

# AN ADVANCE NOTIFICATION OR AN INQUIRY?

- Every transportation of dangerous goods that takes place at the area of the Port of Helsinki must be notified via the Dangerous Goods Notification System.
- If there's a consignment in the transportation that contains particularly dangerous goods, such as explosives or radioactive substances, or alternatively really big amounts of any dangerous goods, the user of the Dangerous Goods Notification System must conduct an advance inquiry **as early as possible** to ensure that the consignment can be transported through the Port of Helsinki.
- Inquiry must be made and permission needs to be granted before a consignment is loaded onboard the vessel.
- Inquiry must be made latest by noon on the previous working day before vessel's arrival.
- All the IMO classes and shipping amounts that require an advance inquiry can be found here:  
<https://www.portofhelsinki.fi/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/IMDG-classes-and-shipping-quantities-requiring-an-advance-inquiry-1.pdf>

# THE HANDLING PROCESS FOR THE ADVANCE INQUIRY

- If a consignment meets the requirements for an inquiry, the Dangerous Goods Notification System automatically saves it as an inquiry which will be forwarded to the safety inspector of the Port of Helsinki.
- The safety inspector checks the inquiry and either accepts or rejects the transportation of the units in the inquiry.
- The handling decision will be sent by email and is also visible on the Dangerous Goods Notification System. The result of the handling is either **accepted** or **rejected**. The customer will receive an email which contains more detailed info about the handling decision.
- A positive decision regarding the transportation of the consignment contains e.g. the approval number, material information, automatic advance declaration number and terms for the transportation.
- **An accepted** advance inquiry automatically transforms into a notification. **The user doesn't have to do anything about the accepted inquiry!**
- A negative decision contains the rationale behind the denial of the transportation.