



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 21489
(FIRST REVISION)

EXPIRATION DATE: 2029-07-31

(FOR RENEWAL, SEE 49 CFR 107.109)

1. GRANTEE: Stericycle, Inc.
Bannockburn, IL
2. PURPOSE AND LIMITATIONS:
 - a. This special permit authorizes the manufacture, mark, sale, and use of the non-bulk combination packaging specified in paragraph 7.a. for the transportation in commerce of certain materials authorized to be disposed of under 21 CFR Part 1317, Subpart B. 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. In accordance with 49 CFR 107.107(a), party status may not be granted to a manufacturing special permit. These packagings may be used in accordance with 49 CFR 173.22a.
3. REGULATORY SYSTEM AFFECTED: 49 CFR Parts 106, 107 and 171-180.
4. REGULATIONS FROM WHICH EXEMPTED: 49 CFR Parts 171-180, except as specified herein.
5. BASIS: This special permit is based on the application of Stericycle, Inc. dated August 13, 2025, submitted in accordance with § 107.109.

Tracking Number: 2025085525

6. HAZARDOUS MATERIALS (49 CFR 172.101):

Hazardous Material Description			
Proper Shipping Name	Hazard Class/ Division	Identification Number	Packing Group
Medicine, liquid, flammable, toxic, n.o.s.*	3	UN3248	II
Medicine, solid, toxic, n.o.s.*	6.1	UN3249	II

*Limited to materials authorized to be disposed of under 21 CFR Part 1317, Subpart B.

7. SAFETY CONTROL MEASURES:a. PACKAGING: Prescribed non-bulk combination packaging:

(1) Inner Packaging:

(i) One inner liner bag meeting the requirements of 21 CFR 1317.60. Additionally, inner liner bags must meet the requirements of 49 CFR 173.197(e)(1)(i) and (ii) or be further packaged in film bags meeting these requirements.

(ii) Each inner liner must contain an absorbent pad placed at the bottom of the liner prior to being filled.

(2) Outer Packaging: Strong outer packaging (i.e., fiberboard, plastic, or metal). Completed packages must be capable of meeting the Packing Group II performance level.

(3) A maximum of one inner liner bag may be placed within one outer packaging.

(4) Any liner found to be damaged, or leaking must be placed into another liner without the removal of the contents of the original liner.

(5) Completed packages may be overpacked in a fiberboard box provided the overpack is marked in accordance with § 173.25.

(6) Detailed closure, packing and shipping instructions must be provided to individuals preparing shipments under the terms of this special permit. Additionally, individuals preparing shipments under the terms of this special permit must receive training on the requirements and conditions of this special permit.

(7) Shipments aboard cargo-only aircraft are only authorized for shipments originating outside the contiguous United States.

b. MARKING: The marking requirements of § 172.301(c) do not apply.

8. SPECIAL PROVISIONS:

a. In accordance with the provisions of Paragraph (b) of § 173.22a, persons may use the packaging authorized by this special permit for the transportation of the hazardous materials specified in paragraph 6, only in conformance with the terms of this special permit.

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 offered for transportation in conformance with this special permit and the HMR.

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

d. Each packaging manufactured under the authority of this special permit must be either (1) marked with the name of the manufacturer and location (city and state) of the facility at which it is manufactured or (2) marked with a registration symbol designated by the Office of Hazardous Materials Safety (OHMS) for a specific manufacturing facility.

e. A current copy of this special permit must be maintained at each facility where the packaging is manufactured under this special permit. It must be made available to a DOT representative upon request.

f. The grantee must notify OHMS of all locations where authorized packagings are used for collection purposes. Notification must be submitted by e-mail to specialpermits@dot.gov.

g. Transportation is authorized only from locations on file with OHMS to the grantee. The grantee is authorized to further offer for transportation or to transport the packages to an authorized disposal facility.

- h. This special permit is limited to materials that are collected for the purpose of disposal by registrants authorized by the DEA under 21 CFR 1317.40 or Federal, State, tribal, or local law enforcement when in the course of official duties under 21 CFR 1317.35.
- i. This special permit does not provide relief from regulations of other agencies in the United States Government.
9. MODES OF TRANSPORTATION AUTHORIZED: Motor vehicle, rail freight, and cargo-only aircraft.
10. MODAL REQUIREMENTS: None as a requirement of 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.

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 Quade
Acting Associate Administrator for Hazardous Materials Safety

Address all inquiries to: Associate Administrator for Hazardous Materials Safety, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, East Building PHH-13, 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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