



U.S. Department
of Transportation

**Pipeline and Hazardous
Materials Safety
Administration**

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1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

DOT-SP 20548
(SIXTH REVISION)

EXPIRATION DATE: 2025-08-31

(FOR RENEWAL, SEE 49 CFR 107.109)

1. GRANTEE: U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission
Bethesda, MD
2. PURPOSE AND LIMITATION:
 - a. This special permit authorizes the transportation in commerce of certain packages that are not closed in accordance with the packaging manufacturer's closure instructions. 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. 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 § 173.22(a)(4)(i) in that a package must be closed in accordance with the packaging manufacturer's closure instructions, § 173.22(a)(4)(ii) in that a person must retain a copy of the packaging manufacturer's closure instructions and § 173.24(f)(2) in that a packaging closure must be closed in accordance the packaging manufacturer's closure instructions, except as specified herein.

5. BASIS: This special permit is based on the application of the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission dated January 5, 2018 submitted in accordance with § 107.109 and additional information dated September 1, 2021.
6. HAZARDOUS MATERIALS (49 CFR 172.101):

Hazardous Materials Description			
Proper Shipping Name	Hazard Class/ Division	Identification Number	Packing Group
All hazardous materials authorized to be shipped in 4G fiberboard boxes	As Appropriate	As Appropriate	As Appropriate

7. SAFETY CONTROL MEASURES:

a. PACKAGING: 4G fiberboard boxes (containing hazardous materials) that have been opened by U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) investigators in the course of their duties.

b. OPERATIONAL CONTROLS:

(1) Each package must be reclosed as follows:

(i) The flaps of the box must be folded in the same manner as they were when closed (e.g., meeting in middle, tucked into box).

(ii) The box must be closed with no fewer than three parallel strips of 3-inch wide equal to or greater than 3 mil polypropylene tape with tensile strength equal to or greater than 35 lbs over the original tape. The tape strips must overlap each other 0.5 inch and extend no less than 3 inches over each end of the box or to the ends of the original tape, whichever is greater.

(iii) The reclosed box must be marked "DOT-SP 20548" to indicate it has been reclosed in accordance with the special permit.

- (2) Transportation is authorized:
 - (i) One-way to the CPSC laboratory for the purpose of testing the hazardous materials for compliance with CPSC standards and regulations.
 - (ii) To the consignee shown on the original shipping paper, package marking or other media under the following conditions:
 - (A) The CPSC investigator returns the package to the person from whom the CPSC investigator obtained it.
 - (B) That person returns the package to transportation.
 - (iii) Once by the consignee shown on the original shipping paper, package marking or other media.

8. SPECIAL PROVISIONS:

- a. Under the terms of this special permit, the grantee may only offer hazardous materials (i.e., the grantee is not authorized as a carrier).
- b. 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.

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.

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 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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