



Railway Loader 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 loader?

“*railway loader*” means:

- a) any person that operates a handling site, or
- b) any manufacturer or producer of dangerous goods that has possession of dangerous goods at a handling site for the purposes of loading them prior to, or unloading them after, transportation by rail.

In this context, “*handling site*” means a facility connected to a railway line, where a railway vehicle is placed for the loading or unloading of dangerous goods.

For example:

- If a company operates a facility that provides the services to load or unload dangerous goods to or from a railway vehicle, they are considered a railway loader under the Regulations.
- If a company is a manufacturer or producer of dangerous goods and loads those dangerous goods into rail tank cars to be transported by rail directly from the facility, they are considered a railway loader under the Regulations.

What does this mean for my company?

If your company is a railway loader, it will be subject to the Regulations. This means your company will be required to implement certain security practices based on the type of dangerous goods. There is a phased approach for these requirements to allow sufficient time to implement the required security measures.

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

WHAT REQUIREMENT APPLIES	TYPE OF DANGEROUS GOODS	COMING INTO FORCE DATE
Security plan	ONLY Schedule 1 security-sensitive dangerous goods	May 6, 2020
Security plan training	ONLY Schedule 1 security-sensitive dangerous goods	May 6, 2020
Security awareness training	All	May 6, 2020

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