



# Railway Carrier Fact Sheet

The *Transportation of Dangerous Goods by Rail Security Regulations* (the Regulations), made pursuant to the *Transportation of Dangerous Goods Act, 1992*, were registered on May 6, 2019. These regulations aim to mitigate the security risks on Canada’s railways to help support a safe and secure transportation system.

## What is a railway carrier?

“**Railway carrier**” means a person who has possession of dangerous goods for the purposes of either:

- transportation by railway vehicle on a main railway line, or;
- storing them in the course of such transportation.

For example:

- If a company is transporting a railway vehicle of NITROGLYCERIN SOLUTION IN ALCOHOL (UN1204) on a main railway line, or storing them in the course of transportation, they are considered a railway carrier under the Regulations.

## What does this mean for my company as a railway carrier?

If your company carries any dangerous goods, it is subject to the Regulations. This means your company will be required to implement certain security practices.

This chart outlines the key requirements and when they come into force:

WHAT REQUIREMENT APPLIES	TYPE OF DANGEROUS GOODS	COMING INTO FORCE DATE
Reporting potential threats and other security concerns	All	June 6, 2019
Rail security coordinator	All	August 6, 2019
Security inspection	<b>ONLY</b> dangerous goods requiring a placard	August 6, 2019
Security plan	<b>ONLY</b> Schedule 1 security-sensitive dangerous goods	February 6, 2020
Security plan training	<b>ONLY</b> Schedule 1 security-sensitive dangerous goods	February 6, 2020
Security awareness training	All	February 6, 2020

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