

1. Regarding [Report 3 – Follow-up Audit on the Transportation of Dangerous Goods](#) (request received from PACP on November 14, 2023)

Clarification to the response submitted by the department on June 15, 2023 to Recommendation 3: Transport Canada should provide the Committee with progress reports with regard to ensuring that containment facilities with expired certificates are not conducting the activities for which the certificates were issued.

Response

As the Committee will recall, Transport Canada identified that, as of June 26, 2023, 3.8% of means of containment (MOC) facilities have an expired certificate. All these facilities must adhere to their respective MOC safety standard, which details that a facility can no longer conduct activities with an expired certificate. In addition, as a courtesy, these facilities would have received a renewal and expiry notice from Transport Canada (TC) communicating the same.

TC has a process in place for these facilities with expired certificates, which is to:

1. Four months prior to expiry, TC sends a renewal notice;
2. Upon expiry, TC sends an expiry notice;
3. 30 days after expiry, TC attempts to contact the facility directly and request a response regarding their expired registration; and
4. If no response is received, TC requests regional inspectors to attend the facilities for an on-site verification.

It is the on-site visit where the inspector verifies if the facility still intends to continue the services and/or products and informs them of their objections. Furthermore, and in response to the comment, TC publishes on its website, a searchable database of facilities, which are registered, to provide specified services and/or products under the *Transportation of Dangerous Goods Act* (TDGA) and the *Transportation of Dangerous Goods Regulations* (TDGR). Users of these services and/or products have obligations under the TDGA Section 8 and the TDGR Section 5 to ensure the facility they are dealing with has a valid certificate of registration. Non-compliance to these obligations by either the users or facilities are subject to enforcement action.

Current valid registration search site: [Transport Canada Registered Means of Containment Facilities](#)
Future search site: (still being developed): [Transport Canada Registered Means of Containment Facilities](#)