

**RESTRICTIONS ON HAZMAT TRANSPORT IN CHINA**  
**DURING THE OLYMPIC PERIOD**

There will be restrictions/prohibitions on hazmat production and shipments during certain periods beginning in May in cities where Olympic events will be held (Beijing, Tainjin, Qingdao, Shanghai, Shenyang, Qinghuangdoa, and Hong Kong). The restrictions will apply to a [tentative list of 257 substances](#) which includes flammables, toxics, explosives, gases and other hazmats. The embargo will be in effect during the periods May 20 to 24 and July 1 to August 24. We understand that all hazmat permits will be suspended during these dates. US DOT is aware of this issue and is working with their counterparts in China (as well as the Dept. of Commerce) to obtain clarifications and more specifics.