Australasian Explosives Industry Safety Group Inc.

AEISG – Overview and Benefits of Membership

2026

Responsible Explosives Management

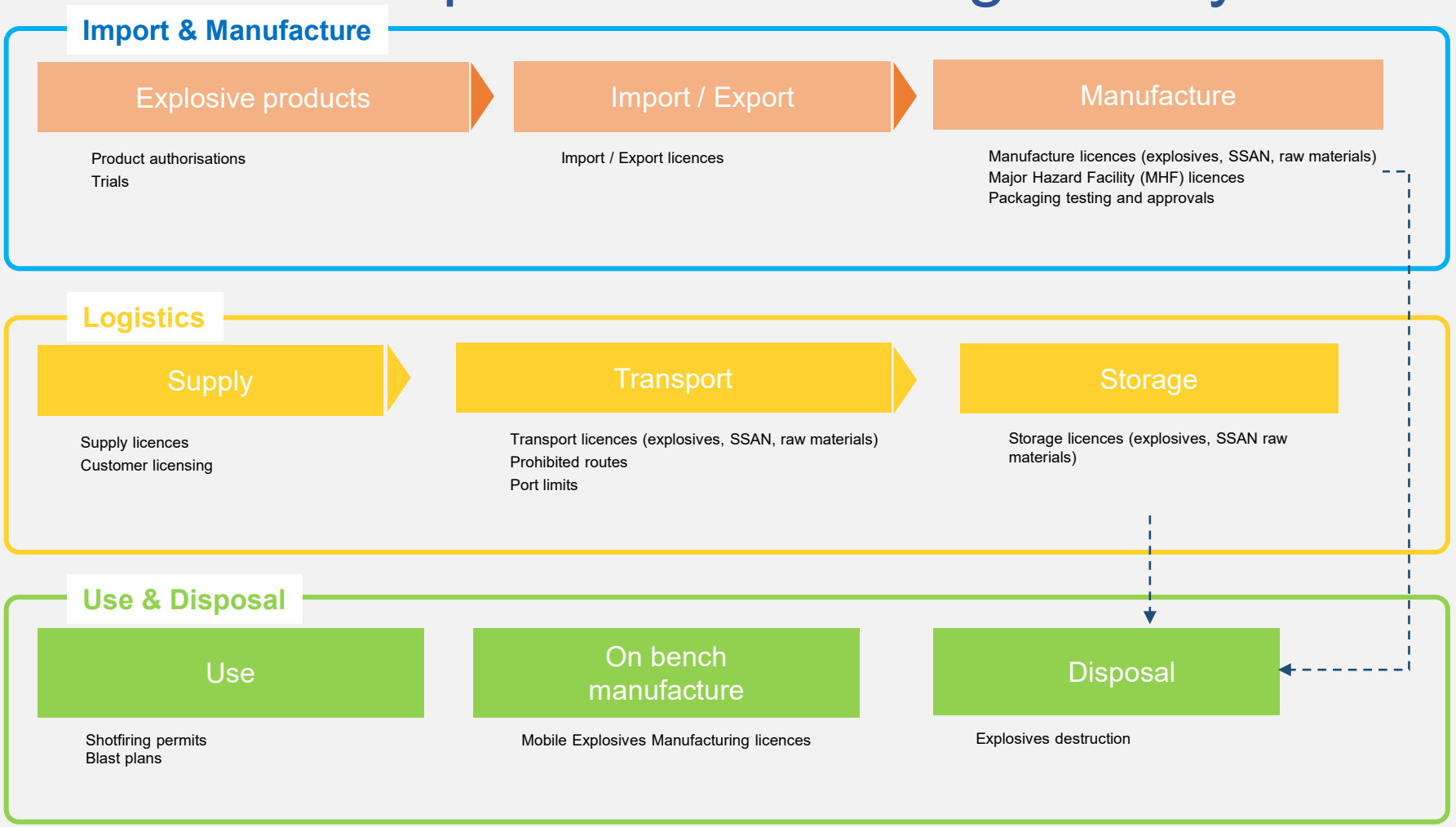
AEISG - Background

- Formed in 1994
- Provides members with a unified voice; ensuring communication and collaboration with industry policy makers and stakeholders
- Not for profit industry association that represents the views and advocates the needs of its members
- Our primary goal is to continuously improve the level of safety and security throughout the manufacture, transport, storage, handling and use of commercial explosives and explosives precursors (e.g., AN, ANEs) throughout Australasia
- Preparation of submissions on policies, legislation, standards and codes relevant to the explosives industry and related organisations

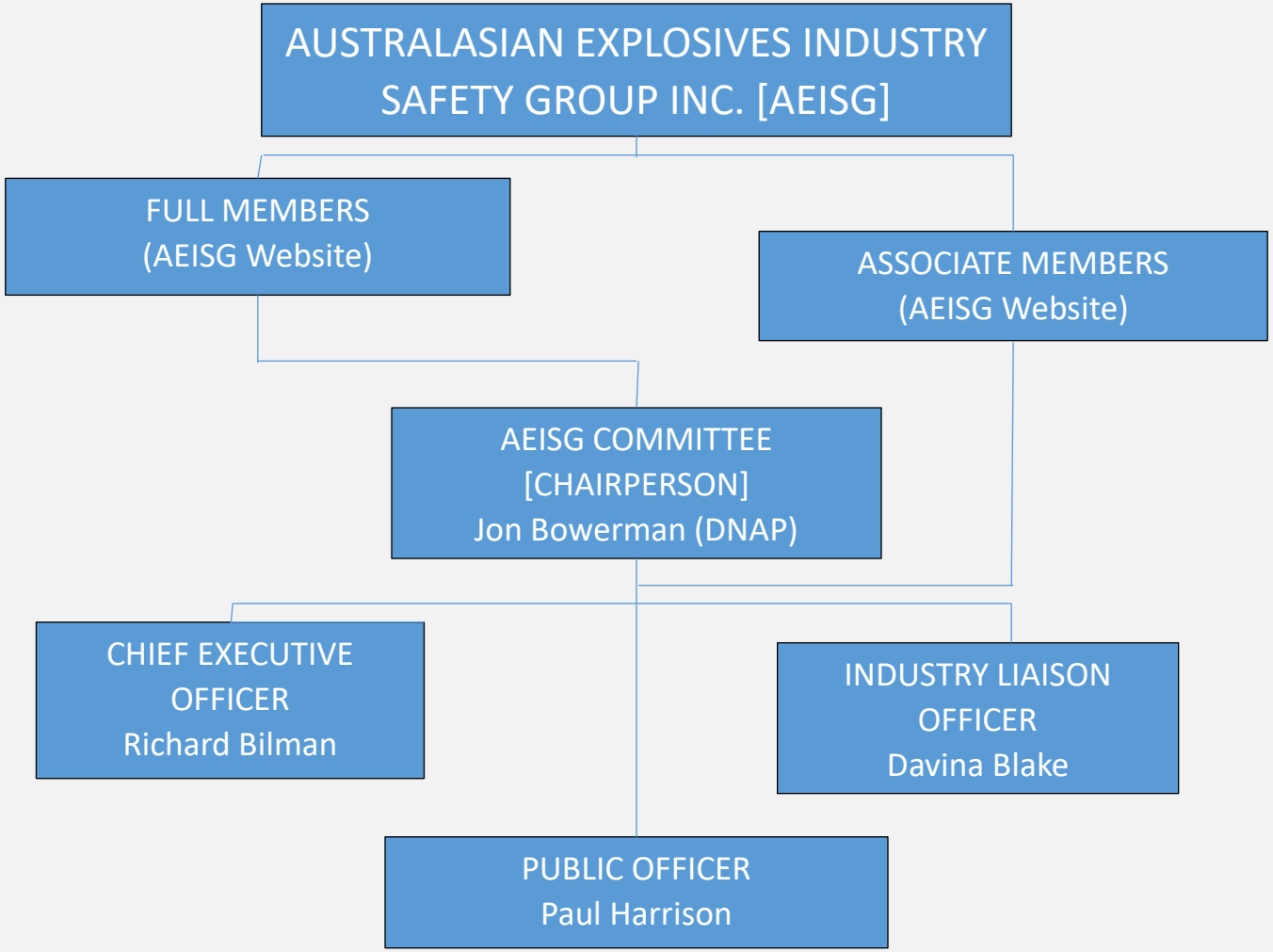
What is AEISG

- An incorporated association
- Represents all significant Australasian manufacturers and suppliers of commercial explosives and explosive precursors
- Promotes safety and uniformity via freely available Codes of Practice; free download at https://www.aeisg.org.au/
- AEISG Codes of Practice
  - Secondary to legislation – aim to 'fill the gaps / supplement'
  - Technically comprehensive and detailed
  - Mandatory compliance by AEISG members
  - Many are called up by, or are "deemed to satisfy" legislation

AEISG Mandate - Explosives Licensing Life Cycle



AEISG – Operating Structure



Potential Members - Attributes

- Demonstration of competence in the life-cycle of explosives / explosives precursors in which the company is involved
- Compliance with relevant State / Territory legislation
- Knowledge of relevant AEISG Codes
- Commitment to best practice safety and security of explosives / explosives precursors, including but not limited to:
  - Sharing (within AEISG) incidents and lessons learnt, i.e., those incidents that are non – IP / Confidential safety / security incidents
  - Involvement in developing / review of relevant AEISG Codes

Member Responsibilities

- Compliance with all current, and revised, AEISG Codes of Practice and Policies
- Attendance at (majority of) AEISG meetings:
  - General Meetings (four [2 in person and 2 virtual] x approx. 1.5 days)
  - MS Teams Meetings (eight x 1.5 hours)
  - AGM (approx. 2 – 3 hours)
- Provide quarterly company incident summaries
- Provide comments on relevant upcoming reviews of legislation, standards and codes, to ensure individual members' voices and concerns are met

Membership Categories and Fees *(2025 / 2026)

Full Members: Companies who participate in the import, manufacture and / or supply of commercial explosives and or precursors for explosives in Australasia are eligible to apply.

Associate Members: Companies or organisations who participate in the storage, transportation, handling and / or use of commercial explosives and / or precursors for explosives in Australasia, or such other companies or organisations deemed by the Committee to be suitably associated with the explosives industry in Australasia are eligible to apply.

Membership Category	*Membership Fee ($), includes GST	*Expense Reimbursement ($), includes GST	*Total AEISG Fees ($), includes GST
Major Full Member	12,100	51,950	**64,050**
Intermediate Full Member	12,100	29,950	**42,050**
Minor Full Member	12,100	12,400	**24,500**
Associate Member	6,050	-	**6,050**

Member - Entitlements

- Receive notice of all meetings of the Association (monthly, quarterly, AGM)
- Attend, speak and vote (only full members) at these meetings
- Full access to minutes of meetings
- Input into any AEISG submission to Government and external stakeholders
- AEISG assistance / advocacy with state / territory and New Zealand Governments
- Access to the members only section of the AEISG website, e.g., correspondence, internal documents, provides relevant 'base' technical information and practical safety tools, and regulatory, legislation and international updates
- Input into AEISG submissions to United Nations (UN) Sub-Committees:
  - Transport of Dangerous Goods; and
  - Globally Harmonised System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals

Member Benefits – Summary

- AEISG brand is well known and trusted
- Workshop and discuss issues with like-minded people in an open environment that allows exchange of opinions and ideas
- AEISG influence on various standards and legislation, e.g., Australian Standards
- Technical expertise within the AEISG community – national and international
- Stakeholder relationships – industry, regulators, media, etc
- AEISG have ‘seats at most tables’ - directly involved in proactively progressing issues that have the potential to impact our sector
- Heads up on upcoming issues, e.g., potential amendments to legislation
- AEISG members ‘own’ a part of every AEISG Code that is published. This is a sign of duty of care as companies work towards our Codes
- Visibility at relevant workshops, conferences, social media, etc

Member Benefits - Safety and Security

- Development and ratification of AEISG Codes of Practice (best practice) – many ‘called up’ directly / indirectly into legislation
- Confidential sharing of member (Australasia / global) incidents
- ‘Deep dive’ into significant incidents
- Influence in development of Australian codes / standards, e.g., planned Australian Industry Code – transport of ammonium nitrate explosion risk goods (in response to 2022 ANE tanker explosion, WA)
- Broad remit – Australasia (Australia and NZ) and Internationally – regulators, industry associations, testing agencies

Member Benefits - Regulatory

- AEISG members are recognised positively by regulators for the additional controls they must meet in complying with mandatory AEISG Codes
- AEISG has developed and nurtures respectful relations with states / territories regulators, which allows for robust discussions
- AEISG meets regularly with government regulatory bodies to discuss interpretation and implementation of legislation
- Advocacy on behalf of the Australasian Explosives Industry at all levels of Government
- Education assistance, as required to regulators, emergency responders

Member Benefits - Global reach and influence

- Associate membership and strong affiliation with global industry association, e.g., Institute of Manufactures of Explosive (IME), SAFEX International (SAFEX)
- United Nations (UN) Accredited Non-Government Organisation and participates, in Geneva, at the UN:
  - Sub-Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (TDG); Model Regulations for the (TDG);
  - Sub-Committee of Experts on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS); Maintenance and improvements of the GHS
  - Explosives Working Group (EWG); Manual of Tests and Criteria – testing of explosives and dangerous goods

    AEISG paper to be presented in mid-2024: Amendment to the test criteria for transport of AN Emulsions

Thank you

AEISG Codes of Practice – free download at
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