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**Any other business**

 Request for consultative status

 Note by the secretariat

The secretariat reproduces hereafter the information received from the Council on Safe Transportation of Hazardous Articles (COSTHA) seeking consultative status for participation in the work of the Joint Meeting.

 COSTHA profile:

1. COSTHA is a not for profit industry association devoted to promoting regulatory compliance and safety in the international transportation of dangerous goods. COSTHA represents global companies such as shippers, carriers by highway, air and sea, container manufacturers, chemical manufacturers, automobile manufacturers, automobile component manufacturers such as air-bags and batteries as well as packaging manufacturers, training companies and trade associations. We are a NGO and active participant at the UN Sub-Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and the UN TDG Battery Working Group.

 2. The mission of COSTHA is to assist and support its members by providing knowledge and timely regulatory information to aid and develop their roles as dangerous goods professionals and to monitor international regulatory activity and promote regulatory harmonization where practical. We currently represent 180 member companies. Please see Annex I for a complete list.

 3. The Board of Directors is comprised of 13 global member companies with headquarters in Sweden, Switzerland, Canada, the Netherlands and the US.

4. COSTHA is not affiliated with any of the other organizations currently enjoying observer status with the Joint Meeting of the RID Committee of Experts and the Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods.

 Interest in the work of the Joint Meeting and of WP.15

5. In relation with ADR, our interest in the work of the Joint Meeting and of WP.15 is motivated by our ambition to support and collaborate with the UNECE and its affiliated bodies and Member States, in order to educate our members and share know-how on the implementation of regulations.

 Annex I

 Information on COSTHA

Founded in 1972, the Council on Safe Transportation of Hazardous Articles (COSTHA), is a non-profit industry association devoted to promoting regulatory compliance and safety in the international and domestic transportation of dangerous goods. COSTHA represents shippers, carriers by highway, air and sea, container manufacturers, chemical manufacturers, automobile manufacturers, automobile component manufacturers such as air-bags and batteries, and training companies, as well as many other businesses and associations involved in all aspects of transportation of dangerous goods, hazardous substances, and hazardous wastes.

Our membership of over 170 companies represent chemical companies, paint and coatings manufacturers, pharmaceutical companies, electronics manufacturers, personal care and other consumer product manufacturers, transporters representing all modes of transport, automobile manufacturers and their suppliers, as well as training and consulting companies. Our members represent companies with geographical diversity, for example our automobile manufacturing members represent well known companies in Japan such as Toyota, Honda, Nissan and Mitsubishi, German manufacturers such as BMW and Mercedes Benz, Swedish car makers such as Volvo, and US manufacturers such as Ford, General Motors and DaimlerChrysler.

These global interests represented by the companies making up our membership provide COSTHA the ability to discuss and develop consensus positions based on the benefit of cultural diversity and national requirements. Many of the names appearing in our membership list can be clearly recognized as leaders in the dangerous goods manufacturing, shipping, and transporting industries throughout the world including Europe, Asia, and North America.

COSTHA member representatives primarily consist of managers with responsibility for dangerous goods compliance on a global basis.

Strategic management of the association is led by the 13 global member companies on the Board of Directors with headquarters in Sweden, Switzerland, Canada, the Netherlands and the US.

The association strives to ensure that diverse business interests are represented on the Board of Directors.

COSTHA Mission Statement

The mission of COSTHA, The Council on Safe Transportation of Hazardous Articles, Inc. is to assist and support its members by providing knowledge and timely regulatory information to aid and develop their roles as dangerous goods professionals.

To ensure the mission and goals of the organization are accomplished, COSTHA is involved in a variety of activities that promote the furtherance of dangerous goods transportation compliance and safety.

 COSTHA –

* conducts quarterly meetings in the United States, Canada and Mexico
* works closely with representatives from UNCTAD in the Caribbean to schedule meetings and training courses.
* COSTHA conducts domestic and international training on dangerous goods at our annual conference, attended by hundreds of transportation professionals and speakers from around the globe.
* COSTHA promotes the availability of training and consulting services provided by its large contingency of training company and consulting company members to ensure that the transportation community has resources readily available.

COSTHA monitors, summarizes and communicates with its members on the International and National Regulations regarding the transportation of dangerous goods.

* All revenue is generated from membership dues, meetings and sales of regulatory publications.
* A list of members of the governing body of COSTHA and their countries of nationality appears below.

The Board of Directors is comprised of the following companies. Two of the companies are headquartered in Switzerland, 1 in Japan and ten in the US. Of the thirteen companies, ten are major international companies.

Air Canada

American Trucking Associations, Inc.

Arcadis

Autoliv ASP, Inc.

Chrysler Mopar

Eli Lilly and Company

FedEx Express

Honeywell International

Labelmaster

Novartis Pharmaceuticals

Procter & Gamble

Sealed Air Corporation

Sun Chemical Corporation

 Annex II

A listing of the membership of the organization, is found below.

E Company

3M Company

Abbott Laboratories

Agility Logistics Solutions, Inc

Air Canada

Air Liquide

Air Sea Atlanta

Air Sea Containers

Akzo-Nobel Coatings Inc.

Alaska Airlines & Horizon Air

Amazon.com

American Airlines

American Honda Motor Co., Inc.

American Trucking Associations, Inc.

Americase, Inc.

Amway Corporation

AQT Solutions

Aquion Energy

ARC Automotive, Inc

Arcadis

Atlas Air

Atlas Copco Drilling Solution LLC

Autoliv ASP, Inc.

Aviall Services, a Boeing Company

B&H Photo

Baxter Healthcare

Bill Thomas Associates, Inc.

BMW of North America, LLC

Brewer Science, Inc.

Bureau of Dangerous Goods, LTD.

Cargo Training International

Cavalier Logistics

ChemTel, Inc.

CHEMTREC Center

Chrysler LLC

Clorox Company

Complete Compliance Solutions LLC

COSTHA

Covance Central Laboratory

Cyclo Industries, Inc.

Daicel

Dangerous Goods Council Inc.

Dangerous Goods, A Division of Berlin Packaging

Deere & Company, Inc.

Delphi Automotive Systems, LLC

Delta Air Lines

DGI Training Center

DGM Support (North America), Inc.

DHL Express

Edgewell Personal Care

Eli Lilly and Company

EMC Information Systems International

EMD Millipore Corp.

Endeavor Air, Inc.

Energizer Holdings, Inc.

Entegris, Inc.

Envoy Air Inc.

Exis Technologies

Expeditors International of Washington, Inc.

ExpressJet Airlines

FCA US LLC

FedEx Express

FedEx Ground

Ford Motor Company

Genentech, Inc.

General Motors Corporation

GH Testing

GlaxoSmithKline

Global Language Translations & Consulting, Inc.

GSK Consumer Healthcare

Hazmat Software LLC

HAZMATPAC, Inc.

HAZPlus - a division of C.L. Smith

Henry H. Ottens MFG Co., Inc.

Hewlett-Packard

Honda North America, Inc.

Honeywell International

ICC The Compliance Center, Inc.

iControl Incorporated

Industrial Packaging Alliance of N.A.

Inmark

Institute of Hazardous Materials Management (IHMM)

Institute of Makers of Explosives

Instrumentation Laboratory

International Air Transport Assoc (IATA)

ITW Chemtronics

IVODGA (formerly VOHMA)

J S Helwig & Son LLC

J.J. Keller & Associates, Inc.

Jaycox Consulting LLC.

JetBlue Airways

Kao USA, Inc.

Key Safety Systems, Inc.

L'Oreal USA Products, Inc.

Labeline International Ltd.

Labelmaster

Labelmaster Services

Lighter Association, Inc.

Lion Technology Inc.

Lonza, Inc.

Mallinckrodt Pharmaceuticals

Marken LLP

Mary Kay Inc.

Mays Chemical Co.

Meda Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

Mercedes Benz USA, LLC

Merck & Co. Inc.

Mitsubishi Corporation (Americas)

Mitsubishi Motors NA

Mobis Parts America, LLC

Motion Industries, Inc.

MSC Industrial Direct

Nissan North America

Nobel Trading Limited

Northern Air Cargo, Inc.

Novartis Pharmaceuticals

Pfizer Inc.

PHI, Inc.

PRI International, Inc.

Pro-Pack Testing Laboratory, Inc.

Procter & Gamble

Procter & Gamble Global Product Stewardship

Public Utilities Commission of Ohio

Purolator International

Purple Diamond Testing Service

Quick International

Raytheon

RB LLC

Regulations Training, Inc.

Reusable Industrial Packaging Association

Roche

Safety & Compliance Services, Inc.

Sealed Air Corporation

Seastar Chemicals Inc.

Skolnik Industries, Inc.

Soleras Advanced Coatings

Southwest Airlines Co.

Stericycle

Stresau Laboratory, Inc.

Sun Chemical Corporation

Takata

Ten-E Packaging Services, Inc.

Thermo Fisher Scientific

Toyoda Gosei Missouri Corporation

Toyota Motor Engineering & Manufacturing NA, Inc.

Toyota Motor Sales, USA, Inc.

Toyota Tsusho America, Inc.

Transportation Management Group, Inc.

TRQSS Canada

TRW Automotive, Occupant Safety Systems

Unilever HPC-NA

United Airlines

UPS

Viking Packing Specialists

Volkswagen Group of America, Inc.

W.E. Train Consulting

Wal-Mart Private Fleet

Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.

Walnut Industries, Inc.

Zebra Technologies Corporation

Zippo Manufacturing Company

Zogenix, Inc