

U.S. DOT PHMSA Performance Packaging Program Update

Plastic Shipping Container Institute Annual Meeting

Naples, FL

April 15, 2015



Third Party Laboratories

New Approval Requirements Coming Soon

- **Current Requirements Effective Since 2006**
- **New Approach for Design Descriptions**
 - **One Set of Minimum Standards for All Designs**
 - **Component Manufacturer, Part Number, Weights & Measurements**
 - **Drawings May No Longer Be Necessary**



Research and Development News

- R&D Forum April 16, 2015: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Solicit Ideas for R&D Testing to Address HMR
- Package Testing Panel 10:45 – 11:30 EST
- Live Meeting Attendee URL:

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Inspections Based On Incidents

- **Incident Data Study Discussion PSCI 4/2014**
- **Three of Top Ten Incident Shippers Inspected**
- **Focus on Packaging Integrity**
 - **DQ and Periodic Testing**
 - **Maintenance of Design**
 - **Preparation for Transport as Tested**
 - **Incident Report Data Sharing and Discussion**
- **Validation Testing of Suspect Designs**



Validation Testing Update

- **17 Projects Currently In-Test or Preparation**
 - **11 UN4G Shippers with Metal Cans**
 - **2 UN4G Shippers with Jerricans**
 - **2 UN1A1/1A2 Steel Drums (55 gallon)**
 - **2 UN1A1 Steel Drums (5 Gallon)**
- **Incident-driven Testing Top Priority for 2015**
- **Retesting After Past Inspections and Testing**
- **New Plants and New Innovations of Interest**



Rulemaking Activity

- **HMR Now Prohibits Continued Activities if Civil Penalties Not Resolved By Deadline**
- **Numerous Permits Incorporated in HMR**
- **Non-bulk Definition Changed**
 - **Bags and Boxes Now Up To 400 Liters**
 - **Net Mass May Not Exceed 400 KG**
- **Large Salvage Packaging Now Included in HMR**





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