



National Bulk Tanker Association

Welcome to Tanker Talk September 2023 - Celebrating 40 years

National Bulk Tanker Association proudly celebrates 40 years



This month the National Bulk Tanker Association proudly celebrated its 40th year, representing the bulk tanker industry. The document below, which serves as a record of the formation of the NBTA, reads **"A MEETING WAS HELD IN THE A.R.T.F. BOARD ROOM, 39-41 YORK STREET, SYDNEY, ON 15TH SEPTEMBER 1983, FOR THE PURPOSE OF FORMING, WITHIN THE AUSTRALIAN ROAD TRANSPORT FEDERATION, A NATIONAL TANKER TRANSPORT ASSOCIATION"**, later to be known as the National Bulk Tanker Association.

It is rare that an organisation retains a record of the exact moment it came into existence. The NBTA would like to thank Ian Wright who was present at this meeting, for retaining a copy of the meeting minutes (below) and passing this important artefact for the association on to NBTA Life Member Rob Perkins.

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In attendance were:

MESSRS.	P. ROCHFORD	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (CONVENOR)
	A.P. BEAMISH	V.R.T.A.
	W.R. PELLEW	W.A.R.T.A. <i>RIC PORTER</i>
	G.T. ALDERMAN	S.A.R.T.A.
	D. HOFFMAN	Q.R.T.A.
	G. TAYLOR	N.S.W.R.T.A.
	J.R.T. BINNING	T.R.T.A.
	E.W.A. BUTCHER	UNITED TRANSPORT HOLDINGS
	S. COLLINS	UNITED TRANSPORT HOLDINGS
	T. LORDING	TEMPLO (MAYNE NICKLESS)
	I. WRIGHT	BRAMBLES <i>T MURPHY</i>

Mr. Rochfort took the Chair and declared the Meeting open at 4.00 p.m.

Mr. Butcher introduced the discussion, outlining the background to the proposed formation of this body.

The Chairman sought the views of both the State representatives and also the representatives of the member companies present, and there was general acceptance of the need to establish an appropriate Association and for that Association to work within the auspices of the A.R.T.F. There was, however, concern that membership might be too limited to justify the establishment of an individual Association.

It was further determined that the best approach to the question would be to form a Sub-Committee, who would meet and consider the issues as soon as possible, with a view that this meeting be reconvened to frame an appropriate recommendation and directive.

It was determined that the Sub-Committee would comprise:

- / Mr. G. Taylor, representing A.R.T.F. and Convenor
- ✓ Mr. D. Hoffman, as a representative of the States
- ✓ Mr. T. Lording, / Mr. I. Wright, representing operators
- Abel.* ✓ with Mr. S. Collins to nominate a further representative from United Transport Holdings

It was determined that each State Association would advise Mr. Hoffman of their attitude as regards the formation of the Association within one month, and that the operators would liaise through Mr. G. Taylor within one month, who would then call a meeting of the working party.

It was determined that the working party examine those matters on the Agenda, numbered 1 to 4. As regards Agenda Item No. 5, attributing to other representative bodies, members were requested to determine their position in the light of proposals for this Association. Agenda Item Nos. 6, 7 and 8 be adjourned to the next meeting.

A motion to this effect was moved by Mr. Beamish, seconded Mr. Taylor.

CARRIED

There being no further business the meeting closed at 5.00 p.m.

Preserving and celebrating our history

*"You can't really know where you're going,
until you know where you have been"*

The NBTA believes it is important to preserve our history and asks our members to share any photo or documents of interest. They may even appear on our website or feature in our next Tanker Talk newsletter.



Source: B-doubles. The First Decade in Australia, Bob Pearson

If you have records or photographs that capture a period of time during the NBTA's 40 year history please send to:

robperkins@nbta.com.au or anthony@nbta.com.au.



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From the NBTA archives

Its the people that make the transport industry great and keep the wheels turning. How many familiar faces do you recognise?

EPA NSW seeking advice from industry experts



or



or



In recent compliance operations, EPA NSW has identified a number of transfer hoses for class 3 liquids that were worn or damaged to a point where they were no longer safe for bulk transfer of flammable liquids. EPA NSW officers also identified a number of hoses whose condition was suspect.

Part 10.1.3.1 for the ADG Code requires that all transfer hoses undergo a visual inspection for damage monthly: **"A hose assembly must be inspected for damage over its entire length at intervals of not more than a month."**

To make it easier for tank vehicle operators to have confidence in a decision as to whether a hose would fail a visual inspection, the EPA proposes to provide guidance in the form of some examples of hoses that would pass and some that would fail. In order to develop the hose inspection guidance, the EPA is seeking advice from industry experts as to when a transfer hose is damaged or worn, to a point at which there is an unacceptable risk that:

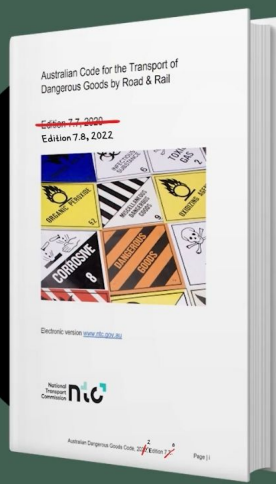
1. Product could leak or weep from the hose during transfer; or
2. The hose could disconnect during transfer

Please can you follow the link to a survey the EPA has prepared.

<https://forms.office.com/r/wT50WnU6ML>

The survey is anonymous. However, there is an opportunity for you to identify yourself and/or your organisation should you choose to do so. The survey also provides the opportunity for you to provide any comment you might like to give on what to look for when inspecting transfer hoses.

The ADG Code 7.8 replaces edition 7.7



The Australian Dangerous Goods Code

- The Australian Code for the Transport of Dangerous Goods (ADG Code) sets out many obligations & duties for all parties involved in the transport of Dangerous Goods.
- This module will provide you with an understanding of key elements of the ADG Code including information contained in the DG list – but due to the complexity of the code please refer to the code for further information.

www.ntc.gov.au/codes-and-guidelines

The ADG Code 7.8 replaces edition 7.7 and comes into effect in Victoria on **Sunday 1 October 2023**.

Duty holders may choose to comply with either edition 7.7 or 7.8 for a period of six months from this date. All duty holders must then comply with ADG Code 7.8 on and from 1 April 2024.

A copy of ADG Code 7.8 is now available on the [NTC website](http://www.ntc.gov.au). A summary of changes incorporated into the new edition is also attached.

Subsequent amendments to Dangerous Goods Regulations

The DG TRR Regulations give effect to the ADG Code in Victoria. These regulations and the DG SH Regulations have been amended to align with ADG Code 7.8 and the MSI.

These amendments commence on **Sunday 1 October 2023**, and include:

- aligning Victorian dangerous goods transport laws with the MSI and edition 7.8 of the ADG Code
- referencing new chapters of the ADG Code to incorporate references to new United Nations Model Regulations (UNMR) provisions on fibreglass reinforced plastic tanks
- allowing prime contractors to retain and produce documents in relation to the transport of dangerous goods in electronic form as an alternative to the current required hard copy
- a technical change to replace the definition of dangerous goods in regulation 5 and regulation 38 of the DG TRR Regulations with new regulation 22A, which relates to when the DG TRR Regulations apply
- a consequential amendment to the DG SH Regulations to refer to new regulation 22A when determining whether goods are dangerous goods.

Please note, new regulation 22A in the DG TRR Regulations does not introduce any new requirements for duty holders. The application of this new regulation is the same as the existing application of regulation 38 in the DG TRR Regulations.

Nominations Open to join the NBTA Executive Committee

Our AGM will be held 30 November 12pm for a sandwich lunch and a catch up before our AGM at 1pm and the quarterly meeting to follow.

Prior to the AGM will be accepting nominations to join the Executive Committee.

- Elections of office bearers – for those interested in serving on the Executive (up to 6 positions for operators and 2 for suppliers) please submit your nomination to anthony@nbta.com.au before COB 24th November.

AGM – 30 Nov 2023



DATE: Thursday 30 November

TIME: 12pm for light lunch

AGM commences 1pm and closes 4pm

VENUE: [VTA Head Office - Mirrat, Level 1/46 Kooronga Wy, Port Melbourne](#)

Click below and register your attendance for this event.

Register your attendance at the AGM

THURSDAY 30 NOV

NBTA Annual Christmas Dinner



Buy your tickets now

The NBTA Annual Christmas will be held on a **Thursday night**, following the NBTA AGM and quarterly meeting.

DATE: Thursday 30 November

TIME: 6:30pm

VENUE: [377 Russell St, Melbourne VIC 3000](#)

Dress: Suitable for your last supper.

Entry via the courtyard. Canapes and pre-dinner drinks served from 6:30pm.

Private Guided Tours of the Old Melbourne Gaol will be included as part of the evening.

Buy your tickets for what will be another memorable occasion at this unique and historic venue.

Regards,

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Executive Director

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