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400 Seventh St., S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20590

DOT-E 12590  
(SECOND REVISION)

**EXPIRATION DATE: May 31, 2005**

(FOR RENEWAL, SEE 49 CFR § 107.109)

1. GRANTEE: USAirways, Inc.  
Pittsburgh, PA
2. PURPOSE AND LIMITATION:
  - a. This exemption authorizes the transportation in commerce by highway motor vehicle of aircraft batteries, Class 8, in certain reusable Category I, Air Transport Association Specification 300 containers. This exemption provides no relief from the Hazardous Materials Regulations (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 § 173.159(b) in that non-DOT specification packaging is not authorized, except as specified herein.
5. BASIS: This exemption is based on the application of USAirways dated June 13, 2003 submitted in accordance with § 107.109.
6. HAZARDOUS MATERIALS (49 CFR § 172.101):

Proper Shipping Name/ Hazardous Materials Description	Hazard Class/ Division	Identi- fication Number	Packing Group
Batteries, wet, filled with alkali, <i>electric storage</i>	8	UN2795	III
Batteries, wet, filled with acid, <i>electric storage</i>	8	UN2794	III

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7. SAFETY CONTROL MEASURES:

- a. PACKAGING - The batteries shall conform to the requirements of § 173.159(a) and be packaged in non-DOT specification Category I, Air Transport Association Specification 300 reusable containers.
- b. TESTING - Each reusable container must be capable of satisfactorily passing the Air Transportation Association Specification 300 requirements at the Category I performance level.

8. SPECIAL PROVISIONS:

- a. A person who is not a holder of this exemption who receives a package covered by this exemption may reoffer it for transportation provided no modification or change is made to the package or its contents and it is reoffered for transportation in conformance with this exemption and the HMR.
- b. A current copy of this exemption must be maintained at each facility where the package is offered or reoffered for transportation.
- c. Each Category I, Air Transport Association Specification 300 reusable container must be marked "DOT-E 12590" as specified in § 172.301(c).

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:

- o All terms and conditions prescribed in this exemption and the Hazardous Materials Regulations, 49 CFR Parts 171-180.
- 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 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 this 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. (Sections 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 inform the AAHMS, in writing, of any incident involving the package and shipments made under the terms of this exemption.

Issued in Washington, D.C.:



Robert A. McGuire  
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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