

**Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command**

**Customer and Carrier Advisory**

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**Subject:** Dangerous Goods Preparation/Certification Documents for DoD International Shipments

**Purpose:** Facilitate expeditious and uninterrupted transport of Department of Defense (DoD) hazardous materials/dangerous goods offered for movement throughout the Defense Transportation System (DTS)

**Be Advised:** Commercially contracted air carriers comprise a large amount of air transport capability for the DoD. International air transportation cargo clearance rules and regulations, and adherence with DoD Foreign Clearance international country overfly and landing permit approval guidance, may result in delays with aircraft with limited routing alternatives towards their scheduled destinations.

Please consider using the optional methods notated below to facilitate more efficient movement for DoD cargo submissions, including hazardous materials/dangerous goods, while minimizing potential delays in route. These options pertain to providing certain documentation such as compliant shippers declarations, beforehand.

**Option 1.** Prioritize providing *International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Technical Instructions for the Safe Transport of Dangerous Goods by Air (TI)* or *International Air Transport Association (IATA) Dangerous Goods Regulations (DGR)* prepared and certified shipments and shippers declaration certification documents for all shipments IATA-compliant.

**Option 2.** Provide a complementary ICAO TI/IATA DGR compliant shippers declaration certification to accompany primary AFMAN 24-604 prepared and certified shipments and shippers' declaration certifications.

**Option 3.** When certifying using an AFMAN 24-604 packaging paragraph within the shippers' declaration, include a corresponding ICAO TI/IATA DGR packaging paragraph in Block 19 of the shippers' declaration document.

**NOTE:** These options are not mandatory. **However, if neither of the above options are used, shipments may be interrupted, delayed and/or blocked for long periods awaiting international airlift approval.**

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