



ILA-USMX JOINT SAFETY COMMITTEE

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Hazardous Materials [HazMat] & Chemical Hazard Communication [HazCom] Training

In a general sense, the Federal government requires that marine cargo handling industry workers receive **HazMat** and **HazCom** training.

The **HazMat** training requirement is imposed by the Department of Transportation's Pipeline & Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA). We provide a link to an informative PHMSA brochure which provides a fairly comprehensive view of the relevant regulations here:

https://www.phmsa.dot.gov/sites/phmsa.dot.gov/files/docs/Hazmat_Training_Requirements.pdf

The **HazCom** training requirement is imposed by the Department of Labor's Occupational Safety & Health Administration (OSHA). We provide a link to an informative OSHA Fact Sheet which provides a fairly comprehensive view of the relevant regulations here:

<https://www.osha.gov/sites/default/files/publications/OSHA3694.pdf>

HazMat training must be undertaken within 90 days of beginning employment, and workers must be provided with refresher training “... **at least once every three years.**”

HazCom training must be provided to all workers in a general sense (with conditional exceptions provided in the case of employees who handle chemical substances shipped within “**sealed and intact**” packaging), and in a specific sense in the case of workers whose jobs require them to actually utilize products of a chemical nature (including petroleum products). ILA mechanics provide a good example of those workers who require specific training about the types and categories of chemical substances they use on the job.

Got an OSH-related question? Write to the JSC at: blueoceana@optonline.net

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