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U.S. Department  
of Transportation

400 Seventh Street, S.W.  
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**Pipeline and  
Hazardous Materials  
Safety Administration**

DOT-SP 9478  
(FIFTH REVISION)

EXPIRATION DATE: February 28, 2010

(FOR RENEWAL, SEE 49 CFR § 107.109)

1. GRANTEE: Meggitt Safety Systems Inc.  
Simi Valley, CA
2. PURPOSE AND LIMITATIONS:
  - a. This special permit authorizes the manufacture, mark, sale and use of a non-DOT specification cylinder conforming with all regulations applicable to a DOT Specification 3AL cylinder for the transportation in commerce of the materials authorized by this special permit. This special permit provides no relief from the Hazardous Materials Regulations (HMR) other than as specifically stated herein.
  - b. The safety analyses performed in development of this special permit only considered the hazards and risks associated with transportation in commerce.
3. REGULATORY SYSTEM AFFECTED: 49 CFR Parts 106, 107 and 171-180.
4. REGULATIONS FROM WHICH EXEMPTED: 49 CFR § 173.304a in that non-DOT specification cylinders are not authorized and § 175.3, except as prescribed herein.
5. BASIS: This special permit is based on the application of Meggitt Safety Systems dated February 13, 2006, submitted in accordance with § 107.109.

6. HAZARDOUS MATERIALS (49 CFR § 172.101):

<b>Hazardous Material Description</b>			
<b>Proper Shipping Name</b>	<b>Hazard Class/ Division</b>	<b>Identification Number</b>	<b>Packing Group</b>
Fire extinguishers (with bromotrifluoromethane)	2.2	UN1044	N/A

7. SAFETY CONTROL MEASURES:

a. PACKAGING - Prescribed packagings are non-DOT specification cylinders conforming to drawing 25693 Rev. P7, on file with the Office of Hazardous Materials Special Permits and Approvals (OHMSPA) and DOT 3AL Specification (§§ 178.35 and 178.46) except as follows:

§ 178.35(f) *Marking*

Each cylinder must be permanently marked by stamping on the cylinder shoulder, head, neck or base in the order as required in 178.35(f)(1)(i) except that the marking "DOT 3AL" must be replaced by "DOT-SP 9478 - 625".

§ 178.46(a) *Size and service pressure.*

Seamless aluminum cylinder with maximum water capacity of 30 cubic inches and a service pressure of 625 psig.

§ 178.46(c) *Manufacture.*

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(i) \* \* \*

(ii) Third sentence is revised to read "Failure must initiate in the cylinder sidewall".

§ 178.46(e) *Openings.*

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(5) The following openings are authorized in the top head:

(i) One 1 5/8 inch centered neck opening.

(ii) Two 5/16 inch openings normal to and through in the neck sidewall at 180° to each other.

§ 178.46(h) *Flattening test.*

Flattening test is not required provided that a burst test on one cylinder out of each lot of 200 cylinders or less is performed. Failure must be in a ductile mode initiating in the cylinder sidewall. Test cylinder must remain in one piece. Burst pressure must be at least 4000 psig.

b. TESTING - Each cylinder must be reinspected and retested at least once every five years in accordance with § 180.205 as prescribed for DOT Specification 3AL cylinders.

8. SPECIAL PROVISIONS:

a. In accordance with the provisions of Paragraph (b) of § 173.22a, persons may use the packaging authorized by this special permit for the transportation of the hazardous materials specified in paragraph 6, only in conformance with the terms of this special permit.

b. A person who is not a holder of this special permit, but receives a package covered by this special permit, may reoffer it for transportation provided no modification or change is made to the package or its contents and it is offered for transportation in conformance with this special permit and the HMR.

c. A current copy of this special permit must be maintained at each facility where the package is offered or reoffered for transportation.

d. Each packaging manufactured under the authority of this special permit must be marked with a registration symbol designated by the Office of Hazardous Materials Special Permits and Approvals for a specific manufacturing facility.

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- e. A current copy of this special permit must be maintained at each facility where the package is manufactured under this special permit. It must be made available to a DOT representative upon request.
- f. Packagings permanently marked 'DOT-E 9478', prior to October 1, 2007, may continue to be used under this special permit for the remaining service life of the packaging or until the special permit is no longer valid. Packagings marked on or after October 1, 2007, must be marked 'SP 9478'.
- g. Shipping papers displaying 'DOT-E 9478' may continue to be used until October 1, 2007, provided the special permit remains valid.
9. MODES OF TRANSPORTATION AUTHORIZED: Motor vehicle, rail freight and cargo aircraft only.
10. MODAL REQUIREMENTS: A current copy of this special permit must be carried aboard each cargo vessel, aircraft or motor vehicle used to transport packages covered by this special permit. The shipper shall furnish a copy of this special permit to the air carrier before or at the time the shipment is tendered.
11. COMPLIANCE: Failure by a person to comply with any of the following may result in suspension or revocation of this special permit and penalties prescribed by the Federal hazardous materials transportation law, 49 U.S.C. 5101 et seq:
- o All terms and conditions prescribed in this special permit and the Hazardous Materials Regulations, Parts 171-180.
  - o Persons operating under the terms of this special permit must comply with the security plan requirement in Subpart I of Part 172 of the HMR, when applicable.
  - o Registration required by § 107.601 et seq., when applicable.

Each "Hazmat employee", as defined in § 171.8, who performs a function subject to this special permit must receive training on the requirements and conditions of this special permit in addition to the training required by §§ 172.700 through 172.704.

No person may use or apply this special permit, including display of its number, when the special permit has expired or is otherwise no longer in effect.

Under Title VII of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU)- 'The Hazardous Materials Safety and Security Reauthorization Act of 2005' (Pub. L. 109-59), 119 Stat. 1144 (August 10, 2005), amended the Federal hazardous materials transportation law by changing the term 'exemption' to 'special permit' and authorizes a special permit to be granted up to two years for new special permits and up to four years for renewals.

12. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS: Shipments or operations conducted under this special permit are subject to the Hazardous Materials Incident Reporting requirements specified in 49 CFR §§ 171.15 - Immediate notice of certain hazardous materials incidents, and 171.16 - Detailed hazardous materials incident reports. In addition, the grantee(s) of this special permit must notify the Associate Administrator for Hazardous Materials Safety, in writing, of any incident involving a package, shipment or operation conducted under terms of this special permit.

Issued in Washington, D.C.:



for Robert A. McGuire  
Associate Administrator  
for Hazardous Materials Safety

Address all inquiries to: Associate Administrator for Hazardous Materials Safety, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, Washington, D.C. 20590. Attention: PHH-31.

Copies of this special permit may be obtained by accessing the Hazardous Materials Safety Homepage at [http://hazmat.dot.gov/sp\\_app/special\\_permits/spec\\_perm\\_index.htm](http://hazmat.dot.gov/sp_app/special_permits/spec_perm_index.htm) Photo reproductions and legible reductions of this special permit are permitted. Any alteration of this special permit is prohibited.

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