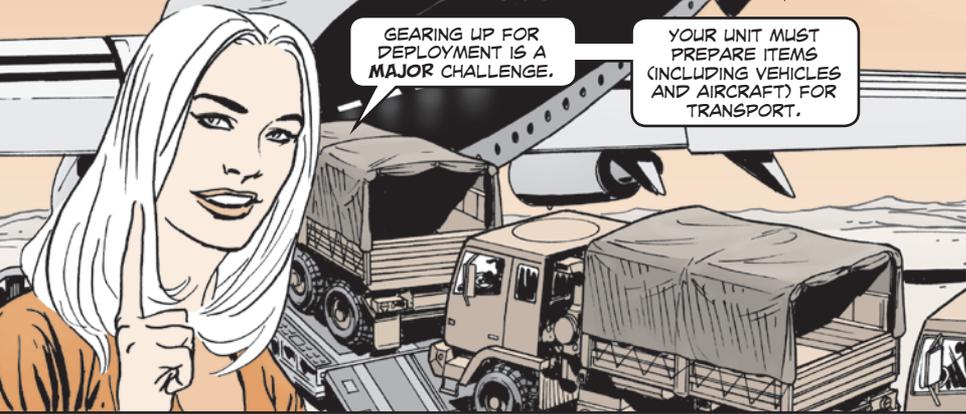


PREPARING TO SHIP EQUIPMENT



GEARING UP FOR DEPLOYMENT IS A MAJOR CHALLENGE.

YOUR UNIT MUST PREPARE ITEMS (INCLUDING VEHICLES AND AIRCRAFT) FOR TRANSPORT.

HERE ARE SOME SIMPLE GUIDELINES FOR DEPLOYING WITH HAZMAT-AND SOME PEOPLE WHO CAN GIVE YOU HANDS-ON HELP...



Training

Make sure your unit has plenty of Soldiers with HAZMAT certification. These are the people who classify, inspect, document and certify HAZMAT shipments. Have them get the training early, well before deployment. The training is not easy. It's two weeks of college-level classes.

Initial and refresher HAZMAT training is available through the Defense Ammunition Center. Here's their website:

<http://ammo.okstate.edu>

Find out who is already HAZMAT certified in your unit. Go online to the Army Training Requirements and Resources System (ATRRS):

<https://www.atrrs.army.mil>

From the home page, click on the ARMY heading. Then click on ATRRS Training Tracker. The Training Tracker allows a command sergeant major or a first sergeant to view the training records of Soldiers assigned to his unit identification code (UIC). (The UIC is a six-character code that identifies each Army unit.)



Budget

Set aside funds to buy regulations, labels, placards and containers. You'll need them to help make sure your HAZMAT is legal to ship. Don't scrimp on preparing HAZMAT. That can delay shipments. It's also dangerous. You'll need the most current regs to keep up with all the changes in the HAZMAT world. And there are lots of changes.

Put placards on HAZMAT



THE WORK INCLUDES...

- load planning
- filling out transportation documents
- ID marking on crates and equipment
- blocking and bracing containers
- ISO container packing



YOUR GOAL IS TO HAVE YOUR EQUIPMENT ARRIVE IN THEATER INTACT AND FULLY MISSION CAPABLE.

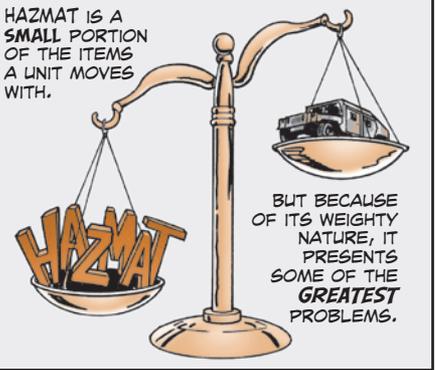
WE'RE READY AND RARIN' TO GO!!



IF YOU HAVE TO DEPLOY WITH HAZARDOUS MATERIALS, YOU'RE FACED WITH ANOTHER CHALLENGE.

HAZMAT IS A SMALL PORTION OF THE ITEMS A UNIT MOVES WITH.

BUT BECAUSE OF ITS WEIGHTY NATURE, IT PRESENTS SOME OF THE GREATEST PROBLEMS.



Equipment Can Be HAZMAT Too

Your unit's HAZMAT certifier is picky about what goes on military shipments. So, you must prepare your equipment before it's shipped. For more on preparing equipment, see Chap 204 of Defense Transportation Regulation (DTR) 4500.9-R, *Part II-Cargo Movement* (Jun 08). You'll find it on the United States Transportation Command website: <http://www.transcom.mil/dtr/part-ii/chapters.cfm>



Shipping Commercial Products

Consider the commercial products you plan to ship. Some units have bought insecticides, compressed gas and cleaning supplies that are not HAZMAT in the US. But overseas they might be regulated as HAZMAT. If so, you'll have to buy suitable labels and packaging. Read material safety data sheets (MSDS) to find out if the items you bought downtown are HAZMAT for shipment.

MSDS are available online at the Hazardous Materials Information Resource System (HMIRS):

<http://www.dlis.dla.vmil/hmirs/>

Some cleaning supplies are regulated as HAZMAT overseas



Who Do You Turn To for Help?

USAMC LOGSA Packaging, Storage and Containerization Center (PSCC) offers packaging and shipping help for your equipment and HAZMAT. PSCC:

- helps you determine what packaging, handling and transportation training you need
- recommends regulations, documents, labels, placards and shipping containers
- advises you on prepping equipment and HAZMAT for shipment
- helps you prepare transportation and certification documents

For more information, contact the LOGSA PSCC: toby.pt@us.army.mil

Or phone DSN 795-7070/7105, (570) 615-7070/7105.

