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**Pipeline and Hazardous  
Materials Safety Administration**

DOT-SP 9596  
(EIGHTH REVISION)

EXPIRATION DATE: October 31, 2014

(FOR RENEWAL, SEE 49 CFR § 107.109)

1. GRANTEE: L'Air Liquide Corporation, Paris, France  
(U.S. Agent: Air Liquide America L.P., Houston TX)
2. PURPOSE AND LIMITATION:
  - a. This special permit authorizes the transportation in commerce of helium, refrigerated liquid in non-DOT specification insulated portable tanks. 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 development of this special permit only considered the hazards and risks associated with transportation in commerce.
  - c. Party status will not 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 §§ 172.203, 173.318, 173.320, 176.30, 176.76(h) in that a non-DOT specification portable tank is not authorized, except as specified herein.
5. BASIS: This special permit is based on the application of L'Air Liquide Corporation dated August 31, 2010, submitted in accordance with § 107.109.

6. HAZARDOUS MATERIALS (49 CFR § 172.101):

<b>Hazardous Materials Description</b>			
<b>Proper Shipping Name</b>	<b>Hazard Class/ Division</b>	<b>Identification Number</b>	<b>Packing Group</b>
Helium, refrigerated liquid ( <i>cryogenic liquid</i> )	2.2	UN1963	N/A

7. SAFETY CONTROL MEASURES:

a. Prescribed packaging is a non-DOT specification insulated portable tank designed and constructed in accordance with Section VIII of the ASME Code and subparagraph b. of this paragraph. The portable tank is enclosed in an ISO type frame. The portable tank is vacuum-insulated with a supplemental liquid nitrogen shield cooling. Design pressure is 64 PSIG for the internal tank and 8 PSIG for the liquid nitrogen tank. Design temperature is -453 degrees F., for the inner tank and any part, valve or fitting that may come in contact with the lading; and -320 degrees F., for the liquid nitrogen tank and any part, valve or fitting that may come in contact with liquid nitrogen. Water capacity is 10,911 gallons for the inner tank; 320 gallons for the nitrogen tank. Tank material is SA 240 Type 304 stainless steel for the inner tank and nitrogen tank, and SA 515 Gr 60 or SA 516 Gr 60 or equivalent steel for the outer jacket.

b. Each portable tank must conform to L'Air Liquide's drawing DTA 13350 L A1 011 dated January 14, 1986, DTA 13350 E AO 111 dated January 23, 1985, DTA 13350 F AO 111 dated March 11, 1985 and related drawings, calculations and technical specifications on file with the Office of Hazardous Materials Special Permits and Approvals (OHMSPA) and to § 178.338, except as follows:

- (1) Impact testing is required for Type 304 stainless steel in contact with lading colder than -423 degrees F.
- (2) § 178.338-10 does not apply.
- (3) The portable tank need not conform to

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§ 178.338-13 (a) and (b). Lifting lugs, framework and any anchoring to the inner tank, the nitrogen shield tank or the tank jacket must conform with § 178.338-13 (a). A portable tank that meets the definition of "container" must meet the requirements of 49 CFR Parts 450 through 453, and each design must be qualified in accordance with § 178.270-13(c).

(4) "DOT-SP 9596" must replace the mark "MC 338".

8. SPECIAL PROVISIONS:

a. 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 modifications or changes are made to the package and it is reoffered for transportation in conformance with this special permit and the HMR.

b. A current copy of this special permit must be maintained at each facility where the package is offered or reoffered for transportation.

c. Each portable tank must be reinspected and retested once every five years at a pressure (in PSIG) of one and one-fourth times the sum of the design pressure plus the static head plus 14.7 in accordance with § 173.32(e) as prescribed for DOT 51 specification portable tanks. The test pressure must be reduced by 14.7 PSIG if the inner tank is under vacuum while under test.

d. Each portable tank must be plainly marked on both sides near the middle, in letters at least two (2) inches high on a contrasting background, "DOT-SP 9596."

e. Each portable tank must be prepared and shipped as required in § 173.318, as applicable for the lading.

f. Shipments by cargo vessel must conform to the following:

(1) The package must conform with § 176.76(h). The portable tank may not be over stowed with other containers and freight.

(2) The legend "One-Way Travel Time "\_\_\_\_\_Hours" or "OWTT \_\_\_\_\_ Hours" may be marked on the shipping paper and the dangerous cargo manifest immediately after the container description. The OWTT is determined by the formula:

$$\text{OWTT} = \text{MRHT} - 24 \text{ hours.}$$

(3) A written record of the portable tank's pressure and ambient (outside) temperature at the following times must be prepared for each shipment.

- (i) At the start of each trip;
- (ii) Immediately before and after any manual venting;
- (iii) At least every 24 hours; and
- (iv) At the destination point.
- (v) Any lading road relief valve set at a pressure lower than that prescribed for the (safety) pressure relief valve must be closed during transportation by cargo vessel.

g. No person may transport a charged portable tank unless the pressure of the lading is equal to or less than that used to determine the marked rated holding time and the OWTT is equal to or greater than the elapsed time between the start and termination of travel.

h. The actual holding time for each tank must be determined after each shipment. If it is determined that the actual holding time is less than 90 percent of the MRHT of the tank, the tank may not be refilled until it is restored to its MRHT or the tank is remarked with the reduced holding time determined by this examination.

i. Shippers using the packaging covered by this special permit must comply with all provisions of this special permit, and all other applicable requirements contained in 49 CFR Parts 171-180.

9. MODES OF TRANSPORTATION AUTHORIZED: Motor vehicle and cargo vessel.
10. MODAL REQUIREMENTS: A current copy of this special permit must be carried aboard each cargo vessel and motor vehicle used to transport packages covered by this special permit.

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 the 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 notices of certain hazardous materials incidents, and 171.16 Detailed hazardous materials

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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 Dr. Magdy El-Sibaie  
Associate Administrator for Hazardous Materials Safety

Address all inquiries to: Associate Administrator for Hazardous Materials Safety, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, Washington, D.C. 20590. Attention: PHH-31.

Copies of this special permit may be obtained by accessing the Hazardous Materials Safety Homepage at [http://hazmat.dot.gov/sp\\_app/special\\_permits/spec\\_perm\\_index.htm](http://hazmat.dot.gov/sp_app/special_permits/spec_perm_index.htm) Photo reproductions and legible reductions of this special permit are permitted. Any alteration of this special permit is prohibited.

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