

Former ICAO Dangerous Goods Panel Members to Explain How Global Air Transport Rules Are Written

Free Sept 8 session: three former ICAO Dangerous Goods Panel members on how international DG rules get written, debated and adopted.

WAXAHACHIE, TX, UNITED STATES, August 31, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- HazMat Safety Consulting (HSC), a subsidiary of Americase International, today announced a free live webinar, "Inside the Room Where the Rules are

Written: The ICAO Dangerous Goods Panel Explained," bringing together three former members of the [International Civil Aviation Organization \(ICAO\)](#) Dangerous Goods Panel to explain how international dangerous goods air transport requirements are developed, debated and ultimately adopted.

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The ICAO Dangerous Goods Panel plays a central role in developing and maintaining the international requirements for the safe transport of dangerous goods by air. Its work feeds into ICAO's Technical Instructions for the Safe Transport of Dangerous Goods by Air (Doc 9284), which provide detailed requirements affecting shippers, airlines, freight forwarders and others throughout the global air transport supply chain.

More than 1.25 million dangerous goods shipments are transported by air each year, according to the [International Air Transport Association \(IATA\)](#). The requirements governing those shipments affect areas including classification, packaging, marking, labeling, documentation, training and airline acceptance procedures.

The September 8 session comes as the aviation industry prepares for the next edition of ICAO's Technical Instructions and regulators continue addressing emerging dangerous goods risks,



including those associated with lithium batteries. [Federal Aviation Administration](#) records show 93 lithium battery incidents involving smoke, fire or extreme heat aboard aircraft in 2025, compared with 89 in 2024. Battery-related provisions continue to evolve as regulators respond to changing technologies, growing shipment volumes and an increasingly complex global supply chain.



"I've sat on both sides of this table — chairing the UN process and the ICAO panel — and the biggest misconception I still hear is that industry has no voice," said Bob Richard, Vice President of HazMat Safety Consulting. "It does, but only if you understand where to use it."

The 60-minute session will provide a rare inside look at a regulatory process that dangerous goods professionals around the world follow but few have experienced firsthand. The discussion will examine how panel members are nominated, how proposals are introduced and debated, how changes progress into ICAO's Technical Instructions, and where companies and industry organizations can provide input.

Speakers

- Bob Richard, Vice President, HazMat Safety Consulting — A dangerous goods transportation safety expert with more than 40 years of experience, Richard is a former Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) Deputy Associate Administrator and has served as chair of both the UN Sub-Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and the ICAO Dangerous Goods Panel.
- Duane Pfund, Senior Consultant, HazMat Safety Consulting — Pfund spent more than 20 years leading PHMSA's international hazardous materials program and has extensive experience representing the United States in international dangerous goods regulatory matters through the UN and ICAO.
- Dave Brennan, Director, Dangerous Goods by Air Consulting — Brennan spent 21 years leading IATA's dangerous goods function and served as an ICAO Dangerous Goods Panel member from 2006 to 2023, providing firsthand experience with the development and implementation of international dangerous goods air transport requirements.

Key Topics

Attendees will learn:

- How the ICAO Dangerous Goods Panel is structured and how members are nominated
- How a proposed regulatory change moves from an initial idea through debate and into the Technical Instructions
- Where and how industry can provide input into the international regulatory process
- How emerging risks, including lithium batteries, are considered by regulators
- How shippers, airlines, freight forwarders and other supply chain participants can engage before new requirements take effect
- Understanding that process can give companies valuable time to identify potential operational impacts and prepare for regulatory changes rather than waiting until new requirements take effect.

Session Details

Session: Inside the Room Where the Rules are Written: The ICAO Dangerous Goods Panel Explained

Presenters: Bob Richard, Duane Pfund and Dave Brennan

Date: Tuesday, September 8, 2026

Time: 4:00–5:00 p.m. EDT

Location: LinkedIn Live

Cost: Free; recording provided to all registrants

Attendees will also have an opportunity to participate in a live Q&A and submit questions for the panelists to address in real time.

For additional information or to register for the session, visit Americase International's website (<https://www.americaseinternational.com/inside-the-room-where-the-rules-are-written-the-icao-dangerous-goods-panel-explained/>).

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What is the ICAO Dangerous Goods Panel? A: The ICAO Dangerous Goods Panel is an international group of dangerous goods experts that develops and maintains technical requirements and guidance for the safe transport of dangerous goods by air, including provisions contained in ICAO's Technical Instructions for the Safe Transport of Dangerous Goods by Air (Doc 9284).

Q: Who should attend this webinar? A: The session is designed for dangerous goods professionals, shippers, freight forwarders, airlines and other supply chain participants who want a better understanding of how international requirements are developed and where industry has opportunities to provide input.

Q: How are ICAO dangerous goods air transport requirements developed? A: Proposed changes are considered and debated by the ICAO Dangerous Goods Panel before approved changes are

incorporated through ICAO's standards and Technical Instructions process. Industry organizations and other stakeholders can provide technical input during the regulatory development process.

Q: Is there a cost to attend? A: No. The webinar is free, but registration is required.

About HazMat Safety Consulting

HazMat Safety Consulting (HSC), a subsidiary of Americase International, provides dangerous goods regulatory, compliance and safety consulting across the product and logistics lifecycle. Its consultants include former regulatory leaders and technical experts with experience at PHMSA and in international dangerous goods rulemaking, helping organizations navigate DOT, ICAO, IATA, IMDG and other dangerous goods requirements.

HSC serves organizations across aerospace, defense, energy, healthcare, technology and industrial markets, providing regulatory strategy, compliance assessments, training, emergency response planning and ongoing regulatory guidance. Services span regulatory strategy and gap analysis; classification, packaging, marking, labeling and documentation; training and certification; emergency response planning; and safety management system development. To learn more, visit HazMat Safety Consulting's website.

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