



U.S. Department
of Transportation

**Pipeline and Hazardous
Materials Safety
Administration**

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1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

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(FIRST REVISION)

EXPIRATION DATE: 2029-07-31

(FOR RENEWAL, SEE 49 CFR 107.109)

1. GRANTEE: VFT, LLC
Newburgh, IN
FAA Certificate Number: VF7L595R (Part 133)
2. PURPOSE AND LIMITATIONS:
 - a. This special permit authorizes the transportation in commerce of certain hazardous materials by 14 CFR Part 133 cargo-only aircraft (rotorcraft external load operations) in which hazardous materials are attached to or suspended from the aircraft. Such transportation is in support of construction operations when the use of cranes or other lifting devices is impracticable or unavailable or when aircraft is the only means of transportation, without being subject to certain hazard communication requirements, quantity limitations, packaging and loading and storage requirements. 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 § 172.101 Hazardous Materials Table Column (9B), § 173.27(b)(2), and § 175.30(a)(1) in that the refrigerating machines *containing flammable, non-toxic, liquefied gas* are authorized to be offered for and transported by cargo-only aircraft, as provided herein; Subpart C of Part 172 in that the shipping paper requirements are waived, as provided herein; Subpart D of Part 172 in that

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each package need not be marked, as provided herein; Subpart E of Part 172 in that each package need not be labeled, as provided herein; and Part 175, except that the notification to the pilot-in-command specified in § 175.33 applies.

5. BASIS: This special permit is based on the application of VFT, LLC dated July 27, 2025, submitted in accordance with § 107.109.
6. HAZARDOUS MATERIALS (49 CFR 172.101):

Hazardous Material Description			
Proper Shipping Name	Hazard Class/ Division	Identification Number	Packing Group
Refrigerating machines, <i>containing flammable, non-toxic, liquefied gas</i>	2.1	UN3358	N/A

7. SAFETY CONTROL MEASURES:

- a. Refrigerating machines *containing flammable, non-toxic, liquefied gas* must comply with § 173.306(e).

b. OPERATIONAL CONTROLS:

- (1) Crew notification must be conducted prior to each operation conducted under the terms of this special permit. The crew must be notified of the type and quantities of hazardous materials to be transported under the terms of this special permit.
- (2) The operator must inspect each package, and overpack if used, prior to transport to ensure there is no leakage or other indication that package integrity has been compromised. If there is leakage or an indication that package integrity has been compromised, transportation under the terms of this special permit is not authorized.
- (3) The public must be excluded by local authorities and emergency responders must be notified in advance of each operation conducted under the terms of this special permit.
- (4) Each operation conducted under the terms of this special permit is only authorized in the U.S. and only:

(i) In support of construction operations when the use of cranes or other lifting devices is impracticable or unavailable; or

(ii) When aircraft is the only means of transportation.

(5) All packages must be blocked and braced to prevent movement.

(6) Hazardous materials transported must comply with the safety controls specified in this special permit.

(7) The safe operational weight limit of the aircraft may not be exceeded.

(8) Alternative pilot-in-command notification procedures for 49 CFR Part 175.33, may be established subject to the written approval of the FAA's Office of Hazardous Materials Safety, Principal Hazardous Materials Inspector (PHI) for Part 133 operations.

8. SPECIAL PROVISIONS:

a. For refrigerating machines *containing flammable, non-toxic, liquefied gas*, the grantee must be the shipper and the carrier.

b. The shipping paper requirements in Subpart C of Part 172 are waived.

c. The marking requirements in Subpart D of Part 172 are waived.

d. The labeling requirements in Subpart E of Part 172 are waived.

9. MODES OF TRANSPORTATION AUTHORIZED: Cargo-only aircraft (rotorcraft external load operations).

10. MODAL REQUIREMENTS: A current copy of this special permit must be carried aboard each aircraft used to transport packages covered by this special permit.

a. Authorized aircraft. Aircraft used under this special permit must be authorized as part of an FAA 14 CFR Part 133 Operating Certificate.

b. Operations manual. FAA 14 CFR Part 133 operations must be conducted in accordance with conditions and limitations specified in the certificate holder's FAA-approved Rotorcraft Load Combination Flight Manual (RLCFM) and Hazardous Material Safety Mitigation Plan.

- c. Authorized persons aboard aircraft. No person may be carried on the aircraft other than as authorized by 14 CFR 133.35.
 - d. Operations under the terms of this special permit must be conducted in accordance with the Congested Area Plan (when applicable) approved by the FAA.
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.:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "William Quade", is written over a faint circular stamp.

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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