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Classification of Division 1.4S Explosives

Customers and Suppliers:

The Hazardous Materials Regulations (HMR) contained in Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (49 CFR) was amended in 2011 regarding the classification of Division 1.4S Explosives. DASI is fully compliant with this amendment and would like to share this mutually beneficial information with our customers and suppliers.

The Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) is the department within the Department of Transportation that develops and enforces regulations for the shipment of hazardous materials by land, sea, and air. PHMSA amended the HMR to maintain alignment with international standards. The changes incorporated in the final rule were issued with a voluntary compliance date of January 1, 2011 and delayed compliance beginning January 1, 2012.

Below is the information contained in the file rule regarding the classification of division 1.4S explosives:

“For eight Division 1.4 explosive articles (UN0323, UN0366, UN0441, UN0445, UN0455, UN0456, UN0460, AND UN0500), the UN Model Regulations have been amended to require a Type 6(d) test to determine whether such articles may be assigned to Compatibility Group S.

If a manufacturer or approval holder of affected articles previously classed and approved as Division 1.4S chooses to continue offering such shipments as Division 1.4S material by aircraft, the articles must be successfully tested under Test Series 6(d) and a new approval obtained from PHMSA.”

We encourage you to share the above information with your customers and suppliers to

further promote the dissemination of this crucial change to the HMR. For further information

please visit the DOT’s website at <http://www.phmsa.dot.gov/hazmat>.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Best Regards,

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