

Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command

Customer and Carrier Advisory

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Subject: Department of Defense (DoD) Employee Requirements for Explosives (EX) Number Verification in DOT Interactions

Purpose: To remind all DoD shippers of the requirement to validate EX numbers before shipment.

Be Advised: All DoD shippers must verify that the EX Number is current before releasing an explosives shipment requiring an EX Number. The Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) has notified all EX-holders requiring them to submit a validation request to meet the required UN 6(d) unconfined package test or have the EX terminated. Therefore, it is incumbent upon DoD shippers to ensure EX numbers being utilized have not been terminated by PHMSA. The EX numbers in question specifically apply to four Division 1.4S explosives with UN numbers UN0349, UN0367, UN0384, and UN0481. DoD Shippers can find a detailed list of EX Numbers at the following Federal Register website: <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2021/05/04/2021-09390/hazardous-materials-show-cause-and-procedures-for-complying-with-the-un-model-regulation-6d-test>.

If EX numbers are not validated, explosives shipments released under a terminated EX Number could lead to freight frustration and the imposition of applicable DOT fines. This notice is relevant to all DoD shipping activities.

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