In accordance with 49 CFR 107.105 of the Department of Transportation (DOT) Hazardous Materials Regulations DOT-E 8693 is hereby extended for the party(ies) listed below by changing the expiration date in paragraph 10 to November 30, 1992. 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 and the public proceeding thereon. This extension constitutes a necessary part of this exemption and must be attached to it.

Alan J. Roberts
Associate Administrator
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Exemption Holder

Application Date

Cantro Inc.
Olathe, KS

October 30, 1990

Matheson Gas Products, Inc.
Secaucus, NJ

November 16, 1990

Expired - No Renewal

Not Active
DOT-E 8693
(FIRST REVISION)
(CORRECTED COPY)

1. Matheson Gas Products, Gloucester, Massachusetts is hereby granted an exemption from those provisions of this Department’s Hazardous Materials Regulations specified in paragraph 5 below to offer packages prescribed herein of a flammable solid for transportation in commerce subject to the limitations and special requirements specified herein. This exemption authorizes the shipment of sodium metal dispersion in organic solvent in DOT Specification 4BW cylinders, and provides no relief from any regulation other than as specifically stated.

2. BASIS. This exemption is based on Matheson’s applications dated June 22, and August 22, 1983, submitted in accordance with 49 CFR 107.103 and 107.105 and the public proceeding thereon, supplemented by letter dated April 25, 1984.

3. HAZARDOUS MATERIALS (Descriptor and class). Finely divided sodium metal dispersed in an organic solvent (35-45% sodium metal, by weight), classed as flammable solid.


6. MODES OF TRANSPORTATION AUTHORIZED. Motor vehicle and cargo vessel.

7. SAFETY CONTROL MEASURES. Packaging prescribed is a DOT specification 4BW240 cylinder. Each cylinder must be closed by use of plugs or plugged ball valves. Openings must be protected by threaded caps or welded collars. Cylinders must not exceed 239 pounds water capacity and must not be liquid full at 130°F. Cylinders must not be pressurized. The flash point of the organic solvent shall not be less than 125°F. when determined in accordance with a DOT specified closed cup test method for flash point (49 CFR 173.115(d)).

8. SPECIAL PROVISIONS.

   a. Persons who receive packages covered by this exemption may reship them pursuant to the provisions of 49 CFR 173.22a.

   b. A copy of this exemption must be carried aboard each motor vehicle and cargo vessel used to transport packages covered by this exemption.

   c. This exemption does not apply to operations beyond the jurisdiction of the United States of America.

9. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS. Any incident involving loss of contents of the package must be reported to Office of Hazardous Materials Regulation as soon as practicable.

Issued at Washington, D.C.:

Alan L. Roberts
Associate Director for Hazardous Materials Regulation
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