In accordance with 49 CFR 107.109 of the Department of Transportation (DOT) Hazardous Materials Regulations DOT-E 7548 is hereby extended for the party(ies) listed below by changing the expiration date in paragraph 10 to December 31, 1998. 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 107.109. This extension constitutes a necessary part of this exemption and must be attached to it.

For

Alan I. Roberts
Associate Administrator
for Hazardous Materials Safety

2/10/97
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EXEMPTION HOLDER

APPLICATION DATE

U.S. Department of Defense
Falls Church, VA

July 22, 1996
1. The Department of Defense, Washington, D.C., is hereby granted an exemption from certain provisions of this Department's Hazardous Materials Regulations to offer packages prescribed herein of Class XC military explosives for transportation in commerce subject to the limitations and special requirements specified herein. This exemption authorizes stowage of explosives on deck of vessel, over the square of the hatch, and provides no relief from any regulation other than as specifically stated.

2. BASIS. This exemption is based on the Department of Defense's application dated October 4, 1989, submitted in accordance with 49 CFR 107.105 and the public proceeding thereon.

3. HAZARDOUS MATERIALS (Descriptor and class). Class XC military explosives.

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

5. REGULATION AFFECTED. 46 CFR 146.29-100.

6. MODE OF TRANSPORTATION AUTHORIZED. Cargo vessel.

7. SAFETY CONTROL MEASURES. Class XC military explosives packaged in MILVAN containers are authorized to be stowed on deck of vessel, over the square of the hatch, provided the following requirements are met:

   a. The military explosives must be packed in the containers in accordance with drawings approved by the U.S. Coast Guard.

   b. The hatch covers must be prepared for, and normally used for, above deck stowage of containers.

   c. The containers shall be stowed and secured to the satisfaction of the Coast Guard Captain of the Port.

8. SPECIAL PROVISIONS. A copy of this exemption must be carried aboard each vessel used to transport packages covered by this exemption.
9. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS. Any incident involving loss of contents of package or packaging failure must be reported to the Office of Hazardous Materials Transportation as soon as practicable.


Issued at Washington, D. C.:

[Signature]

Donald R. Smith
Director
Office of Hazardous Materials Transportation


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