

# HAZARDOUS MATERIALS TRANSPORTATION SECURITY REQUIREMENTS APPLICABILITY TO FARMERS AND FARMING OPERATIONS



**Persons, including farmers, who ship or transport hazardous materials** in commerce in amounts that require the shipment to be placarded must develop and implement security plans by September 25, 2003. Examples of materials to which the security plan requirement applies include explosives such as dynamite or detonators, pesticides, fertilizers such as anhydrous ammonia or ammonium nitrate, and fuels such as gasoline, diesel, and propane.

If you ship or transport explosives such as dynamite in any quantity, then you must have a security plan. If you ship or transport explosives such as Division 1.4 detonators and the total quantity you ship or transport at any one time is more than 1,000 pounds, then you must have a security plan.

If you ship or transport fertilizers, pesticides, gasoline, diesel fuel, or propane in packages or containers that are larger than 119 gallons or the total quantity you ship or transport at any one time is more than 1,000 pounds, then you must have a security plan.

**If you do not ship or transport hazardous materials** in amounts that require placarding, then you **do not** need to have a security plan. For example:

If your supplier delivers the pesticides, fertilizers, and fuels you use to your farm, then you do not need to have a security plan.

If you pick up fertilizers, pesticides, or fuel from your supplier in packages or containers that are smaller than 119 gallons and the total quantity you transport to your farm at any one time is less than 1,000 pounds, then you do not need to have a security plan.

If you only transport fertilizers, pesticides, and fuels between fields of your farm, then you do not need to have a security plan.

You do not need to develop a transportation security plan for hazardous materials stored on your farm for later use or materials delivered by your suppliers to your fields for application to those fields. You do not need to develop a security plan to cover the actual application or use of hazardous materials on your farm.



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**If the security plan requirement applies** to your operations, the plan must include measures to address personnel security, unauthorized access, and *en route* transportation issues as applicable. For example:

**Personnel Security:** If you use employees to pick up placarded hazardous materials from your supplier and transport them to your farm, your security plan must include measures to confirm information provided by the employee on his job application or resume. Note that this requirement only applies to employees hired after September 25, 2003, who are involved in the actual shipment or transportation of the materials covered by the plan.

**Unauthorized Access:** If you do not transport the materials directly from your supplier to your farm, your security plan must include measures to protect against unauthorized access by such means as locks or physical observation of the vehicle. For example, if you stop on the way back to your farm for a snack or a meal, you should keep your vehicle in sight or lock or secure the material in the vehicle.

**En route Security:** Your security plan must include measures to enhance the security of the materials between the time you pick them up and the time you arrive at your farm. In this case, the most effective security measure would be to minimize the time that the shipment is in transit by going directly from your supplier to your farm.

**If you have already implemented security measures** applicable to the hazardous materials you use on your farm because of direction or guidance from another Federal agency or an industry association or group, such security measures may be used to comply with the DOT security plan requirement. Examples include: Security measures implemented in accordance with agribusiness guidelines issued by The Fertilizer Institute, the Agricultural Retailers Association, CropLife America, or other industry groups or associations; Security measures implemented in accordance with guidelines issued by USDA or your state or local agricultural agency; and Safety and security measures for pesticides implemented in accordance with EPA regulations.

For Further Information, Contact THE HAZARDOUS MATERIALS INFORMATION CENTER at 1 (800) HMR-4922