

Hazardous Cargo Compliance Checklist 2025

The ultimate checklist for ensuring compliance with IMO 2025 and UAE regulations for hazardous cargo in Dubai.

Step	Essential Action	Key Points
1	Cargo classification	Determine hazard class, UN Number, and Proper Shipping Name
2	Prepare technical documents	MSDS/SDS, Dangerous Goods Declaration, UAE permits
3	Packaging & labeling	UN-certified packaging, IMDG/IATA hazard labels
4	Inventory of Hazardous Materials (IHM)	Required for ships above 500 GT under the Hong Kong Convention
5	Book transport with a specialist forwarder	Choose a company experienced in sea, air, bulk, and break bulk
6	Staff training	IMDG/IATA training for all involved personnel
7	Local Dubai compliance	Obtain approvals from Dubai Municipality, ports, and customs
8	Insurance & risk	Secure an Insurance Certificate covering hazardous incidents
9	Final pre-loading check	Verify documents, packaging, expiration dates, and weight limits
10	Shipment monitoring	Track the cargo until final delivery