



Petroleum Transportation & Storage Association

REGULATORY ALERT

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U.S. DOT EXTENDS HAZMAT REGISTRATION DEADLINE

BACKGROUND: The U.S. DOT's Pipeline and Hazardous Material Safety Administration (PHMSA) requires all hazardous material shippers to obtain a new HAZMAT certificate of registration each year by July 1st. The money collected from the registration program is given back to state emergency response authorities in the form of training grants.

ISSUE: PHMSA is extending the HAZMAT registration deadline for 30 days.

What is the New Deadline For HAZMAT Registration?

PHMSA is extending until July 31, 2006, the validity of all current HAZMAT registrations with an expiration date of June 30, 2006.

Who Qualifies for Extension?- The extension is available to any HAZMAT registrant who:

- a) has not yet completed a 2006-2007 HAZMAT registration form, and
- b) has a registration certificate that expires June 30, 2006.

What Happens if My Registration Certificate Expires June 30, 2006?

There will be no interruption of your authority to operate after July 1, 2006. PHMSA is extending all operating certificates for those who have not yet registered to July 31, 2006. A letter documenting the extension was mailed on June 6, 2006 to each registrant holding a certificate with an expiration date of June 30, 2006, who has not yet received a new 2006-2007 registration certificate. Any person who has already received a registration certificate for a registration period that includes the 2006-2007 registration year is unaffected by this extension.

Why is the Deadline Being Extended?

The extension is being granted to those persons who need to renew for the 2006-2007 registration year, (but have not yet done so) because of an unanticipated delay in the distribution of the annual Registration brochure. The 2006-2007 Registration brochure, which normally is sent to registrants by May 1 of each registration year, was not mailed by PHMSA until June 5, 2006. The mailing delay will not allow PHMSA sufficient time to process registration forms and mail back 2006-2007 registration certificates by June 30, 2006.

What Documentation Should I Put in My Trucks After July 1, 2006?

If you have already received your 2006-2007 registration certificate from PHMSA, place a copy
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of the updated certificate in the cab of each HAZMAT motor vehicle by July 1, 2006. If you have **not** yet received a 2006-2007 registration certificate from PHMSA, keep a copy of the 2005-2006 certificate (the one that expires on June 30, 2006) in the cab of each HAZMAT motor vehicle **PLUS** a copy of the letter (which should arrive in the mail to you early next week) from PHMSA extending your certificate through July 31, 2006.

Is There any Way to Expedite The Registration Process?

If you are not yet registered for the 2006-2007 registration year, PHMSA encourages you to do so by downloading a registration brochure at www.phmsa.dot.gov . Fill out the form and mail it to PHMSA immediately. For an instantaneous registration log on to www.phmsa.dot.gov and register on-line. Payment by credit or debit card will enable you to print the newly issued certificate immediately at the end of the Internet session. Payment by ACH (electronic check) typically takes one or two days to process, but a certificate will be e-mailed to you promptly upon confirmation of the payment. You may also download printed registration forms to be sent via U.S. mail at the PHMSA web-site noted above.

WARNING! The on-line registration system has been down since June 7th. PHMSA says the problem is temporary and on-line registration should be available again no later than June 12, 2006. On-line registration is highly recommended.

REMEMBER! The extension applies only to those registrants who hold a registration certificate that expires on 6/30/06 and who has not yet filled out the new 2006-2007 registration form.

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