
QUALIFIED ENVIROTAINER PROVIDER

PARTICIPANT BRIEFING

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1 Introduction

The Qualified Envirotainer Provider Training and Quality Program (QEP) formally recognizes those freight forwarder and airline stations who meet industry standards for managing Envirotainer container shipments.

Since its launch in 2007, the award-winning QEP program has proven to be a tremendous success measured in both the number of participating stations and the tens of thousands of persons who have received training on both Envirotainer and industry best practices.

QEP not only promotes Good Distribution Practices (GDP), but also helps ensure service provider competence while providing clear benefits to cold chain stakeholders:

Manufacturer

- A benchmark for vendor selection
- Use to assess a station's capability
- Reduce qualification costs

Transport Service Providers

- Free GDP and Envirotainer-related training
- Proof of good practices
- Official recognition in the market
- Assistance in developing GDP-compliant quality systems

Freight forwarder and airline stations that both provide Envirotainer container services and, are invited by Envirotainer can participate in the QEP program. There is no charge for becoming QEP Accredited, nor for using the Envirotainer academy for training. If you have questions, or are interested in participating in the QEP program, please contact support@envirotainer.com.

2 Definitions

QEP Application – An online form, located on the Customer Login page of the Envirotainer website used to manage QEP-related information.

QEP Expiration Date- The date by which a station's QEP status is to be renewed (three years from the date the QEP Application was approved).

QEP Responsible Person – The person, located at the station, which helps ensure the station complies with QEP requirements. This person can also be the QEP Sponsor.

QEP Sponsor – The person, typically at corporate level, who ensures QEP receives necessary support.

Station- A freight forwarder or airline location that provides Envirotainer container services.

3 Responsibilities

The following persons have responsibilities related to the QEP program:

Envirotainer

- Maintains the QEP Application platform.
- Processes QEP Applications.
- Verifies QEP participants comply with QEP requirements.

QEP Responsible Person

- Performs QEP-related tasks as defined by the QEP Sponsor.

QEP Sponsor

- Ensures the QEP program receives necessary resources at their company.
- Obtains Envirotainer approval before any QEP marketing.
- Manages Authorized User’s access to the QEP Application.
- Notifies Envirotainer when Authorized Users change responsibilities or leave the company.
- Ensures QEP Application information is accurate and current.

4 QEP Requirements

The requirements for QEP basic^o, QEP advanced^o and QEP expert^o levels are defined in Figure 1. The participating company can have stations at different QEP levels. QEP accreditation is valid for 3 years.

	QEP basic ^o	QEP advanced ^o	QEP expert ^o
Personnel training	✓	✓	✓
Quality management system	✓	✓	✓
Envirotainer procedures	✓	✓	✓
# containers handled / month		≥ 5	≥ 15
GDP or CEIV certification			✓

Figure 1- QEP program levels and requirements

4.1 Personnel Training

All company staff and agents involved in the shipment of Envirotainer containers are to be trained on GDP and Envirotainer as needed to perform their designated role.

Training is to be conducted every three years, or less, using one or more of sources and methods defined in Figure 2. Training provided by the QEP participant, or third party is to be approved by Envirotainer. Hands on (on-the-job) training is suitable for persons who have limited role related to the Envirotainer container.

	Computer based	Instructor led
Envirotainer	✓	✓
QEP participant	✓	✓
Third Party		✓

Figure 2- Approved training methods and sources

4.2 Quality management system

The station is to have the organizational structure and resources needed to maintain a quality management system that includes, at a minimum, Document and Change Control, Corrective and Preventative Action (CAPA), Personnel Training and Written Procedures. Envirotainer may verify if corrective/preventative actions were implemented by the QEP participant to address improper handling of Envirotainer containers or product temperature deviations.

4.3 Envirotainer related procedures

The station is to have written instructions for activities relating to the preparation and handling of Envirotainer container shipments. Written instructions are to align with the best practices defined in the Envirotainer Container Operations Manual and Envirotainer academy content. The station is to have a current copy of the Envirotainer Operations Manuals for staff to access. The station is to have written instructions that defines how to file a quality case with Envirotainer and includes the station's responsibility to cooperate in the investigation of non-conformities.

4.4 # of containers/month handled by station

The station's staff or agent must have experience gained from handling or processing a certain number of Envirotainer shipments each month.

4.5 GDP or CEIV certification

The station is to have either IATA CEIV or a third-party GDP certification.

5 QEP implementation

This section describes the QEP implementation process.

5.1 Planning

The company appoints a QEP Sponsor who arranges a call with Envirotainer to discuss implementation. Envirotainer and the QEP Sponsor agrees on the participating stations, with preference given to stations that handle the most Envirotainer container shipments.

5.2 Development

The QEP Sponsor and Envirotainer determines actions needed to meet QEP requirements and makes necessary changes. Envirotainer must approve Envirotainer-related procedures and training content.

5.3 Training

The station conducts training and implements any necessary changes. Envirotainer verifies training is completed and gives the QEP Sponsor access to the QEP Application.

5.4 Accreditation

The QEP Sponsor submits a QEP Application for each station. Envirotainer reviews the application and, if approved, sends the QEP Certificate via email to the QEP Sponsor and QEP Responsible Person. The new QEP station is added to the QEP Accredited Providers list.

6 QEP Application

The QEP Application is used by the QEP Sponsor to manage the QEP station information and perform related actions:

- Renew a station's QEP status.
- Change a station's QEP level from QEP basic^o, QEP advanced^o or QEP expert^o.
- Update station information.
- Add a new QEP station.

The QEP Sponsor can authorize user(s) to access the QEP Application by sending the designated person's email address to support@envirotainer.com.

To access the QEP Application, login to the Envirotainer Portal. Under the Resources tab, choose the QEP option. Select whether to renew or change an existing QEP station or add a new QEP station.

Complete the application (Figure 4) and click the Submit button. The application will be reviewed by Envirotainer and, if approved, the station will be added updated to the on the QEP Accredited Providers on the Envirotainer website and the QEP certificate will be emailed to the QEP Sponsor and QEP Responsible Person.

Station

Company

Station IATA Code REQUIRED

Email of QEP Responsible Person at location REQUIRED

Certifications Certifications for this location
 ISO Certified
 GDP Certified
 CEIV Certified

Location Services

Does this location have a warehouse? REQUIRED
 Yes No

Does this location set up or load containers? REQUIRED
 Yes No

Does this location physically handle containers? REQUIRED
 Yes No

Can this location change or recharge container batteries? REQUIRED
 Yes No Not applicable

Are status updates provided to the shipper? REQUIRED
(e.g. flown as booked, landed, off-loaded, etc)
 Yes No Not applicable

Is a message sent to the destination station pre-alerting them of handling, reicing and/or recharging requirements? REQUIRED
 Yes No

Temperature

Does this location have a designated pharma storage area that maintains +15°C to +25°C? REQUIRED
 Yes No

Does this location have a designated pharma storage area that maintains +2°C to 8°C? REQUIRED
 Yes No Not applicable

Does this location use a time/temperature check sheet when accepting a shipment? REQUIRED
 Yes No Not applicable

Can this location provide dry ice slices or blocks if requested? REQUIRED
 Yes No Not applicable

Training

Number of company employees trained at this location REQUIRED

Employee recurring training frequency REQUIRED

Primary method used for Envirotainer training of company employees REQUIRED

Remarks

Remarks, if any

I verify that all information provided is accurate to the best of my knowledge and that I will abide by the terms and conditions of the QEP Program Participant Briefing.

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Figure 4- QEP Application

7 Renewing QEP status

Envirotainer will contact the QEP Sponsor and/or QEP Responsible Persons at least 90 days prior to the QEP Expiration Date to remind them to complete a QEP Application for each QEP station.

QEP stations who do not renew by the expiration date will be removed from the QEP program. QEP participation is by invitation and, as such, Envirotainer may elect not to renew QEP status.

8 QEP Compliance

Participating stations who fail to follow the best practices defined in the Envirotainer Container Operations Manual may be requested to submit a corrective action report to Envirotainer and take necessary action. Failure to take actions may result in removal from the QEP program.

9 QEP Accredited Providers list

Envirotainer maintains a QEP Accredited Providers list on Envirotainer.com to recognize participating companies. This list notes the company name and the number of stations at QEP basic^o, QEP advanced^o and QEP expert^o level. Users who click on the company name, will go to a page where they can also see the city, airport code and QEP level. The participant can elect to display their Company logo and have a link to their website.