

Bonjour à tous

Je vous remercie de m'avoir invité à prendre la parole lors de votre rencontre, j'en suis profondément honoré.

Je m'appelle Mark Spence, et j'ai été président de la British Association of Dangerous Goods Professionals (BADGP) pendant cinq ans, jusqu'en mars, et je suis actuellement président de l'International Association of Dangerous Goods Safety Advisors (IASA).

Malheureusement, ou heureusement selon mon mauvais accent, le reste de la présentation sera en anglais.

Good Morning everyone

Thank you for the invitation to address your meeting, I'm deeply honoured. My name is Mark Spence, and I was the Chair of the British Association of Dangerous Goods Professionals (BADGP) for 5 years, until March, and am currently the President of the International Association of dangerous Goods Safety Advisors (IASA).

Unfortunately, or fortunately depending on how bad my accent is, the rest of the presentation will be in English.



Regulatory Structure

Competent Authority – Department for Transport (DfT) (Responsible for the secure carriage of dangerous goods except Class 7)



DGSA situation in the UK

DGSA's who qualified in the UK – approximately 2000

- includes Irish & US citizens
- 100 (approximately) from Hong Kong
- of those that work in the UK split 50/50 between employed/consultants

UK exams

- ADR, 3 – All Classes, Core & Road
- Administered by SQA – no contact with external bodies
- Pass mark approx' 65% (at least 50% 1st timers fail)
 - RID & ADN also available

Recognition

- Totally varies between companies, but poor on average



DGSA situation in the UK

ADR on the road

- Police (Commercial Vehicle Units) working with DVSA
- Not all police forces have a qualified DGSA
- DfT Land Security Division do HCDG inspections
- Prosecutions by Health & Safety Executive (HSE)
- ADR violations normally added to other violations, rare on their own. Fines are % of turnover

RID

- British Transport Police

ADN

- UK not a signatory (no international borders)
- At least 10 qualified people – some to have the ‘set’





**BRITISH ASSOCIATION
OF
DANGEROUS GOODS
PROFESSIONALS**

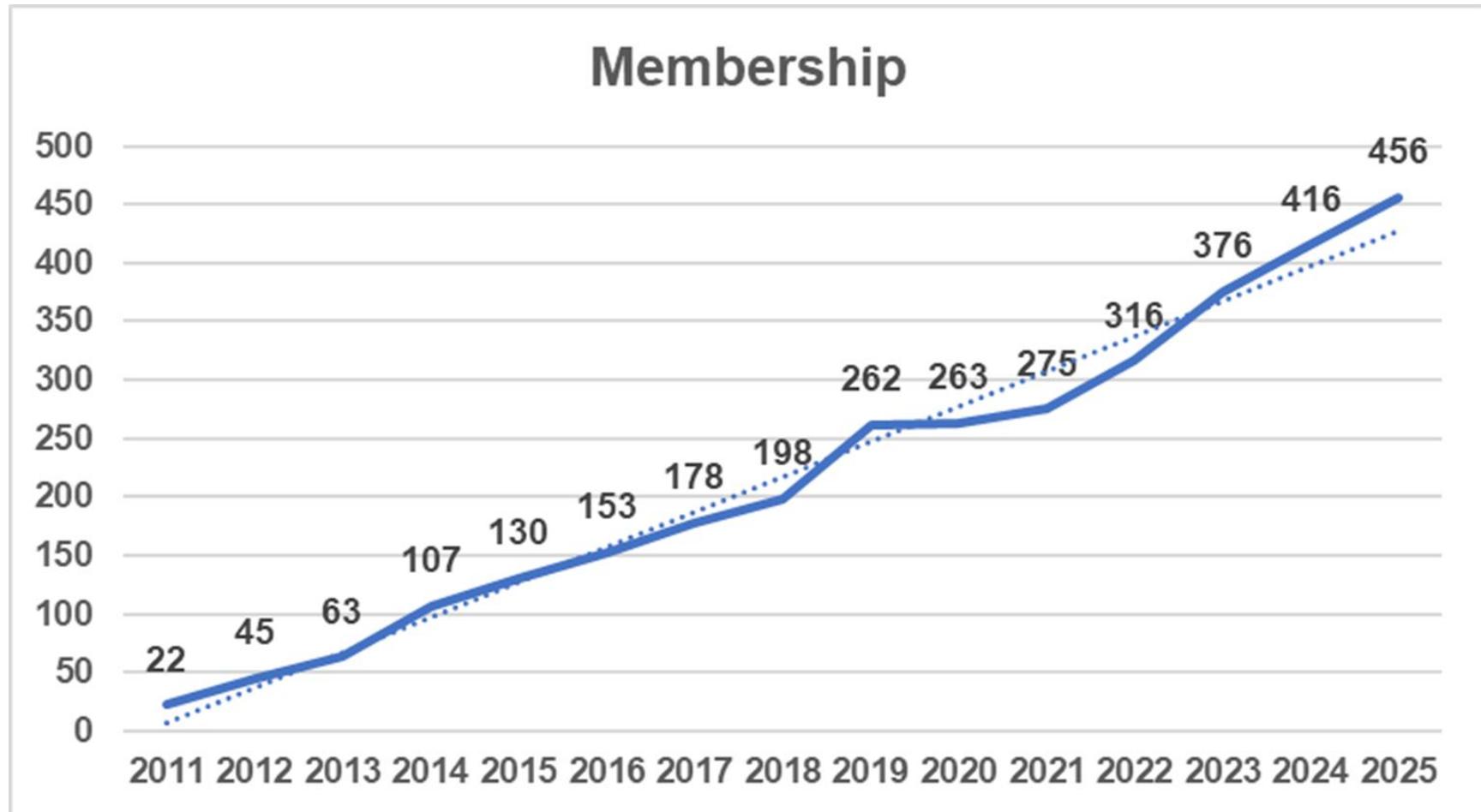


WHO?

- 462 members
 - Any DG professional, not just DGSA's
 - £85.00 (€100.00) membership
 - Plus 10 'honorary' (relevant government officials)
 - Individual membership, not organisations but we do have 'Corporate Membership'
- Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer & 14 other committee members – all volunteers
- Supported by 2 freelance part time admin staff



WHO?



As at the AGM in March



WHAT?

- The GB based professional body for those involved in Transport of Dangerous Goods
 - In *any* role
 - Covering *all* Classes
 - For *all* modes of transport (including ADN)
- To educate, inform and support members
- To advocate with government, CA and other industry bodies & associations
- Non-profit making



WHEN?

2008, Department for Transport (DfT) called a meeting to express concern about loss of expertise in the field of TDGs

- **1st June 2010**, a meeting to discuss the formation of a professional association
 - Attended & supported by representatives of government and industry
- **26th July 2010**, BADGP was formally born
 - 1st Chairman Andy Holton & Committee formed



WHY?

BADGP was born to address the following 'deficiencies' in the Transport of Dangerous Goods area:

- Professionals had little/no support organisations
- Few outside channels existed to maintain/enhance skills
- No-one was directly advocating for DG 'professionals' & expertise was increasingly being lost
- Some countries had 'support' organisations & there were attempts to create a 'European Federation of National Associations'
- No UK organisation = No UK representation



HOW?

- AGM & (themed) Industry Seminar in March
 - 2025 'Containment' theme
 - 160 attendees
 - 12 sponsors
 - Officials from DfT, VCA, DVSA & ONR
 - Free to members
- Seminars – annually in the Autumn
 - Lithium Batteries 9th September 2025
 - Previous seminars on Class1, Class7, Emergency Response
 - Discounted member rates



HOW?



HOW?

- Webinars – normally 4 per year
 - ADR upcoming changes overview (by DfT) biannually
 - Changes to IMDG & IATA
 - Lithium batteries (4 in the last 6 years)
 - Packaging & labelling
 - Enforcement
 - From member requests or current ‘hot’ topics’



Webinar: ADR 2025 Update

When **26 Nov 2024**
13:00 - 14:30

Location **Online**

Spaces left **200**

Webinar: ADR 2025 Update

Tuesday 26th November 2024, 13:00 - 14:30 GMT

Registration

- **BADGP Member**

This webinar will focus on what to expect from the upcoming changes to ADR.

We are delighted to have as our presenter:

Kevin Vagan, Department for Transport

More information and registration will be coming soon, but for now, please save the date!



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More than just the changes ref Lithium Batteries!



HOW?

- Exhibitions



HOW?

- Developing contacts
 - DfT Dangerous Goods Division
 - DfT Land Transport Security (HCDG)
 - Department for Business & Trade
 - Society of Motor Manufacturers & Traders
 - RPMASA (South Africa)



House of Lords - December 2024



LinkedIn

- Discussion Forum: 2976 members with 200 posts and 224,000 views in the last year (March 2025)
- LinkedIn “Company Page”: 1304 followers

BADGP YouTube channel

Guides

- Class 1 & 7, created for seminar
- Lithium Battery one for seminar in September
- Annual Report template, agreed in conjunction with DfT

Newsletter

- Currently 4 per year, wide variety of articles



BADGP is a not-for-profit association serving people with a passion for dangerous goods transportation either as a Dangerous Goods Safety Adviser (DGSA) or other qualified / interested person.

We are committed to supporting and developing DGSA's and Dangerous Goods professionals by providing knowledge and developing skills to maintain safety and achieve compliance to the dangerous goods regulation within their work functions. We do this by providing the following services.

Time until the National Dangerous Goods Awareness Day 2025, click for more details

27

Days

14

Hours

48

Minutes

03

Seconds

Latest News

[IMO Current Awareness Bulletin \(CAB - March 2025\)](#)

[New BADGP Seminar - Shipping Lithium Batteries](#)

[BADGP's April Newsletter Published](#)

Includes access to all previous Seminar presentations, recorded webinars, newsletters and guides



DGSA+ - (DGSA development program)

- 1-year, self directed learning, support program for (mainly) new DGSA's
- For all the bits that weren't covered in the training
- Mentor allocated, with monthly review meeting
- Covers all aspects of being a DGSA (all Classes, all modes)
- Each month, spilt into 4 sections, on a specific theme

1st cohort of 12 has just finished (June), 2nd & 3rd cohorts are running and 4th due to start in September



NATIONAL DANGEROUS GOODS AWARENESS DAY



Toolbox talks and Posters being released each day from July 1st
204 people registered, as of 13th June – free to all



IASA

International Association of dangerous goods Safety Advisors

27 Associations representing 22 countries with a seat on WP15

Elected at the 17th General Assembly on 8th October

General Secretary – Magnus Falk

President – Mark Spence



Planning Ahead

Aims, Objectives & Terms of Reference

5 Year Plan

Targets for membership, activity,
connections & visibility



Who charges their phone at night?

On a bedside table next to their head?



**NOUS VOUS
REMERCIONS DE VOTRE
ATTENTION**

DES QUESTIONS?

