

CHAPTER 5 HAZARDOUS GOODS

It is not the intent of this booklet to address the problem of shipping hazardous goods. There are many publications and special advisory services available. Your carrier will also be able to advise if the proposed shipment is likely to come within the various international hazard classes which are:

- Explosives
- Gases
- Flammable Materials
- Oxidizing Materials
- Poisonous and Infectious Substances
- Radioactive Materials
- Corrosive Materials
- Miscellaneous Hazardous Material

Hazardous goods symbols will be found in Annex 1 of **Safe Stowage**. All international air and ocean shipments must, as a minimum, meet United Nations performance packaging standards for hazardous goods. Increasingly US domestic and transborder movements by truck and rail are also required to meet these common standards. If in doubt ask your carrier, or contact Transport Canada, Dangerous Goods Directorate in Ottawa (613) 990-1154 or within your region for guidance.

In order to keep up to date with changes in regulations, you should subscribe to *Dangerous Goods Newsletter*. This is available free of charge in both official languages. Call (613) 990-1151 to order.

There is also an international journal dedicated to tracking activity in hazardous goods movements, regulations and specialist services. This is *Hazardous Cargo Bulletin* and is published in the United Kingdom monthly. See Annex 3 for address.