



WNTI Membership



Dedicated to the safe, efficient and reliable transport of radioactive materials

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Introduction

The World Nuclear Transport Institute (WNTI) was founded in 1998 by British Nuclear Fuels plc (BNFL) of the United Kingdom, COGEMA of France, and the Federation of Electric Power Companies (FEPC) of Japan to represent the collective interests of the radioactive materials transport sector, and those who rely on safe, efficient and reliable transport. Over the past eight years, WNTI has grown dramatically with member companies drawn from a wide range of industry sectors, including major utilities, fuel producers and fabricators, transport companies, package producers, and suppliers of large radiation sources.

The radioactive materials transport industry provides a vital service within a complex regulatory, commercial and political context. Industry recognises the many challenges it faces, and has demonstrated a willingness to interact with regulators, carriers and public groups to ensure the continued safe and efficient delivery of these essential materials. WNTI's capacity to represent industry interests is due in large part to its focus on transport issues from a very practical point of view, developing consolidated industry positions, and representing them in exchanges with other key stakeholders.

International Co-operation

Intergovernmental organisations such as the International Maritime Organization (IMO), and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) play a pivotal role in establishing standards and regulations that apply to radioactive materials transport. Through its non-governmental status WNTI supports the work of key intergovernmental organisations in promoting an efficient, harmonised international transport safety regime. WNTI has consultative status with the IMO and observer status with the IAEA. In addition, WNTI has consultative status with the United Nations Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, Category B Liaison Membership with the International Organization for Standardization (ISO), and information status with the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) N14 Committee.

WNTI work benefits from the on-going exchange between complementary industrial organisations and has established close links with FORATOM, the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI), and the World Nuclear Association (WNA).



Forum for Exchange of Information and Views

Through its semi-annual Members Meetings, WNTI brings its Member companies together to address challenges facing industry, to share information and ideas.

Industry-led working groups meet under WNTI auspices - the TS-R-1 Industry Working Group considers transport safety regulation review and implementation issues, and the HEXT Industry Working Group focuses on packaging issues related to the transport of uranium hexafluoride (Hex).

In 2005, WNTI embarked on a significant intensification of its work programme. Major initiatives launched include establishment of industry-led task forces addressing issues related to criticality assessment, denial and delay of shipments, and uranium concentrates packaging, packing and transport. The agenda for these task forces is set by industry and so responds directly to Member company specific interests. This approach is indicative of WNTI's highly focused approach to addressing practical transport issues.

Organisation

WNTI is the trading name of World Nuclear Transport Limited, a company limited by guarantee and governed by English Company Law. The WNTI Headquarters is based in London with regional offices in Tokyo and Washington.

WNTI functions as a small organisation with qualified professionals working closely with WNTI Members and international bodies dealing with the safe transport of radioactive materials.

WNTI is governed by a Board of Directors, drawn from Ordinary Members and meets biannually. The Secretary General of WNTI is appointed by the Board of Directors and is responsible for the day-to-day activities and management of the Institute.

Becoming a WNTI Member

Membership is open to companies involved in or which attach importance to the transport of radioactive materials for peaceful purposes.

WNTI is the trading name of the World Nuclear Transport Limited, a company limited by guarantee and governed under English Company Law. The Constitution of WNTI is contained within the Memorandum and Articles of Association of WNTI and contains details of membership in the Company.

1 Members

WNTI Members shall have an interest in ensuring that radioactive materials are transported by sea, land and air in a safe, secure and efficient manner.

WNTI has two categories of members:

- Ordinary Member
- Associate Member

Ordinary Members are prepared to make a substantial commitment and will be actively involved in WNTI's development.

Associate Members have access to information produced by WNTI and may be consulted in defining common positions. They are also asked to provide, if applicable, expert advice and experience on reasonable terms for both parties.

2 Application

Any organisation wishing to apply for membership shall send and deliver to WNTI, a completed registration form together with a letter of application, including name and nature of business.

3 Membership Regulation

- Membership is personal and cannot be assigned or transferred.
- Any Member can withdraw upon giving six month's written notice to WNTI.
- Any Member shall immediately cease to be a Member if it ceases trading, or enters into liquidation, or fails to pay its fee within three months. In such a case the Member remains liable for all payments due.

4 Meetings

All Ordinary and Associate Members are entitled to receive notice of, attend, speak and vote at General Meetings.

Registration Form

To:
World Nuclear Transport Limited
Remo House
310-312 Regent Street
London W1B 3AX
United Kingdom

We of

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desire to become an Associate Member of the World Nuclear Transport Limited (WNTI) and request you enter our name in the Register of Members accordingly, subject to the Memorandum and Articles of Association of WNTI.

We understand that if WNTI shall be wound up while we are Members or within one year after cease to be a Member, we may be liable to contribute such amount as may be required (not exceeding £1) for payments of WNTI debts and liabilities and of other costs, charges, expenses and adjustments as set out in the Memorandum of Association of WNTI.

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Print name:

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Print address:

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*We are signing on behalf of a company, firm or other organisation. State name of company, firm or organisation and capacity when signing.

Dated:

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