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**Pipeline and Hazardous  
Materials Safety Administration**

DOT-SP 15606

EXPIRATION DATE: May 31, 2012

1. GRANTEE: Airgas USA, LLC  
Cheyenne, WY
2. PURPOSE AND LIMITATION:
  - a. This emergency special permit authorizes the transportation in commerce of a DOT Specification 3AA cylinder containing anhydrous ammonia that developed a leak and is equipped with a Chlorine Institute Kit "A" to prevent leakage during transportation. 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. The safety analyses did not consider the hazards and risks associated with consumer use, use as a component of a transport vehicle or other device, or other uses not associated with 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: 49 CFR § 173.3(e) in that a Chlorine Institute Kit "A" may not be used for anhydrous ammonia, except as provided herein and § 172.301(c) in that the marking requirements are waived.
5. BASIS: This emergency special permit is based on the application of Airgas, Inc. dated March 27, 2012, submitted in accordance with § 107.117 and a determination that it is necessary to prevent significant injury to persons.

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>
Ammonia, anhydrous	2.2	UN1005	N/A

7. SAFETY CONTROL MEASURES:

a. PACKAGING - Packaging prescribed is a DOT Specification 3AA cylinder which developed a leak. The cylinder is equipped with a Chlorine Institute Kit "A" to prevent leakage during transportation.

b. The cylinder must be braced and blocked to prevent movement during transportation.

8. SPECIAL PROVISIONS:

a. The cylinder will be transported by a motor vehicle owned and operated by Airgas USA, LLC and will be transported one-time, one-way to the Airgas Specialty Products plant in Columbus, GA.

b. MARKING - The marking requirements of § 172.301(c) are waived.

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.

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- 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.

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 Dr. Magdy El-Sibaie  
Associate Administrator for Hazardous Materials Safety

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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 [http://hazmat.dot.gov/sp\\_app/special\\_permits/spec\\_perm\\_index.htm](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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