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DOT-E 11947
(FOURTH REVISION)

EXPIRATION DATE: May 31, 2006

(FOR RENEWAL, SEE 49 CFR § 107.109)

1. GRANTEE: Patts Fabrication and Services
Odessa, Texas

2. PURPOSE AND LIMITATIONS:

a. This exemption authorizes the manufacture, marking, sale and use of multiple non-DOT specification containers, manifolded together within a frame and securely mounted on a truck chassis, for the transportation in commerce of the materials authorized by this exemption. This exemption provides no relief from any Hazardous Materials Regulation (HMR) other than as specifically stated herein.

b. The safety analyses performed in development of this exemption only considered the hazards and risks associated with transportation in commerce.

3. REGULATORY SYSTEM AFFECTED: 49 CFR Parts 106, 107 and 171-180.

4. REGULATIONS FROM WHICH EXEMPTED: 49 CFR §§ 173.202, 173.203, 173.241 and 173.242 in that the packaging specified in paragraph 7 of this exemption is not authorized, except as specified herein.

5. BASIS: This exemption is based on the application of Patts Fabrication and Services dated May 4, 2004, submitted in accordance with § 107.109.

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6. HAZARDOUS MATERIALS (49 CFR § 172.101):

Proper Shipping Name/ Hazardous Material Description	Hazard Class/ Division	Identi-fication Number	Packing Group
Corrosive liquids, n.o.s.*	8	Various	As appro-priate
Flammable liquids, n.o.s. **	3	1993	II and III

*Class 8 liquids which are corrosive to skin only and which are compatible with the tank and its appurtenances.

** Flammable liquids having a vapor pressure greater than 16 psia at 130°F are not authorized.

7. SAFETY CONTROL MEASURES:

a. PACKAGING - Packaging prescribed is a group of sixty (60) gallon capacity, non-DOT specification containers manifolded together within a frame, having top and bottom openings designed and constructed in accordance with Patts Fabrication and Services drawings and technical specifications on file with the Office of Hazardous Materials Exemptions and Approvals. Each container must be equipped with a 2" Clay and Bailey Mfg. Co. Model #937 Pressure Actuated Vent, or equivalent. In addition, each container must be in compliance with the following:

Containers conform with the requirements of a DOT Specification UN31A intermediate bulk container (IBC) in all respects except for specification marking, water capacity and that the use of sight glasses is authorized. Each sight glass must have shut off valves, top and bottom and be provided with adequate protection to prevent accidental breakage. After the drop test is performed as described in § 178.810(c), a manifolded unit must also be subjected to a drop flat on a side, flat on the top, and on a corner, whichever is considered to be the most vulnerable part. The same or different container may be used for each drop.

b. TESTING -

(1) Each container must be visually inspected prior to each trip to insure that it has not been damaged on the previous trip.

(2) Each container must be reinspected and retested once every two and one-half years in accordance with § 180.352(b) as prescribed for UN31A intermediate bulk containers except that hydrostatic testing at a minimum pressure of 10 psig must be conducted instead of leakproofness testing.

c. OPERATIONAL CONTROLS -

(1) Sight glass valves must be closed during transportation.

(2) Each container must be filled so as not to be liquid full at less than or equal to 130°F.

(3) Containers are only authorized when manifolded together within a frame. The number of containers within a group may not exceed six and may not exceed sixty (60) gallons capacity.

(4) Each filling overflow line must be fitted with a shut-off valve on the top of the tank which must be secured during transportation.

8. SPECIAL PROVISIONS:

a. In accordance with the provisions of Paragraph (b) of § 173.22a, persons may use the packaging authorized by this exemption for the transportation of the hazardous materials specified in paragraph 6, only in conformance with the terms of this exemption.

b. A person who is not a holder of this exemption, but receives a package covered by this exemption, may reoffer it for transportation provided no modifications or changes are made to the package and it is offered for transportation in conformance with this exemption and the HMR.

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

d. Each packaging manufactured under the authority of this exemption must be either (1) marked with the name of the manufacturer and location (city and state) of the facility at which it is manufactured or (2) marked with a registration symbol designated by the Office of Hazardous Materials Exemptions and Approvals for a specific manufacturing facility.

e. A current copy of this exemption must be maintained at each facility where the package is manufactured under this exemption. It must be made available to a DOT representative upon request.

f. MARKING - Each manifolded unit must be plainly marked on both sides near the middle, in letters at least 2 inches high on a contrasting background, "DOT-E 11947". In addition, marking and placarding requirements specified for cargo tanks in 49 CFR Part 172, Subparts D and F must be met.

g. The prototype test on this tank design will serve to qualify smaller tanks made of the same material and thickness, by the same fabrication technique, and with identical supports and equivalent closures and other appurtenances. A drawing showing the arrangement of the smaller tanks must be on file with OHMEA prior to the first shipment.

9. MODES OF TRANSPORTATION AUTHORIZED: Motor vehicle.

10. MODAL REQUIREMENTS: A current copy of this exemption must be carried aboard each motor vehicle used to transport packages covered by this exemption.

11. COMPLIANCE: Failure by a person to comply with any of the following may result in suspension or revocation of this exemption and penalties prescribed by the Federal hazardous materials transportation law, 49 U.S.C. 5101 et seq:

- All terms and conditions prescribed in this exemption and the Hazardous Materials Regulations, Parts 171-180.
- Persons operating under the terms of this exemption must comply with the security plan requirement in Subpart I of Part 172 of the HMR, when applicable.
- Registration required by § 107.601 et seq., when applicable.

Each "Hazmat employee", as defined in § 171.8, who performs a function subject to this exemption must receive training on the requirements and conditions of this exemption in addition to the training required by §§ 172.700 through 172.704.

No person may use or apply this exemption, including display of its number, when the exemption has expired or is otherwise no longer in effect.

12. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS: The carrier is required to report any incident involving loss of packaging contents or packaging failure to the Associate Administrator for Hazardous Materials Safety (AAHMS) as soon as practicable. (Section 171.15 and 171.16 apply to any activity undertaken under the authority of this exemption.) In addition, the holder(s) of this exemption must also inform the AAHMS, in writing, as soon as practicable of any incidents involving the package and shipments made under this exemption.

Issued in Washington, D.C.:

Robert A. McGuire
for Associate Administrator for
Hazardous Materials Safety

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

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