

# The role of the Dangerous Goods Safety Adviser (DGSA) and improving compliance with the radioactive material road transport regulations amongst users in the GB industrial sector



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- Clarify where the requirement for a DGSA comes from, what the role of the DGSA is and which organisations should appoint one
- Discuss possible reasons for the low number of DGSA appointments, and other non-compliances commonly seen amongst users, before moving on to discuss how compliance could perhaps be improved

- According to the European Agreement Concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road (ADR), organisations involved in transporting dangerous goods are required to appoint a Safety Adviser (DGSA in GB) to minimise the risks associated with transporting those goods
- Principle duties to perform:
  - To monitor compliance with the regulations
  - To advise on the carriage of dangerous goods
  - To prepare an annual report

# Who must appoint a DGSA?



Any organisation involved in any aspect of transport of radioactive material, in anything other than in excepted packages, more than once or twice per month, must appoint a DGSA

# Why have so few DGSAAs been appointed in the industrial sector?



- Lack of regulatory enforcement and stakeholder engagement
- Format of the regulations
- Perceived regulatory burden
- Reliance on Radiation Protection Advisers (RPAs)
- Lack of class 7 expertise amongst DGSAAs
- Interpretation of DGSA exemption provisions

# What other non-compliances are common amongst industrial users?



- Package documentation
- Marking and labelling
- Transport document
- Radiation Protection Programme
- Emergency arrangements
- ADR matters

# What can be done to improve compliance amongst industrial users?



- Increased competent authority involvement - DfT is now much more active carrying out inspections, organising meetings, providing guidance, etc.
- Increasing the number of DGSA appointments. To achieve this it is suggested that there be:
  - Focused stakeholder engagement to promote the role and extol its relevance to users
  - Movement away from relying on RPAs to assist with compliance with transport legislation
    - review of the DGSA qualification process
    - reference list of DGSAs able to advise on class 7 made available to users

Thank you for listening

Questions?

