TDG Regulations. This includes but is not limited to all Safety Marks, Training and Documentation. Classes 1, 6.2 and 7 of dangerous goods for example are not permitted to use this exemption. See part 1.15 for more details.

Changes to Schedule 1 “Index of Dangerous Goods”

Hundreds of parameters have changed in the entire Schedule 1 portion the TDG Regulations. This includes changes to “Classification”, “ERAP Index Values” and Applicable “Special Provisions”. This includes the reclassification of Anhydrous Ammonia and several additional placards / labels.

500 kg exemption requires all people involved to have TDG Training

Part 1.16 (500 kg Gross Mass Exemption) was modified in several ways to include the necessity for 'All Persons' involved in a shipment of DGs, have valid TDG certification. See Part 1.16 for more details.

For a more detailed '**Part by Part**' synopsis of the Amendment 6 changes, please click here: [Part by Part Amend. 6](#)