

## **AMSA rules about Training as at 1 April 2020**

Below is information from the Legislation detailing the AMSA position on function specific training for Dangerous Goods transport.

### **Division 5 Training and safe system of work requirements**

#### **21 Requirements for training**

- (1) An employer of a person, other than a seafarer, engaged in any activity relating to the handling, packing, stowing and carriage of dangerous goods must ensure that the employee is given training, including refresher training, in accordance with Chapter 1.3 of the IMDG Code.

Penalty: 50 penalty units.

*Note* Chapter 1.3 of the IMDG Code requires general awareness or familiarisation training and function-specific training for shore-based personnel.

- (2) The employer of a person mentioned in subsection (1) must also ensure that the following function-specific training is provided as part of the person's training according to her or his responsibilities:
- (a) packing dangerous goods in packages;
  - (b) marking, labelling or placarding dangerous goods;
  - (c) loading or unloading cargo transport units;
  - (d) preparing transport documents for dangerous goods.

*Note* The training providers in Australia that provide training courses recognised by AMSA as accepted training courses are listed on the AMSA website at <http://www.amsa.gov.au>.

- (3) The employer must keep evidence of training that an employee or contractor of the employer receives for subsection (1) for at least 5 years after the training occurred.

Penalty: 50 penalty units.

- (4) An offence against subsection (1) or (3) is a strict liability offence.
- (5) A person is liable to a civil penalty if the person contravenes subsection (1) or (3).
- Civil penalty: 50 penalty units.

The legislation can be found at <https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/F2017L01578>