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DOT-E 12501
(FIRST REVISION)

EXPIRATION DATE: December 15, 2000

1. GRANTEE: Northland Services, Inc.
Seattle, WA

2. PURPOSE AND LIMITATION:

a. This emergency exemption authorizes the transportation in commerce of liquefied petroleum gas in certain DOT Specification 51 portable tanks and non-DOT specification portable tanks. This exemption provides no relief from the Hazardous Materials Regulations (HMR) other than as specifically stated herein.

b. The safety analyses performed in development of this exemption 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 § 178.245-4(e) in that certain DOT Specification 51 portable tanks which meet the definition of a container in § 450.3(a)(2) without each design having been prototype tested are authorized as specified herein.

5. BASIS: This emergency exemption is based on the application of Northland Services, Inc. dated June 28, 2000 submitted in accordance with § 107.117 and a determination that it is necessary to prevent significant injury to persons or property, and additional letters dated September 8, 2000, and November 8, 2000.

6. HAZARDOUS MATERIALS (49 CFR § 172.101):

Proper shipping name -- Hazardous materials description	Hazard Class/ Division	Identi-fication Number	Packing Group
Petroleum gases, liquefied	2.1	UN1075	N/A

7. SAFETY CONTROL MEASURES:

a. PACKAGING - Packagings prescribed are six (6) DOT Specification 51 portable tanks and four (4) non-DOT specification portable tanks which meet the definition of a container in § 450.3(a)(2) without each design having been prototype tested as required by 49 CFR Parts 450 through 453.

(1) DOT Specification 51 portable tanks bear the following serial numbers:

420067
420113
420114
420116
420156
420157

(2) Non-DOT specification portable tanks bear the following serial numbers:

420112
420115
420117
420144

b. OPERATIONAL CONTROLS -

(1) Transportation is limited to portable tanks and barges owned by Northland Services, Inc.

(2) DOT Specification 51 portable tanks are limited to two round-trips between the States of Washington (WA) and Alaska. The first round-trip will depart WA on or about July 7, 2000 and the second round-trip will depart WA on or about August 18, 2000.

(3) Non-DOT specification portable tanks are limited to one-time, one-way transportation between Alaska and Washington. Tanks must be empty but are not cleaned and purged.

8. SPECIAL PROVISIONS:

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

b. MARKING: Each portable tank must be marked "DOT-E 12501" in accordance with the provisions of §§ 172.302(b) and 172.302(c).

9. MODES OF TRANSPORTATION AUTHORIZED: Motor vehicle and cargo vessel.

10. MODAL REQUIREMENTS:

a. A current copy of this exemption must be carried aboard each cargo vessel or motor vehicle used to transport packages covered by this exemption.

b. For transportation by cargo vessel:

(1) Prior to each shipment, the shipper or shipper's representative must visually inspect each portable tank and provide written/signed certification, that is attached to the shipping papers, to verify that there are no visible signs of damage including the following:

(i) cracks in the corner fittings
(ii) dents in the corner posts
(iii) tears, breaks, holes in the overall framework, including saddles
(iv) external evidence of corrosion or other unsafe conditions
(v) damage to the tank and fittings.

(2) The stowage of the portable tanks covered by this exemption must be approved by the United States Coast Guard prior to shipment.

11. COMPLIANCE: Failure by a person to comply with any of the following may result in suspension or revocation of this exemption and penalties prescribed by the Federal hazardous materials transportation law, 49 U.S.C. 5101 et seq:

- All terms and conditions prescribed in this exemption and the Hazardous Materials Regulations, 49 CFR Parts 171-180.

- 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 exemption must receive training

on the requirements and conditions of this exemption in addition to the training required by §§ 172.700 through 172.704.

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

12. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS: The carrier is required to report any incident involving loss of packaging contents or packaging failure to the Associate Administrator for Hazardous Materials Safety (AAHMS) as soon as practicable. (Sections 171.15 and 171.16 apply to any activity undertaken under the authority of this exemption.) In addition, the holder(s) of this exemption must inform the AAHMS, in writing, of any incident involving the package and shipments made under the terms of this exemption.

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(DATE)

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