

Transporting hazardous goods

Next month will see the Chemical and Allied Industries' Association (CAIA) train more than 20 auditors to evaluate the quality, safety, and environmental performance of hauliers and logistics service providers and chemical distributors by means of standardised assessments.



It is for hauliers and logistics service providers to have management systems in place to properly identify and control the risks arising from the transport of dangerous chemicals.

Says Deidré Penfold, executive director of CAIA: “The Responsible Care Safety and Quality Assessment System Southern Africa (SQAS-SA) Auditor Training is designed to evaluate the quality, safety and environmental performance of hauliers and logistics service providers and chemical distributors by means of standardised assessments carried out by independent CAIA approved third-party auditors every two years.”

SQAS was originated by the European Chemical Industry Council (CEFIC), with CAIA setting up SQAS-SA, a similar system, which was modified to suit local needs.

“Representatives from CEFIC, in collaboration with CAIA, will conduct the training of local auditors at CAIA, who will then expand their audit territories to the rest of Africa.

A mechanism to evaluate performance

“SQAS-SA audits provide a mechanism to evaluate performance and promote continuous improvement within organisations. The audits are carried out by professional auditors who have been trained and accredited by CAIA for each type of assessment module. Their performance is closely monitored by CAIA to ensure high and uniform quality of SQAS-Southern Africa assessments across Africa,” says Penfold.

Current auditors will be trained from 14-15 August 2017 and all potential auditors will be trained from 16-17 August 2017 at CAIA's offices in Rosebank, Johannesburg. A site visit for all participants will take place on 18 August 2017.

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