

Profile

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A master mariner, marine consultant, expert witness and instructor with 40 years' experience in the maritime industry, of which the last 30 years specialising in dangerous cargo matters.

Rob held positions as the global head of the Dangerous Cargo Department at the world's largest container carriers. He represented shipping lines at the international regulatory bodies on the transport of dangerous cargoes.

Most recently, as a company instructor in handling dangerous cargoes by sea, road, rail and inland barging and Marine Consultant at de Haas | van Oosterhout on dangerous cargo matters.

Professional experience

- **Marine expert** IMDG & IMSBC cargo at de Haas | van Oosterhout, 2019 – today
- **Marine Consultant** IMDG & IMSBC cargo at BMT, 2014 – 2018
- **Self-employed consultant and instructor** IMO Advies, the Netherlands, 2007 – today
- **Global Head Dangerous Cargo** Maersk Lines, 2005 – 2007
- **Global Head Dangerous Cargo** P&O Nedlloyd, 1996 – 2005
- Dangerous Cargo department Nedlloyd Lines, 1992 – 1996
- Sea going experience as a Deck Officer with Shell, Van Ommeren and Nedlloyd Lines up to the rank of Second Officer, 1979 – 1992.

Qualifications and education

- Certificate of Competence as Dangerous Goods Safety Advisor for the Transport of Dangerous Goods by Road, 2024
- Approved HazMat Expert (DNV-GL) in relation to Ship Inventories of Hazardous Materials, 2022
- Certificate Handling of Dangerous Goods, 2020
- Expert witness and courtroom skill training, Bond Solon, London, 2016
- Master All Ships Certificate of Competence, 1988
- Degree in Nautical Studies, Nautical College Rotterdam, 1981.

Summary of working experience

- Final responsibility for preparing Internal Acceptance Procedures Dangerous Cargo
- Rule and Procedures Implementation and Education
- Classification, Stowage, packing, marking, documentation and segregation training and advice
- Expert witness container ship fire (US court)
- Advice on casualty response actions
- Advice on required transport condition for dangerous cargo commodities
- Company audits on Dangerous Cargo related processes.

Publications

- Co-author BOOK IT RIGHT, PACK IT TIGHT, Handling of dangerous cargo by Sea. The UK P&I Club, 2006
- Author of articles on dangerous cargo matters (Dutch language) BLAD GEVAARLIJKE LADING.

Memberships

- Technical Panel International Cargo Handling Coordination Association (ICHCA), 2017 – today
- Member Dangerous Goods Safety Advisors, 2011 – today
- Chairman DG Panel at International Chamber of Shipping, representing The Shipping Lines, 2001 – 2006
- Working Group 'Dangerous Cargo', Royal Association of Netherlands Shipowners, 1994 – 2006
- IMO sub-committee 'Dangerous Cargo DSC', 1993 – 2006
- Dutch Commission on the Transportation of Dangerous Goods (CTGG), 1993 – today.