Special Cargo and Pharmaceuticals

The Special Cargo and Pharmaceuticals Strategic Partnerships Area of Involvement encompasses two of the key Boards established by Resolutions under the Cargo Services Conference.

Each Board consists of up to 12 IATA member airlines overseeing the strategy and direction of standards development and implementation within a specific area of cargo services. The Board may also create subgroups to work on specific standards topics.

The Special Cargo and Pharmaceuticals area is comprised of two Boards, the Dangerous Goods Board (DGB) and the Live Animals and Perishables Board (LAPB), along with their subgroups. The DGB manages the development of standards and guidance related to the transport of dangerous goods by air, including lithium batteries, applicable across the complete supply chain. The LAPB manages the development of standards for the air transport of live animals, perishables, and healthcare cargo such as medical devices, vaccines and other pharmaceuticals.

Designed for

▪ Shippers (pharmaceutical companies, etc.)
▪ Freight Forwarders
▪ Air Cargo Ground Service Providers
▪ Temperature Sensitive Logistics Providers

Areas of Activity

▪ Dangerous Goods
▪ Live Animals
▪ Perishables
▪ Healthcare Cargo

Exclusive Access to Meetings & Working Groups

DANGEROUS GOODS BOARD (DGB)

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Learn more

The objective of the DGB is to promote the safe transport of dangerous goods by air. This is accomplished by establishing clear, concise and practical procedures for shippers, freight forwarders
and airlines. These Regulations are applicable worldwide and consider the operational needs of our members, as well as the special conditions to which a package is subject to during transport by air. The Board meets to consider and review new developments in the international regulatory arena. The Board discusses problems that arise in the transport of dangerous goods and acts to modify or develop new regulations as appropriate.

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**DANGEROUS GOODS TRAINING WORKING GROUP (DGTWG)**

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The DGTWG reports to the Dangerous Goods Board and meets twice a year to review all matters pertaining to dangerous goods training. It was established by the DGB to review, amend and update the IATA Dangerous Goods Training Program. The contents thereof are current and fully aligned with the IATA Dangerous Goods Regulations. Other tasks are:

- Develop and implement competency-based training and assessment.
- Review and evaluate remote and digital training delivery.

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**LIVE ANIMALS & PERISHABLES BOARD (LAPB)**

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The LAPB develops criteria for the acceptance, handling and loading of live animals, perishables and healthcare cargo in air transportation, as outlined in the IATA Live Animals Regulations (LAR), the IATA Perishable Cargo Regulations (PCR) and the IATA Temperature Control Regulations (TCR). The Regulations include provisions for the safety and quality of commodities while in the custody of IATA Airline Members and throughout the air transport supply chain.

The Board meets twice a year to review and enhance standards that are included in the respective regulations.

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**HEALTHCARE CARGO WORKING GROUP (HCWG)**

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The HCWG provides recommendations to the LAPB on the development of healthcare cargo transportation and handling standards. Specifically, these recommendations include:

- Proposing new, or amendments to existing IATA Industry Standards, Recommended Practices, and guidance material on effective handling and transportation techniques to ensure the quality and the integrity of healthcare cargo.
- Proposing training in relation to the above-mentioned activities.
- Reporting regulatory developments affecting the handling and air transportation of healthcare cargo.
- Developing and promoting sustainable practices aligned to the IATA sustainability framework and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs).

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**PERISHABLE CARGO WORKING GROUP (PCWG)**

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The PCWG provides recommendations to the LAPB on the development of perishable cargo transportation and handling standards. Specifically, these recommendations include:

- Proposing new, or amendments to existing IATA Industry Standards, Recommended Practices, and guidance material on effective handling and transportation techniques to ensure the quality of perishables.
- Proposing training in relation to the above-mentioned activities.
- Reporting regulatory developments affecting the handling and air transportation of perishables.
- Developing and promoting sustainable practices aligned to the IATA sustainability framework and United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs).

Exclusive Benefits

- Opportunity to network with airlines and wider supply chain providers, as well as IATA specialists in dangerous goods, live animals, perishables and healthcare product handling and transportation.
- Be informed of changes in regulations before they are made public.
- Showcase your products and services to technical experts from the industry.
- Meet with regulatory authorities that attend the meetings as observers.

Additional Benefits

**Branding**

- Recognition as a valuable supporter of IATA and the air transport industry.
- Inclusion in the IATA Strategic Partnerships online directory.
- Exclusive usage of the IATA Strategic Partnerships logo.
- Promotion through the electronic quarterly newsletter, the Partner Brief, viewed by thousands of aviation industry contacts.
- Monthly posting of Strategic Partners’ press releases on the IATA website.

**Publications**

Partners may purchase publications at a preferential rate.

**Courses**

Strategic Partners may attend IATA training courses at a reduced fee.

Strategic Partners receive a 55% discount on the first 2 seats to any IATA classroom course (per year and subject to availability).