



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 22231

**EXPIRATION DATE: 2026-08-31**

(FOR RENEWAL, SEE 49 CFR 107.109)

1. GRANTEE: Benelux Imaging B.V.  
Hilversum, Netherlands  
  
US AGENT: Logical Solution Services, Inc.  
Manasquan, NJ
2. PURPOSE AND LIMITATIONS:
  - a. This emergency special permit authorizes the transportation in commerce of magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) equipment (classified as UN3538) via cargo-only aircraft. This special permit provides no relief from the Hazardous Materials Regulations (HMR) or the International Civil Aviation Organization's Technical Instructions for the Safe Transport of Dangerous Goods by Air (ICAO TI) 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.
  - d. This special permit serves as an approval under Special Provision A2 of the ICAO TI and as a "Competent Authority Approval" as defined under 49 CFR § 107.1.
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) in that "149 kg" is substituted for "Forbidden" for the entry associated with UN3538, articles containing non-flammable, non-toxic gas n.o.s in terms of the net quantity of helium, refrigerated liquid contained within the MRI; § 172.301(c) in that each package need not be marked with the special permit number, as provided

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herein; and § 173.232(h)(2) in that transportation aboard cargo aircraft is authorized, as provided herein.

5. **BASIS:** This emergency special permit is based on the application of Benelux Imaging B.V. dated March 13, 2026, submitted in accordance with § 107.117 and the determination it was necessary to prevent significant economic loss.
6. **HAZARDOUS MATERIALS (49 CFR 172.101):**

<b>Hazardous Material Description</b>			
<b>Proper Shipping Name</b>	<b>Hazard Class/ Division</b>	<b>Identification Number</b>	<b>Packing Group</b>
Articles containing non-flammable, non-toxic gas, n.o.s.*	2.2	UN3538	N/A

\*The MRI equipment contains no more than 149 kg of helium, refrigerated liquid.

7. **SAFETY CONTROL MEASURES:**
  - a. **PACKAGING:**

(1) Packagings prescribed are MRI equipment (articles) containing Helium, refrigerated liquid. The articles must be as described in the application dated March 13, 2026, and on file with the Office of Hazardous Materials Safety (OHMS). The articles must be packaged and conform to Packing Instruction 221 in the Supplement to the ICAO TI and to § 173.232 except for § 173.232(g)(3). The non-flammable liquefied gas must be contained within equipment components (pressure vessels) that must be designed and tested as follows:

- (i) The test pressure of the components must be at least 3 times the maximum permissible working pressure, in accordance with the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) 60601 Standard.
- (ii) The components must be capable of containing the liquefied gas without failure during normal conditions of transport.

(2) As indicated in § 173.232(b) and Part 2, Introductory Chapter, 6.2 of the ICAO TI, the article may contain a lithium ion battery. The article may contain one lithium ion battery provided the lithium ion battery conforms to the size limit in § 173.185(c)(1)(i) and in Section II of Packing Instruction 967 of the ICAO TI. The net weight of the battery may not exceed 5 kg. The lithium ion battery must

be of a type proven to meet the testing requirements of the UN Manual of Tests and Criteria, Part III, subsection 38.3 (incorporated by reference; see § 171.7).

(3) The article must be packaged in strong outer packagings in accordance with § 173.232(f)(2) and the ROBUST ARTICLES paragraph in Packing Instruction 221 in the Supplement to the ICAO TI. The article must be packed to prevent movement and inadvertent operation during normal conditions of transport.

(4) The article must be packaged in a manner to prevent short circuits of the lithium ion battery, if applicable, damage caused by shifting or placement within the package, and accidental activation.

(5) Each article shall contain a maximum of 148.5 kg of helium, refrigerated liquid.

b. OPERATIONAL CONTROLS:

(1) Packing Instruction 221 shall appear in the shipper's declaration.

(2) The shipper's declaration shall include a 24-hour emergency response telephone number (including area code and international access code) for use in the event of an incident. This telephone number shall be monitored at all times during transportation, including storage incidental to transportation by a person who is knowledgeable of the hazards and the characteristics of the goods, has comprehensive emergency response and accident mitigation information or has immediate access to a person who possesses such knowledge and information. This telephone number shall be entered in the "Additional Handling Information" box after the statement "Emergency contact:".

(3) The shipper must make prior arrangements with the operator to identify the magnetized material, and the package must bear the magnetized material handling label, as applicable.

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, the HMR, and the ICAO TI.

- c. A current copy of this special permit must be maintained at each facility where the package is offered or reoffered for transportation.
  - d. A copy of this special permit shall accompany all shipments as an attachment to the shipper's declaration.
  - e. Each package need not be marked with the special permit number.
  - f. The hazardous material listed in paragraph 6. may be offered for and transported aboard cargo-only aircraft under the terms of this special permit.
  - g. This special permit in no way affects the need to obtain any required authorizations from other agencies of the United States Government or from the competent authorities of countries of origin, transit, destination, and State of Operator.
9. MODES OF TRANSPORTATION AUTHORIZED: Cargo-only aircraft.
10. MODAL REQUIREMENTS: A current copy of this special permit must be carried aboard aircraft used to transport packages covered by this special permit. The shipper must furnish a copy of this special permit to the air carrier before or at the time the shipment is tendered.
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 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-6, 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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