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THE HAZMAT NEWS NETWORK is celebrating its first full year of distribution. That's right, we started the publication last November. Regulatory Resources hopes you've been able to benefit from the information and articles presented. We'd also like to thank all of you for your interest and support. We are looking forward to what the next twelve months will hold. Remember, all we need is a name and fax number and you too can get *The Hazmat News Network* each month...for free!

DON'T GET COMFORTABLE YET! On October 25th, DOT published in the Federal Register the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, Docket HM-215B, "Harmonization with the United Nations Recommendations, International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code, and International Civil Aviation Organization's Technical Instructions" (pages 55363-55410). A lot of new and revised requirements are being proposed. And, comments are due to DOT by November 25th. Who needs sleep anyway?! Here are some of the actions in the proposed rulemaking.

- New definitions for aerosol, salvage packaging, and intermediate packaging (the latter applying to explosives);
- New provision for the marking of salvage packagings;
- Amendments to the Hazmat Table (you know, proper shipping names, packing groups, special provisions, etc.). Remember that new computer program you just bought that helps pick out the proper shipping name...ouch!
- Changes to the list of marine pollutants;
- Amendments to the Explosives Table;
- New and more specific test criteria for the classification of Class 4, Division 5.1, Division 5.2, and Division 6.1;
- New and revised self-reactive substances;
- Amendments to the requirements for 31HZ2 composite IBCs.

And for those of you "I can't attend enough meetings already" professionals, RSPA is having a public meeting to discuss the preparation of DOT's attendance at the 19th session of the UN Committee of Experts on the Transportation of Dangerous Goods. The meeting is being held November 22nd at 9:30 am in the Nassif Building, 400 Seventh St. SW, Washington, DC. Now if that's not enough meeting for you, the EPA is conducting a meeting concerning the definition of solid waste and hazardous

waste recycling on November 19th from 8:30am-12:30pm at the Airport Hilton in Arlington, VA.

FUNCTION SPECIFIC TRAINING IS AVAILABLE to meet your specific needs. DOT requires four specific areas of training, as they apply to a job function. One of these four is "function specific" training. I know what you're think, "I can't afford this type of personal training." Yes you can! For what it will cost you to send a few, that's right, at little as three people to an off-site seminar, Regulatory Resources can come to you with your site specifics incorporated into the training program. We specialize in non-bulk hazardous materials; bulk hazardous materials; packaging; hazardous wastes (including the RCRA/TSCA/CERCLA interfaces); radioactive materials, IATA/ICAO and more! We'll show you the details others miss all the while giving your operations top priority. Give us a call. You'll be glad you did.

LABEL CONFIGURATION ON A PACKAGE is not that big of a deal! I know that some of us in the hazmat transportation profession are very sensitive to how something appears. But, when it comes to the configuration of a label on a hazmat package, the perfect diamond-square-on-point configuration is not required. No where in the regulations does it state that the label must be placed on the package in a specific configuration, other than its proximity to the proper shipping name and primary label, and that it can't be located on the bottom of the package. This means that I can rotate my label in any direction and even overlap the label around a corner if that's the only way I can get the label to fit on the package. You may have other in-house policies on how a label is configured on a package, but remember, it's not a regulatory requirement. (Placards on the other hand are required to be displayed diamond-square-on-point reading horizontally, left-to-right.)

6th ANNUAL DANGEROUS GOODS BY AIR CONFERENCE and Exhibition entitled "*Making Regulations Work*", is being held at the Atlanta Hilton and Towers, downtown Atlanta, Georgia, January 28-30, 1997. The conference will cover current issues of concern to all involved in the transportation of dangerous goods by air. A series of workshops will also be part of this important aviation safety event. For a brochure and details contact Shawn Gerber at 514-844-6311 ext. 3532, or by fax at 514-844-1819.

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Wishes Each of You a Very
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