

## **SPECIAL BULLETIN 2020 – 23** **July 15, 2020**

### **Canadian Authorities Renew IBC Placarding Relief for RIPA Member Companies in Canada**

#### **“Equivalency Certificate” Authorizes Use of the “DANGER” Placard**

Transport Canada, the hazmat regulatory body in Canada, has renewed for five years the “Equivalency Certificate” SU 11819 originally issued to RIPA in 2016. This Certificate allows RIPA members operating in Canada to placard vehicles hauling emptied drums and two or more emptied IBCs using just the DANGER placard. This allowance applies to all road and rail shipments, as well as water carriage within Canada. The destinations to which emptied IBCs may be transported are reconditioning facilities, recycling facilities, disposal, and/or leak testing and inspection facilities.

This Certificate renewal (SU 11819 Ren. 2) is effective immediately (July 15, 2020). Those needing a copy should go promptly to the link [HERE](#) for English and [HERE](#) for French.

Although this Canadian certificate does not use the term “RCRA empty” (a U.S. EPA term), it defines the term to include empty in similar, but more lenient, language. Certain Dangerous Goods (i.e., hazardous materials) such as explosives are not covered by this Certificate. However, most common dangerous goods are covered. A paper or electronic copy of the Certificate must accompany the shipment at all times. A shipment originating in Canada and destined for the U.S is allowed to proceed provided it goes directly to its destination.

A current RIPA Certificate of Membership must be held by a participating company and shown to an authorized TDG agent upon request. Member Certificates for 2020 were sent by email to current members earlier this year. If a Canadian member needs another copy of their membership certificate, they can write to: [admin@ripaus.com](mailto:admin@ripaus.com), or call the office.

This 5-year renewal is significant and may help convince U.S. regulators that relief from placarding for empty IBCs is safe and can responsibly be adopted by U.S DOT. RIPA continues to work with DOT to that end.

Please contact RIPA with any questions or concerns.

