

<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Transport of dangerous goods</b>
<b>Date:</b>	29 January 2014
<b>Reference:</b>	Annex to the authorizations for the transport of explosives (Central Service of Explosives)
<b>Amends:</b>	Procedure to obtain an authorization for transport by air of explosives or weapons (Belgian Civil Aviation Authority)  ICAO DOC 9284 Belgian State Variations  CIR/OPS-11
<b>Applicability:</b>	Commercial Air Transport operators

**Description:** The procedure to obtain an authorization for the transport of explosives and weapons has been changed.

A new email address has been created to centralize all questions and demands regarding dangerous goods.

**This Information Notice contains information that is for guidance and/or awareness.**

Recipients are asked to ensure that this Information Notice is copied to all members of their staff who may have an interest in the information (including any 'in-house' or contracted maintenance organisations and relevant outside contractors).

**Description in detail:**

- 1) For every shipment of explosives, as defined in State Variation BEG-01 and BEG-03, an authorization must be issued by the Federal Public Service Economy, S.M.E.s, Self-employed and Energy, Directorate General Quality and Safety, Central Service Explosives ([explo@economie.fgov.be](mailto:explo@economie.fgov.be)).

When the abovementioned authorization is issued, there are two procedures distinguished for the transport by air, namely one for permitted explosives and another one for forbidden.

- a. For every shipment of explosives, which are permitted by ICAO for the transport by air, the operator must have/obtain a general authorization for the transport of dangerous goods, issued by the BCAA (except for operators registered in a State other than Belgium and which are required to operate under and in accordance with Annex III to Council Regulation (EC) NO. 3922/1991 of 16 December 1991 on the harmonization of technical requirements and administrative procedures in the field of civil aviation ("EU-OPS")).  
These shipments are no longer subject to a separate (daily) approval.
- b. For every shipment of explosives, which are forbidden by ICAO for the transport by air, the operator must obtain an exemption issued by the BCAA. This exemption must be requested at least 10 working days in advance. If the exemption is granted the BCAA could prescribe specific transport conditions.

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- 2) All questions, documentation and demands for exemptions, approvals or authorizations must be sent to the new email address [bcaa.dangerousgoods@mobilif.fgov.be](mailto:bcaa.dangerousgoods@mobilif.fgov.be) with [koen.clerbout@mobilif.fgov.be](mailto:koen.clerbout@mobilif.fgov.be) and [remko.dardenne@mobilif.fgov.be](mailto:remko.dardenne@mobilif.fgov.be) in copy.
- 3) The procedure to amend the Belgian State Variations, published in ICAO DOC 9284, to reflect the abovementioned changes has been started by the BCAA. When this procedure is finished, a new Information Notice will be sent.
- 4) The procedure to amend the CIR/OPS-11 to reflect the abovementioned changes has been started by the BCAA. When this procedure is finished, a new Information Notice will be sent.
- 5) Every shipment of weapons and/or munitions of war is subject to an authorization issued by the BCAA. This authorization must be requested at least 5 working days in advance.

### **Transitional period**

These new requirements become effective from the 1<sup>st</sup> of February 2014.

### **Queries**

Any queries or requests for further guidance as a result of this communication should be addressed to the BCAA Dangerous Goods Department at the following e-mail address:  
[bcaa.dangerousgoods@mobilif.fgov.be](mailto:bcaa.dangerousgoods@mobilif.fgov.be).

### **Cancellation**

This Information Notice shall remain in force until withdrawn or amended.

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