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**Pipeline and Hazardous  
Materials Safety Administration**

DOT-SP 21015  
(FIRST REVISION)

(FOR RENEWAL, SEE 49 CFR 107.109)

1. GRANTEE: (See individual authorization letter)
2. PURPOSE AND LIMITATION:
  - a. This special permit authorizes the transportation in commerce of packages containing limited quantities of hazardous materials with a reduced size limited quantity marking that is placed on the package tracking label. This special permit provides no relief from the Hazardous Materials Regulations (HMR) other than as specifically stated herein. The most recent revision supersedes all previous revisions.
  - b. The safety analyses performed in the development of this special permit only considered the hazards and risks associated with the transportation in commerce.
  - c. Unless otherwise stated herein, this special permit consists of the special permit authorization letter issued to the grantee together with this document.
3. REGULATORY SYSTEM AFFECTED: 49 CFR Parts 106, 107 and 171-180.
4. REGULATIONS FROM WHICH EXEMPTED: 49 CFR § 172.203(a) in that the special permit number need not be notated on the shipping paper for transportation by motor vehicle and rail freight; § 172.315(a)(2) in that the limited quantity marking is less than 100 mm on a side and placed on the shipping label regardless of the size of the packaging.
5. BASIS: This special permit is based on the reconsideration request of Amazon.com, Inc. dated September 12, 2020 and submitted in accordance with § 107.123.

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6. HAZARDOUS MATERIALS (49 CFR 172.101):

<b>Hazardous Materials Description</b>			
<b>Proper Shipping Name</b>	<b>Hazard Class/ Division</b>	<b>Identification Number</b>	<b>Packing Group</b>
Hazardous Materials listed in the HMR other than radioactive materials	Class 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, and 9	As applicable	As applicable

7. SAFETY CONTROLS:a. PACKAGING: As required by the HMR.b. OPERATIONAL CONTROLS:

(1) Each package must bear a carrier specific tracking label capable of electronically communicating to carriers that the package contains hazardous materials shipped under a limited quantity exception and the authorized modes of transportation, including that transport by air is not authorized.

(2) The air mode of transportation is not authorized.

(3) International transportation is not authorized.

(4) The grantee must physically or electronically, provide to carriers accepting packages transported under this special permit training materials on the terms of this permit, including how to retrieve the information described in paragraph 7.b.(1) above.

c. MARKING:

(1) Each limited quantity marking must be a minimum of 25 mm on each side and placed in the upper right quadrant of the package tracking label. The special permit number marking required by 49 CFR 172.301(c) must be marked on the same surface of the package as the tracking or shipping label.

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(2) The marking must be displayed on a background of sharply contrasting color.

(3) The reduced size marking is not authorized for use on the outside of an overpack.

(4) Multiple limited quantity items may be combined into one outer package for transportation under the terms of this special permit. Each outer package may not exceed 30 kg gross weight.

8. SPECIAL PROVISIONS:

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

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

9. MODES OF TRANSPORTATION AUTHORIZED: Motor vehicle, rail freight, cargo vessel, and ferry vessel.

10. MODAL REQUIREMENTS: A current copy of this special permit must be carried aboard each cargo and ferry vessel used to transport packages covered by this special permit.

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, 49 CFR 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.

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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 this 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:

a. 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.

b. Each party must collect and submit data to [specialpermits@dot.gov](mailto:specialpermits@dot.gov) on the usage of this permit on a monthly basis to the Office of Hazardous Materials Safety Approvals and Permits Division. The usage data must include the point of origin and destination (e.g. city, state), the

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average monthly shipment volume (in units), the average package size and weight, the mode(s) of transport used and a list of all UN numbers shipped during the period.

Issued in Washington, D.C.:



for William Schoonover  
Associate Administrator for Hazardous Materials Safety

Address all inquiries to: Associate Administrator for Hazardous Materials Safety, Pipeline and Hazardous Material Safety Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, East Building PHH-30, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, Southeast, Washington, D.C. 20590.

Copies of this special permit may be obtained by accessing the Hazardous Materials Safety Homepage at <https://www.phmsa.dot.gov/approvals-and-permits/hazmat/special-permits-search>. Photo reproductions and legible reductions of this special permit are permitted. Any alteration of this special permit is prohibited.

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