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Profile

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A master mariner, marine consultant and expert witness with over 40 years of experience in the maritime industry, of which 11 years at sea with Shell, van Ommeren and Royal Nedlloyd and 30 years specialising in dangerous cargo matters. Before becoming an independent marine consultant, Rob held positions as the global head of the dangerous cargo department at P&O Nedlloyd and Maersk Line and represented shipping lines at IMO and other regulatory bodies.

Specialized in the rules, regulations and industry practice on transport of hazardous cargo (IMDG / IMSBC / ADR) in the context of marine emergencies, cargo fires and container ship-related casualties.

Qualifications and education

- Nautical Studies, Nautical College Rotterdam
- Master All Ships Certificate of Competence
- Certificate of Achievement Basic Security in the Field (BSITF II)
- Certificate of Competence as Dangerous Goods Safety Advisor for the Transport of Dangerous Goods by Road, Inland waterway and Rail.
- Approved HazMat Expert (DNV-GL) in relation to Ship Inventories of Hazardous Materials Certificate Handling of Dangerous Goods
- Expert witness and courtroom skill training, Bond Solon.

Summary of survey and consultancy work

- Advice in required transport condition for dangerous cargo commodities (classification, stowage, packing, marking, documentation and segregation)
- Rules and Regulations (IMDG / IMSBC / ADR)
- Container terminal operations
- Case review and providing (second) opinion for mediation and settlement discussions
- Expert witness reports for court and arbitration, providing testimony (US courts / London Arbitration)
- Advice on good industry practice on (container) Booking and Acceptance Procedures
- Advice on casualty response actions, ship fires
- Audits and in-company training
- Health, Safety & Supervision concerning post-incident waste disposal operations.

Publications

- Co-author BOOK IT RIGHT, PACK IT TIGHT, Handling of dangerous cargo by Sea. The UK P&I Club, 2006
- Bi-annual publications on amendments to the IMDG and IMSBC Code, magazine Dangerous Cargo
- Uffelen, R. DUAL USE SHIPMENTS (Chemical warfare or normal use?), magazine Dangerous Cargo
- Uffelen, R. EXTRACT ON THE MSC FLAMINIA COURT DECISION, magazine Dangerous Cargo.

Memberships / committees

- Chairman DG Panel at International Chamber of Shipping, representing The Shipping Lines, 2001 / 2006
- IMO sub-committee 'Dangerous Cargo DSC', 1993 / 2006
- Working Group 'Dangerous Cargo', Royal Association of Netherlands Shipowners
- Dutch Commission on the Transportation of Dangerous Goods (CTGG)
- International Cargo Handling Association (ICHCA), Technical Panel (2017-today)
- Dutch Association of Dangerous Goods Safety Advisors.