



**Policy for International Vessel Operators Dangerous Goods Association, Inc. (IVODGA)
Membership and Meeting Attendance**

The International Vessel Operators Dangerous Goods Association (IVODGA) is an international organization comprised of representatives of the ocean common carriers of the world, operating under the flags of several nations, dedicated to improving the understanding and uniform application of rules and regulations governing maritime Hazardous Materials / Dangerous Goods Transportation, including the IMDG Code. Collectively, IVODGA members are responsible for the safe transportation of over 75% of ocean-borne container traffic internationally.

Per the organization's bylaws, full membership in IVODGA shall be limited to vessel ocean common carriers. All full members shall have one vote. Each member company shall be entitled to designate two individuals as its named representatives. An individual so designated as the representative of a member company may be changed at any time at the pleasure of the member. Only designated members shall be entitled to vote on behalf of that member. It shall be the responsibility of each member company to ensure that the vote cast by the designated representative reflects the consensus position of that company. Designated representatives may also select an individual from their company to serve as an alternate voting representative to exercise voting privileges in their absence. All designated representatives shall be eligible to hold elected office.

Any interested company or organization that is not an ocean common carrier in the Trade may qualify to become an associate member by majority vote of the full members. See list of company types that may qualify for associate membership below. Associate members shall not be entitled to vote on Association matters. Associate members may participate and be present at all Association meetings, programs, seminars, and other functions and be eligible for discounts, provided that such members may not attend portions of meetings or other discussions (or receive minutes regarding same).

Associate membership is limited to the company types listed below.

- Domestic carriers
- National Cargo Bureau
- Non-Vessel Operating Common Carriers (NVOCCs)
- Ports
- Refrigerated Container Manufacturer (i.e., Klinge Corporation)
- Terminal Operators

The company types listed below do not qualify for membership in IVODGA.

- Freight Forwarders
- Suppliers (i.e., offerors, training, and consulting companies)
- Third Party Logistics (3PL)
- Trade Associations.

The member's representative participating in IVODGA should have direct responsibility for the hazardous materials/dangerous goods program(s) for their respective company.

IVODGA members restrict participation in their meetings to facilitate open dialogue related to their operations safety objectives, policies, and procedures. IVODGA's activities focus on engagement and participation in issues encountered by ocean common carriers in their operations, not issues between ocean common carriers and shippers. Therefore, IVODGA meetings are structured such that regulatory and legislative representatives and guests are invited to participate in designated timeframes for their meetings.

- All entities (i.e., shippers, suppliers, trade associations, union groups, contracted service providers, etc.) interested in participating and/or presenting during an IVODGA meeting must submit discussion topics for review and approval by the IVODGA Executive Committee and IVODGA Staff. If approved, these entities would be invited by IVODGA Staff to a specific IVODGA meeting. Approval for one IVODGA meeting does not indicate approval for all IVODGA activities.
 - If approached by an entity to participate, IVODGA staff will ask for a list of topics that they would like to discuss and approach other similar groups to see if they would also like to participate to encourage a greater level of interaction.
- IVODGA members must submit a written request for approval to IVODGA for a representative from a contracted service provider or consultant to participate on their behalf in the organization. This request must be approved by the IVODGA Executive Committee and IVODGA staff to participate in IVODGA activities and meetings.
 - If the approved representative from the contract service provider changes, this approval is not automatically transferable to a new representative from this company. A new written approval must be submitted from the IVODGA member company for this new representative.

**Application for Membership in
International Vessel Operators Dangerous Goods Association, Inc. (IVODGA)**

If your company meets the criteria above for membership in the International Vessel Operators Dangerous Goods Association, Inc. (IVODGA), you are required to complete and submit this application for review and approval by the IVODGA Executive Committee and staff. You will be notified in writing of your application status.

If your application is approved, you will be invoiced and added to the IVODGA Membership (i.e., website, email distribution, and calendar invitations, etc.).

Note: This application is not required for the scenarios listed below.

- Entities (i.e., shippers, suppliers, trade associations, union groups, contracted service providers, etc.) interested in participating and/or presenting during an IVODGA meeting must submit by email to mail@ivodga.com discussion topics for review and approval by the IVODGA Executive Committee and IVODGA Staff.
- If you want to request that a contracted service provider or consultant participate on behalf of your company in IVODGA, this request must be submitted by email to mail@ivodga.com. These written requests must be approved by the IVODGA Executive Committee and IVODGA Staff.

By signing below, the designated representative is certifying that they fit the criteria above to qualify for membership in IVODGA and that they have direct responsibility for the hazardous materials/dangerous goods program(s) for their respective company.

Applicant Name _____

Title _____

Company Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

Email _____

Date _____