

# GENERAL OVERVIEW AND SERVICES



National Cargo Bureau (NCB) was incorporated as a non-profit organization, with a mission of “Safety of Life and Cargo at Sea”, in May of 1952 and began its actual operation on November 19 of the same year. The Bureau was formed from the inspection divisions of the Board of Underwriters of New York and the Board of Marine Underwriters of San Francisco and now operates on a nationwide basis.

NCB was launched in 1952 after a series of maritime disasters demonstrated a need for uniform standards and regulations. Those disasters included the capsizing of grain ships due to shifting of cargoes, shipboard fires relating to wet cotton or metal turnings, and an ammonium nitrate ship explosion at Texas City, Texas in 1947.

Since inception, NCB’s role has grown in many areas. The U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) contains a number of references to NCB in Titles 7, 19, and 46 as well as in the Hazmat Regulations under Title 49. By assignment and under the authority of the United States Coast Guard, the certificates issued by National Cargo Bureau, Inc. may be accepted as prima facie evidence of compliance with the provisions of the Dangerous Cargo Act, bulk solid cargo transport regulations and the rules and regulations for Bulk Grain Cargo.

Although NCB is cited in the U.S. Code of Federal Regulations, and certificates are accepted as evidence of compliance, NCB is not an enforcement agency. NCB surveys are performed at the request of industry. If deficiencies are noted during inspections, NCB works with the client to address them. NCB considers all surveys to be confidential and does not share information unless directed to do so by the party requesting the survey.

NCB presently has 18 offices located nationwide, providing coverage for all major U.S. ports. These operations may be supplemented globally by trusted network partners vetted and approved by NCB.

Marine surveyors employed by NCB include licensed ex-mariners with broad experience in all manner of cargo and vessel surveys. Staff experience and expertise is enhanced and maintained by a robust internal training regimen. NCB’s corporate management team has amassed over 200 years combined seafaring, marine survey, loss prevention and training experience with broad expertise in bulk, breakbulk, project and containerized cargo handling and transport, hazardous material regulatory requirements, cargo theft prevention and other related disciplines.

NCB conducts inspections and surveys that are incidental to the loading or discharging of ships as well as those considered integral to marine loss prevention and issues the appropriate certificates and/or survey reports.

NCB attends the International Maritime Organization’s (IMO) Sub-Committee on Carriage of Cargoes and Containers (CCC –formerly DSC) committee in London each year to provide technical support for the U.S. delegation. NCB also supports the marine insurance market through representation on the American Institute of Marine Underwriters (AIMU) Marine Loss Prevention and Technical Services committees.

NCB regularly conducts Safety Inspections and investigations for several Flag Registries, including Bahamas, Barbados, Antigua & Barbuda, Marshall Islands, Vanuatu and Luxembourg. In the case of investigations on such incidents as grounding, collision, oil spill, accidental death etc., NCB may be the direct liaison between the Flag Registry and the authorities.

In June 2018 NCB acquired Exis Technologies, the leading supplier of IT compliance systems for the management of dangerous goods in sea transport. They have over 35 years’ experience of supporting major shipping lines, ferry operators, ports and terminals, logistics operators, freight forwarders, government, and regulatory organizations worldwide. More recently Exis, now part of the NCB Group, has developed Hazcheck Detect a real time cargo screening application that searches booking and bill of lading information for potential mis and/or undeclared Hazmat / Dangerous Goods.

HAZMAT / DANGEROUS GOODS	CONTAINER / BREAK BULK / RO-RO CARGO	GRAIN & BULK SURVEYS	TRAINING	USCG APPROVED SELF-STUDY COURSES	CLAIMS AND LOSS PREVENTION	FLAG STATE REPRESENTATION	EXIS TECHNOLOGIES See <a href="http://www.existec.com">www.existec.com</a>
Hazmat Container / Tank Inspections <i>(Onsite and Remote)</i>	Cargo Loading Certificates	Grain Authorization for U.S. Flag Vessels	IMDG Code inclusive of additional 49CFR requirements <i>(Classroom, Webinar and Online)</i>	Hazmat 49CFR <i>(Distance Learning)</i>	Global Cargo Survey Coordination / Risk Management	Assist flag administrations in meeting their international obligations	Digital DG Validation applications including:  <i>Hazcheck Validate</i> -Validates Dangerous Goods / Hazmat regulatory requirements against booking information <i>(individual look-up also available)</i>
Hazmat Container Packing/Securing Inspections <i>(Onsite and Remote)</i>	Flat Rack Securing Inspections	Grain Certificate of Readiness	IMDG Code – Marine Terminal <i>(Classroom, Webinar and Online)</i>	Securing Non-Standardized Cargo <i>(Distance Learning)</i>	Project Cargo Marine Warranty Surveys	Vessel Safety Inspections	
Container Structural Serviceability Inspections <i>(Onsite and Remote)</i>	Break Bulk / Heavy Lift Loading <i>(Discharge)</i> Surveys	Grain Stability Reviews	IMDG Code – Vessel Stowage and Segregation <i>(Classroom and Webinar)</i>	Ship's Stability <i>(Distance Learning)</i>	Cargo Shipping and Handling Consultations	Incident Investigations	<i>Hazcheck Detect</i> -Screens booking and/or BL information for Mis or Undeclared Dangerous Goods
Radioactive & Explosive Cargo Surveys	Container Packing/Securing Inspections <i>(Onsite and remote)</i>	Grain, IMSBC and other Bulk Cargo Certificates of Loading	Hazmat 49CFR <i>(Classroom, Webinar and shipboard)</i>	Grain Loading <i>(Distance Learning)</i>	Cargo Security Risk Assessments	Miscellaneous Representation	Can also be used for screening other applications i.e. contraband, wildlife, drug precursors etc.
Port and USCG Permits	Pre-loading Cargo Condition and / or Measurement Surveys	Vessel Open Hatch & Out-Turn Surveys	Hazmat Recognition Course <i>(Classroom, Webinar or Online)</i>	Stability for Fishermen <i>(Distance Learning)</i>	Warehouse Risk Assessments <i>(Remote and On-site)</i>		
Dangerous Cargo Manifest Reviews <i>(Onboard and Remote)</i>	Vessel On-Hire <i>(Off-Hire)</i> Condition / Bunker Surveys	Vessel Cleanliness Certificates	Containerization Course <i>(Classroom / Hands-on)</i>	Damage Stability <i>(Distance Learning)</i>	Cargo Suitability Inspections		<i>Online Training</i> - IMDG Code, container packing and tank container
Hazmat Stowage & Segregation Reviews <i>(Onboard and Remote)</i>	Cargo Gear Certification	Vessel On-Hire <i>(Off-Hire)</i> Condition / Bunker Surveys	Flat Rack Course <i>(Classroom / Hands-on)</i>		Marine Liability Risk Assessments		
Hazmat Incident Surveys	Ro-Ro – Mafi / Trailer Surveys	Vessel Draft Surveys	IMSBC Code <i>(Online)</i>		Expert Witness Services		
Hazmat Consultation services and Corporate Liner Audits		Hatch Integrity / Securing / Sealing Surveys	Stability for Fishermen <i>(Online)</i>		Vessel / Cargo Damage Claim Surveys		
		Dead Freight / Max Loadable Cargo Surveys	OSHA Maritime Safety Courses <i>(10-hour Outreach / 5410)</i>		P&I Club Surveys		
		Pile Measurement Surveys	CTUPack e-learning course				


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