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(SECOND REVISION)

EXPIRATION DATE: February 28, 2005

1. GRANTEE: Packaging Specialties, Inc.
Medina, OH

2. PURPOSE AND LIMITATION:

a. This exemption authorizes the manufacture, marking, sale and use of UN standard steel drums that do not conform to the marking provisions of Part 178 for the transportation in commerce of the materials authorized in paragraph 6 of this exemption. 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 § 172.203(a) in that marking the exemption number on the shipping paper is waived; § 172.301(c) in that marking the exemption number on the drum is waived; §§ 178.3(c) and 178.503(a) in that each drum represented as manufactured to meet a UN standard does not bear all of the required marks.

5. BASIS: This exemption is based on the application of Packaging Specialties, Inc. dated March 21, 2003, submitted in accordance with § 107.109.

6. HAZARDOUS MATERIALS (49 CFR § 172.101):

| Proper shipping name -- Hazardous materials description | Hazard Class/ Division | Identi- fication Number | Packing Group |
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| Hazardous Materials authorized in UN Standard steel drums by the HMR | Various | Various | Various |

7. SAFETY CONTROL MEASURES:

a. PACKAGING: Packagings authorized are UN Standard non-bulk steel drums meeting the packing group performance level marked on each drum. Each drum bears two separate UN standard markings. Each separate marking string on the side of the drum does not contain all of the marks required by § 178.503(a).

b. MARKING: Each drum is marked on the side with the following information except that each design type, performance level, wall thickness, and year of manufacture may vary:

Durable side markings example
UN 1A2/X425/S/01
UN 1A2/Y1.4/250
USA/4492

8. SPECIAL PROVISIONS:

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

b. A person who is not a holder of this exemption who receives a package covered by this exemption may reoffer it for transportation provided no modifications or changes are made to the package and it is reoffered for transportation in conformance with this exemption and the HMR.

c. A current copy of this exemption must be maintained at each facility where the package is manufactured under this exemption. It must be made available to a DOT representative upon request.

d. The marking requirements of §§ 172.203(a) and 172.301(c) are waived.

e. New construction is not authorized after July 31, 2001 for the drum markings specified under this exemption.

9. MODES OF TRANSPORTATION AUTHORIZED: Motor vehicle, rail freight, cargo vessel, cargo aircraft only.

10. MODAL REQUIREMENTS: None, other than as required by the HMR.

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.
- 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.

Issued in Washington, D.C.:

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