

## **Hazardous Waste Transporter Frequently Asked Questions**

### **1. What do I need to do to legally transport hazardous waste in California?**

To legally transport hazardous waste in California, you must apply for a Hazardous Waste Transporter Registration with the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC). When DTSC approves your application, you will be issued a Hazardous Waste Transporter Registration Certificate. The registration expires one year from the date of issue. To renew your registration, you must apply at least 45 days prior to the expiration date. Persons who transport hazardous waste without a current and valid registration are subject to penalties of up to \$25,000 per day.

### **2. How do I apply for or renew my hazardous waste transporter registration?**

To apply for or renew a hazardous waste transporter registration, read and complete the required forms and supplemental information in the Hazardous Waste Transporter Registration Packet. You can request for this packet via email, mail or download the information packet and forms from the [DTSC's Transporter website](#).

### **3. What do I need to apply?**

- A. An active transporter federal EPA ID number Application (8700-12) or State EPA ID number Application (DTSC 1358).
- B. A Hazardous Waste Transporter Registration Application (DTSC 187)
- C. Proof of adequate insurance (either a MCS 90, MCS 82 or DTSC 8038)
- D. Any requested variances, if applicable.

### **4. How do I get an EPA ID number?**

- A. For State EPA ID numbers (non-RCRA waste only), complete DTSC Form 1358 (included in the packet) and mail it to DTSC along with your Hazardous Waste Transporter Registration Application (DTSC 187).
- B. For federal EPA ID numbers (RCRA waste), complete EPA Form 8700-12 (included in the packet).

### **5. Where do I mail the application?**

Please mail the application to the following address:

DTSC  
Attn: Transportation Staff  
1001 I Street, MS 11-A  
Sacramento, CA 95814

## 6. How much insurance do I need to transport hazardous waste?

- A. Transporters of petroleum and/or petroleum products in bulk, including waste petroleum and/or waste petroleum products, in tank or vacuum-type trucks or trailers. (Vehicle Code Section 34631.5(a)(3)) - **\$1,200,000 in combined single limit coverage.**
- B. Transporters whose vehicles have a gross vehicle weight rate (GVWR) of 10,000 pounds or more. (Vehicle Code Section 34631.5(a)(4))
  - a. Oil listed in 49 CFR Section 172.101 not mentioned in B. 2.; hazardous waste, hazardous materials and hazardous substances defined in 49 CFR Section 171.8 but not mentioned in B. 2.; hazardous waste as defined in Health and Safety Code Section 25117 and the California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Chapter 11, Article 1, but not mentioned in B. - **\$1,000,000 in combined single limit coverage.**
  - b. Hazardous substances, as defined in 49 CFR Section 171.8, transported in cargo tanks, portable tanks, or hopper-type vehicles with capacities in excess of 3,500 water gallons; or any quantity of class 1.1, 1.2, or 1.3 explosives; any quantity of poison gas (Poison A); or highway route controlled quantity radioactive materials as defined in 49 CFR Section 173.403. - **\$5,000,000 in combined single limit coverage.**
- C. Transporters of hazardous wastes whose vehicles have GVWR of less than 10,000 pounds (Health and Safety Code Section 25169(c)(1)), except from item A above, please sign and submit the certification below and attach it to the certificate of insurance. - **\$600,000 in combined single limit coverage.**

## 7. How do I check on the status of my transporter application?

Go to the [Registered Hazardous Waste Transporter Database](#) to see if the expiration date has been updated. Status check requests can also be emailed to [transporter@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:transporter@dtsc.ca.gov).

## 8. How long is the application review process?

The determination process can take several weeks, depending on factors such as completeness, a history of violations or enforcement actions, etc. Registration Renewal Certificates can't be issued until the month that they expire.

**9. How long is the registration valid?**

registration expires after one year. To renew your registration, you must reapply At least 45 days prior to the expiration date.

**10. Who do I need to register with if I want to haul medical waste (e.g., old pharmaceuticals, used sharps)?**

If you would like to haul medical waste, please register with DTSC's Transportation Unit and the [California Department of Public Health – Medical Waste Management Program](#).

**11. How do I find a transporter in my area?**

Search the online [Registered Hazardous Waste Transporter Database](#).

**12. How do I report the conduct of a transporter?**

Call the Complaint Hotline at (800) 698-6942.

**13. I have manifest, EPA ID number or fee questions, whom should I talk to?**

Contact DTSC's Office of Environmental Information Management (OEIM) Business Operations Unit at (800) 618-6942.

**14. Where do I send manifests?**

Your manifest will be sent to either DTSC or U.S. EPA depending on how it was created, on paper or electronically. Please read [DTSC's manifest webpage](#).