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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Lithium Battery Update Webinar**

BADGP (British Association of Dangerous Goods Professionals), the personal professional association for anyone involved in any way in the transport of dangerous goods by any mode, is pleased to announce that it is holding a webinar on “*Lithium Batteries By Air - Update*” on 10 March at 10:00 GMT, lasting about one hour.

On 1st April 2016 new restrictions on the carriage of Lithium batteries and cells by air comes into force, with further changes planned for 1 January 2017. These restrictions require that lithium ion batteries and cells may only be transported as cargo aboard passenger carrying aeroplanes if they are not charged in excess of 30% of their rated charge capacity.

Further significant and also immediately applicable changes are very likely by the time of the webinar.

The aim of the webinar is to facilitate knowledge of the new requirements, but more particularly to provide the understanding that isn't easily gained by simply reading the official end result documents.

The webinar will be presented by Geoff Leach of “The Dangerous Goods Office Ltd”. Geoff is the former Manager of the CAA's Dangerous Goods Office (until it was disbanded) and Chairman from 2006 to 2013 of the ICAO Dangerous Panel. Since leaving CAA in 2013 Geoff has continued to be heavily involved in dangerous goods by air, and especially the continuing Lithium battery saga.

Attendance at the webinar will be free to BADGP members and just £25 for non-members (note: full BADGP membership is just £60 and can be taken out prior to booking for the webinar).

To join BADGP please see our website at <https://badgp.wildapricot.org/badgp-membership>

To register for the webinar please see our website at <https://badgp.wildapricot.org/event-2164999>



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## **Notes to Editors**

BADGP was formed in 2010 following a meeting called to consider the possibility of formation of such an organisation. The impetus for this was earlier discussions at the Department for Transport (DfT) Dangerous Goods Division where concerns were raised at the loss of expertise and knowledge in the profession as a whole, and the formation of the European Association of dangerous goods Safety Advisers (EASA) with its membership being national associations dangerous goods professionals; without then a body to represent UK dangerous goods professionals.

BADGP is a not-for-profit professional association run for its members by a volunteer committee now backed up by a paid, but part-time, administrator.

### **BADGP aims to**

- represent UK based dangerous goods professionals both to the UK Competent Authorities, and to EASA (who since 2015 have NGO representation at the RID/ADR/ADN Joint meetings)
- support all members involved in any way by any mode with dangerous goods by providing
  - free lectures given after our AGM meeting each year (the next being on 17 March 2016 (see [here](#) for details)
  - competitively priced seminars given by acknowledged experts from both industry and the regulators (the next being on 14 April on Multi-modal transport of dangerous goods – see [here](#) for details)
  - informative webinars (such as the one featured in this Press Release)
  - support members and non-members alike by facilitating a moderated and controlled LinkedIn discussion group where anyone who subscribes (over 1300 at this time) to the LinkedIn group discussion group (see [here](#)) can ask for help about dangerous goods issues in the reasonable expectation that others discussion group members will almost always provide a helping hand (but without doing their work for them!); and where all others can, if they wish, benefit from issues being discussed to further their knowledge and understanding.

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