In accordance with 49 CFR 107.105 of the Department of Transportation (DOT) Hazardous Materials Regulations DOT-E 7255 is hereby extended for the party(ies) listed below by changing the expiration date in paragraph 10 to May 31, 1996. This change is effective from the issue date of this extension. All other terms of the exemption remain unchanged.

This extension applies only to party(ies) listed below based on the application(s) received in accordance with 49 CFR 107.105. This extension constitutes a necessary part of this exemption and must be attached to it.

Marilyn J. Morse  
Associate Administrator  
for Hazardous Materials Safety

June 2, 1996  
(DATE)

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EXEMPTION HOLDER  
APPLICATION DATE

U.S. Department of Defense  
Falls Church, VA  
May 1, 1996
1. U.S. Department of Defense (DOD), Washington, DC, is hereby granted an exemption from certain provisions of this Department's Hazardous Materials Regulations to load Class 1 explosive materials aboard cargo vessels in the manner prescribed herein subject to the limitations and special requirements specified herein. This exemption authorizes simultaneous loading of two holds within the same hatch and provides no relief from any regulation other than as specifically stated.

2. BASIS. This exemption is based on DOD's application dated May 17, 1994, submitted in accordance with 49 CFR 107.105.

3. HAZARDOUS MATERIALS. Class 1 (explosive) Materials.

4. PROPER SHIPPING NAME (49 CFR 172.101). Specific commodity name or generic description, as appropriate.

5. REGULATION AFFECTED. 49 CFR 172.101, 176.104(b) and 176.104(j)(1).

6. MODE OF TRANSPORTATION AUTHORIZED. Cargo vessel.

7. SAFETY CONTROL MEASURES. Split level loading of Class 1 (explosive) materials within the same hatch is hereby authorized subject to the following conditions:
   a. The simultaneous loading of two holds is permitted under conditions specified by the local Captain of the Port.
   b. Coast Guard personnel must be in constant attendance at the hatches during the loading operations.
   c. Safety net requirements specified in 29 CFR 1918.32(c) and MTMC-SS letter dated June 27, 1979 must be adhered to during loading.
   d. The hatch beams adjacent to the opening shall be locked in place and secured by wire cable preventers.

8. SPECIAL PROVISIONS. A copy of this exemption must be carried aboard each vessel containing Class 1 explosive materials loaded in the manner prescribed herein.
9. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS. The carrier is required to report any incident involving fire, explosion or loss of packaging contents or packaging failure to the Associate Administrator for Hazardous Materials Safety (AAHMS) as soon as practicable. (49 CFR 171.15 and 171.16 apply to any activity undertaken under the authority of this exemption.) In addition, the holder of this exemption must inform the AAHMS, in writing, of any incidents involving the package and shipments made under the terms of this exemption.

10. EXPIRATION DATE. June 30, 1996.

Issued at Washington, D.C.:

[Signature]
Alan J. Roberts
Associate Administrator for Hazardous Materials Safety


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