

Shipping of Potentially Infectious Goods

Why regulate: minimizing the potential for (1) Direct physical contact with the package contents by persons handling such packages during transit, (2) Contamination of the environment, and (3) The spread of disease into the community.

Who regulates: U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT)
International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)
International Air Transport Association (IATA)
Centers for Disease Control (CDC)

How: **The FAA Mandate**

49 Code of Federal Regulations Section 172.702

Applicability and responsibility for training and testing.

(a) A hazmat [hazardous materials] employer shall ensure that each of its hazmat employees is trained in accordance with the requirements prescribed in this subpart.

(b) Except as provided in Sect. 172.704(c)(1), a hazmat employee who performs any function subject to the requirements of this subchapter may not perform that function unless instructed in the requirements of this subchapter that apply to that function. It is the duty of each hazmat employer to comply with the applicable requirements of this subchapter and to thoroughly instruct each hazmat employee in relation thereto.

(c) Training may be provided by the hazmat employer or other public or private sources.

(d) A hazmat employer shall ensure that each of its hazmat employees is tested by appropriate means on the training subjects covered in Section 172.704.

What to do: To comply with these regulations, Stanford University has instituted a **Shipping of Infectious Substances Training Program**.

This program can be taken in two ways: by taking the **[“Web based training for Shipping of Infectious Agents Certification”](#)** available on this web site, or by watching a CD-ROM (call X5-1473 to arrange).

Please note: You have to use Internet Explorer browser for this Web based course.

Upon completion of training and passing a **[written exam](#)**, you will receive a certificate that is good for two years. After two years, training must be repeated. For further information, contact the Biosafety Manager (**esegal@stanford.edu**, X5-1473).