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Sub-Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods

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Other business

Change of organization name

Submitted by the International Vessel Operators Dangerous Goods Association, Inc. (IVODGA)

1. The former Vessel Operators Hazardous Materials Association, Inc., (VOHMA), would like to advise this Sub-committee that the name of our organization has officially changed to the International Vessel Operators Dangerous Goods Association (IVODGA). As part of the VOHMA Strategic Planning process that began two years ago, the Strategic Planning Steering Committee cited that the name International Vessel Operators Dangerous Goods Association (IVODGA) more correctly reflects the global environment and activities of the association dealing with the safe and secure transportation of dangerous goods by sea and by interconnecting multi-modal systems. A revised logo with the new name will now be used as illustrated on the annexed pages.
2. The Administration, staff, Board of Directors, membership, headquarters office location, telephone and address information for the International Vessel Operators Dangerous Goods Association, Inc. (IVODGA) will remain unchanged.
3. The assigned delegate will remain Mr. John V. Currie, Administrator, IVODGA.
4. IVODGA apologizes for any inconvenience that may result from this change in our name and for the near future, until our new identity becomes more familiar, we will continue to receive correspondence and communicate under either name or as IVODGA formerly known as VOHMA.



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International Vessel Operators Hazardous Materials Association, Inc. (VOHMA) changes name to International Vessel Operators Dangerous Goods Association, Inc. (IVODGA) to Encompass Global Environment and Activities of the Association

The International Vessel Operators Hazardous Materials Association, Inc., otherwise known as VOHMA, announced that its name has officially changed to the International Vessel Operators Dangerous Goods Association (IVODGA). To illustrate the name change, a revised logo with the new name will now be used. As part of the VOHMA Strategic Planning process that began a few years ago, the Strategic Planning Steering Committee cited that the name International Vessel Operators Dangerous Goods Association (IVODGA) more correctly reflects the global environment and activities of the association.

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 International Maritime Dangerous Goods (IMDG) Code. Collectively, IVODGA members are responsible for the safe transportation of over 75% of the ocean borne container traffic.

IVODGA's primary focus is to foster the safe handling of dangerous goods, as well as to offer the expertise of the ocean carriers in forging regulatory development. IVODGA is an active participant and enjoys consultative status at the International Maritime Organization (IMO) and the UN Committee of Experts on the

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IVODGA offers public training courses, customized on-site, web-based, and online training (www.dgtrainingonline.com). IVODGA has designed a series of one and three day public hazardous materials training programs to enable shippers, consolidators, forwarders, carriers and all other hazardous materials/dangerous goods employees in the transportation industry to avail themselves of the best training available while meeting the training requirements of the US DOT. Registration is now open for the 2010 public training courses in March and October – <http://www.ivodga.com/seminars.htm>



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