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Regulation concerning amendments to the Regulations of 1 July 2014 No. 944 on dangerous goods on Norwegian ships
Simplification of rules on delivery of transport documents

Based on requests from the industry, the Norwegian Maritime Authority has laid down amendments to the Regulations of 1 July 2014 No. 944 on dangerous goods on Norwegian ships. The amendment is a consequence of the COVID-19 situation and simplifies the rules on delivery of transport documents when transporting dangerous goods. The NMA considers it "necessary for obvious reasons" to circulate the regulatory amendment for comments, cf. the Instructions for Official studies and Reports section 3-3 second paragraph.

Regulations of 1 July 2014 No. 944 on dangerous goods on Norwegian ships section 3 and section 10 second paragraph lay down requirements to transport documents providing information about the dangerous goods. The document may be submitted electronically or on paper when entering the ferry. The industry reports that several regular transport companies choose the electronic option, but some transport companies still use paper.

The industry has expressed concern that the crew are at risk of infection when receiving the document, as foreign long-haul truck drivers are exempt from travel quarantine when crossing the border into Norway. The NMA has not determined whether there is an actual infection risk, but due to the current situation we have chosen to facilitate an alternative solution. The exemption is temporary and follows the development of the COVID-19 Regulations (the Regulations of 27 March 2020 No. 470 relating to infection control measures etc. in connection with the coronavirus outbreak). This amendment is included as new section 14.

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Attachment: Regulation concerning amendments to the Regulations of 1 July 2014 No. 944 on dangerous goods on Norwegian ships