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**Pipeline and Hazardous  
Materials Safety Administration**

DOT-SP 3302  
(THIRTEENTH 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 certain non-flammable gases in non-DOT specification sampling bottles (cylinders). 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 development of this special permit only considered the hazards and risks associated with 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 § 173.302a in that non-DOT specification packages are not authorized and § 175.3, except as specified herein.
5. BASIS: This special permit is based on the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration's (PHMSA) editorial review under § 107.121 initiated on December 4, 2008.

6. HAZARDOUS MATERIALS (49 CFR § 172.101):

<b>Hazardous Materials Description</b>			
<b>Proper Shipping Name</b>	<b>Hazard Class/ Division</b>	<b>Identi- fication Number</b>	<b>Packing Group</b>
Argon, compressed	2.2	UN1006	N/A
Helium, compressed	2.2	UN1046	N/A
Nitrogen, compressed	2.2	UN1066	N/A
Oxygen, compressed	2.2	UN1072	N/A

7. SAFETY CONTROL MEASURES: Prescribed packagings are 130 cubic inch capacity sampling bottles fabricated from Type 304 stainless steel and designed for a service pressure of 1,800 pounds psig at 70°F. Outside diameter and length of bottles may not exceed 4 1/2 inches and 12 inches respectively, and the minimum wall thickness must be 0.207 inches. Cylinders must be hydrostatically tested at 3,000 pounds psig in accordance with § 178.53(h). One cylinder out of each lot of 500 or less must be hydrostatically tested to 5,000 psi without bursting. Each bottle must be equipped with a safety device set to function at a pressure not exceeding 1,800 psig. All old and new cylinders must be retested hydrostatically every five years at 3,000 psig in accordance with § 180.205. Each bottle must be shipped in an outside portable case that will protect the bottle during transportation. In addition, all new bottles constructed after November 15, 1971, must comply with the following:
- a. Air tested at 1,800 psig.
  - b. All welded joints which are subjected to internal pressure must be radiographic inspected.
  - c. Independent inspection approved in accordance with § 107.803(b)
  - d. Meet all flattening and physical tests specified in § 178.53(i), (j) and (k).

- e. All test reports must be maintained for examination by DOT personnel.
  - f. Test reports on the initial lot only, made after November 15, 1971, must be sent to the Office of Hazardous Materials Special Permits and Approvals. All subsequent reports must be maintained as indicated above.
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 packaging or its contents 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.
  - c. The transportation of oxygen by aircraft is only authorized when in accordance with § 175.501.
9. MODES OF TRANSPORTATION AUTHORIZED: Motor vehicle, rail freight, cargo vessel, and cargo aircraft only.
10. MODAL REQUIREMENTS: A current copy of this special permit must be carried aboard each cargo vessel and aircraft used to transport packages covered by this special permit. The shipper must 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, 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.

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- 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 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: Shipments or operations conducted under this exemption 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 exemption 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 exemption.

Issued in Washington, D.C.:



for Theodore L. Willke  
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.

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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)

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