

# Dangerous Goods (DG) Transport Policy

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## Purpose

This policy applies to all Heavy Vehicle (HV) drivers in our organisation who hold a license for the transport of Dangerous Goods (DG), using placarded trucks. This policy is also applicable for towing trailers owned by a separate business entity, which will also be the consignor and owner of these goods.

## Legislative Compliance

Green Earth Logistics's goal is to comply with the Heavy Vehicle National Law 2018 and Dangerous Goods Act 1985, and any other related state/territory legislations.

## Driver Licensing and Training scope

Green Earth Logistics only employs drivers who possess valid licenses for transporting DG. We commit to facilitating crucial training and maintaining ongoing records, ensuring the competence of our drivers in line with current legislation.

## Objectives

- Drivers: Drivers are responsible for ensuring that their license is valid and for following all safety measures dictated by legislation.
- Company: Is tasked with ensuring driver licensure, providing training, and regularly assessing and implementing measures for safety compliance.
- Consignor/Owners of Goods: As stated by the HVNL, the consignor (also the owners of goods and trailers in this case) have responsibilities to ensure the load does not exceed vehicle mass, is properly secured, and does not pose a safety risk.

## Policy

Green Earth Logistics, its employees, contractors, and customers are strictly bound by the Dangerous Goods Act 1985. To meet these obligations and operate safely and compliantly, Green Earth Logistics pledges to Our company will ensure that all placarded trucks used for DG transport are regularly inspected and maintained. Regular internal and external audits are implemented to ensure compliance with this policy and relevant legislation in order to foster a safe transport environment.

## RESPONSIBILITIES

- Senior Management: Senior management of Green Earth Logistics are responsible for ensuring overall compliance with the Dangerous Goods Act 1985 and Heavy Vehicle National Law 2018. This includes the provision of necessary resources to maintain the DG transport program, encouraging a culture of safety, and leading the response to any incidents, dangers, or near misses reported.
- Drivers: Drivers are required to adhere to all relevant safety regulations, including ensuring the secure and safe transportation of DG. Drivers must report any concerns, incidents, or near misses to senior management promptly. They must also ensure that their licenses are valid and participate in ongoing training programs provided by the company.
- Safety Officer: The Safety Officer is tasked with developing, implementing, and maintaining safety measures related to DG transport. This includes conducting regular audits, arranging for necessary training, and ensuring all vehicles are inspected and maintained according to requirements.
- Consignors/Owners of Goods: As defined by the HVNL, consignors are responsible for ensuring loads do not exceed vehicle mass limits, are properly secured, and do not pose a safety risk. Consignors must also provide all necessary documentation for DG transportation and promptly report any issues or concerns to Green Earth Logistics.

## REVIEW AND MONITORING

Green Earth Logistics will regularly review this policy to ensure that it continues to meet legislative requirements and the needs of the company, our drivers, and our consignors. This includes regular audits of our compliance with the policy, reviews of any incidents or near misses, and updates to the policy as necessary.

## TRAINING AND AWARENESS

Green Earth Logistics commits to providing regular training and awareness programs for all staff involved in DG transportation. This will include regular updates on Dangerous Goods legislative changes, training on new procedures or equipment, and refresher courses on current Dangerous Goods practices.

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## INCIDENT MANAGEMENT

In the event of an incident, Green Earth Logistics will ensure that all necessary steps are taken to mitigate the effects, investigate the cause, and implement measures to prevent a recurrence. This will include cooperation with all relevant authorities and a thorough internal review.

Any breach of this policy may lead to disciplinary action, up to and including termination of employment, in accordance with Green Earth Logistics's Disciplinary Policy. Contractors or customers who fail to adhere to this policy may also face appropriate action, up to and including termination of contracts.

This policy will be made available to all staff, contractors, and customers of Green Earth Logistics, and is to be read in conjunction with all other relevant company policies and procedures.

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