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of Transportation

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**Pipeline and Hazardous
Materials Safety Administration**

DOT-SP 14394

EXPIRATION DATE: December 31, 2008

(FOR RENEWAL, SEE 49 CFR § 107.109)

1. GRANTEE: The Boeing Company
Kennedy Space Center, FL
2. PURPOSE AND LIMITATION:
 - a. This special permit authorizes the transportation in commerce of non-DOT specification Nitrogen Tank Assemblies associated with Space Shuttle missions in support of the International Space Station Program. This special permit provides no relief from the Hazardous Materials Regulations (HMR) other than as specifically stated herein.
 - 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. No party status will be granted to this special permit.
3. REGULATORY SYSTEM AFFECTED: 49 CFR Parts 106, 107 and 171-180.
4. REGULATIONS FROM WHICH EXEMPTED: The requirements of the Hazardous Materials Regulations are waived when the Nitrogen Tank Assemblies are transported in accordance with this special permit and with the Boeing application for special permit dated August 24, 2006.
5. BASIS: This special permit is based on the application of The Boeing Company dated August 24, 2006 submitted in accordance with § 107.105 and the public proceeding thereon.

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6. HAZARDOUS MATERIALS (49 CFR § 172.101):

Hazardous Materials Description			
Proper Shipping Name	Hazard Class/ Division	Identification Number	Packing Group
Nitrogen, compressed	2.2	UN1066	N/A

7. SAFETY CONTROL MEASURES:

a. PACKAGING - Packaging prescribed is a non-DOT specification Nitrogen Tank Assembly (NTA). The NTA is an assembly consisting of a Composite Overwrapped Pressure Vessel (COPV) fixed to a structural plate with valves and associated plumbing. The NTA is pressurized to 2550 psia at 70°F and must have a minimum design burst pressure of 6000 psi at 140°F. Each NTA must meet the requirements of Boeing Drawing number 1F96499 on file with the Office of Hazardous Materials Special Permits and Approvals (OHMSPA).

b. OPERATIONAL CONTROLS -

(i) Transportation of Nitrogen Tank Assemblies is authorized for the purpose of processing the assemblies in support of the International Space Station Program. Two-way transportation is authorized between the Kennedy Space Center/Cape Canaveral Air Force Station and the SpaceHab Astrotech Facility in Cape Canaveral, Florida or the Astrotech Facility in Titusville Florida.

(ii) Transportation of the NTA is authorized either separately or installed in other equipment as described in the application for special permit on file with the OHMSPA. The NTA must be transported in either a government vehicle or installed in the space flight certified Spacehab module.

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 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.
9. MODES OF TRANSPORTATION AUTHORIZED: Motor Vehicle.
10. MODAL REQUIREMENTS: A current copy of this special permit must be carried aboard each motor vehicle 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.

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.

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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 Material 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. Photo reproductions and legible reductions of this special permit are permitted. Any alteration of this special permit is prohibited.

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