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**Research and
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400 Seventh Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20590

DOT-E 6691
(EIGHTH REVISION)

EXPIRATION DATE: October 31, 2005

(FOR RENEWAL, SEE 49 CFR § 107.109)

1. GRANTEE: Praxair, Inc.
Danbury, CT

(See Appendix A to this document for a list of additional grantees)

2. PURPOSE AND LIMITATION:

a. This exemption authorizes the transportation in commerce of certain Division 2.1 and 2.2 gases, as specified in paragraph 6., below, in DOT Specification 3A or 3AA, and ICC 3, 3A or 3AA cylinders manufactured on or before December 31, 1945, and which have been retested at least every 10 years. 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 § 172.203(a) in that the exemption number is not required to be indicated on the shipping paper, and § 180.209(b)(i), in that cylinders manufactured on or before December 31, 1945, and otherwise conforming to the requirements of § 180.209(b)(i) may be retested every 10 years instead of every five years, except as specified herein.

5. BASIS: This exemption is based on the application of

Praxair Inc. dated December 29, 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
Gases, and gas mixtures specified in § 180.209(b)(i)	2.1 or 2.2	As appro-priate	N/A

7. SAFETY CONTROL MEASURES:

a. PACKAGING - Packagings prescribed are DOT Specification 3A and 3AA cylinders, and cylinders marked ICC-3, 3A or 3AA, with a water capacity of 125 pounds or less, manufactured on or before December 31, 1945.

b. TESTING - Cylinders must be retested at least every 10 years in accordance with the applicable requirements of § 180.209, and must be in accordance with the Linde Division□s □Inspection and Hydrostatic Testing Manual□ on file with the Office of Hazardous Materials Exemptions and Approvals (OHMEA).

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 modifications or changes are made to the package 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. Except for the age limitation in § 180.209(b)(i), cylinders must comply with all requirements of § 180.209(b)(i).

d. Packagings authorized herein marked □DOT SP 6691" prior to the issuance of this exemption may be transported under the terms of this exemption.

e. Transportation of Division 2.1 (flammable gases) are not authorized aboard cargo vessel or aircraft unless specifically authorized in the Hazardous Materials Table (§ 172.101).

f. The transportation of oxygen is only authorized by aircraft when in accordance with § 172.102(c)(2) Special Provision A52 and §§ 175.85(h) and (i).

9. MODES OF TRANSPORTATION AUTHORIZED: Motor vehicle, rail freight, cargo vessel, cargo aircraft only, and passenger-carrying aircraft.

10. MODAL REQUIREMENTS: This exemption imposes no additional modal requirements.

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, 49 CFR Parts 171-180.
- 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.

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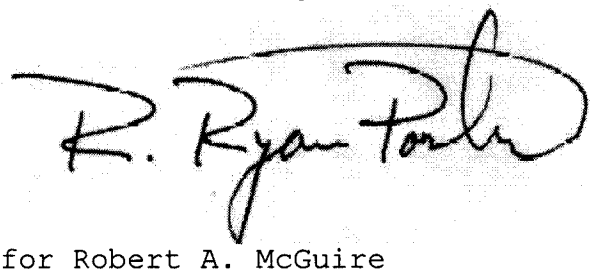

for Robert A. McGuire
Associate Administrator for
Hazardous Materials Safety

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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The following are hereby granted party status to this exemption based on their application(s) submitted in accordance with § 107.107 or § 107.109, as appropriate:

Company Name City/State	Application Date	Issue Date	Expiration Date
ABCO Welding & Industrial Supply, Inc. Waterford, CT	Dec 01, 2003	Feb 18, 2004	Oct 31, 2005
Albany Welding Supply Company, Inc. Albany, NY	Feb 09, 2004	Feb 27, 2004	Oct 31, 2005
Central McGowan, Inc. St. Cloud, MN	Feb 06, 2004	Feb 27, 2004	Oct 31, 2005
Coastal Welding Supply, Inc. Beaumont, TX	Jun 11, 2004	Jun 14 2004	Oct 31, 2005
Four Corners Welding & Gas Supply Cortez, CO	Sep 8, 2004	Oct 12, 2004	Oct 31, 2005
Industrial Gas Distributors, Inc. Billings, MT	Apr 16, 2004	Apr 22, 2004	Oct 31, 2005
J & M Cylinder Gases, Inc. Decatur, AL	May 24, 2004	Jun 29, 2004	Oct 31, 2005
Jackson Welding Supply Co., Inc. Rochester, NY	Jun 15, 2004	Jul 12, 2004	Oct 31, 2005
Linde Gas Puerto Rico, Inc. Hato Rey, PR	Nov 24, 2003	Dec 04, 2003	Oct 31, 2005
Linde Gas, LLC (Former Grantee: AGA Gas, Inc.) Independence, OH	Nov 24, 2003	Dec 04, 2003	Oct 31, 2005
Matheson Tri-Gas, Inc. East Rutherford, NJ	Dec 10, 2003	Feb 18, 2004	Oct 31, 2005
Midwest Cylinder, Inc. Cleves, OH	Nov 11, 2004	NOV 3 0 2004	Oct 31, 2005

Company Name City/State	Application Date	Issue Date	Expiration Date
nexAir, LLC Memphis, TN	Feb 04, 2004	Feb 27, 2004	Oct 31, 2005
N.H. Bragg & Sons Bangor, ME	Dec 30, 2003	Feb 27, 2004	Oct 31, 2005
Praxair Distribution Southeast, LLC Tequesta, FL	Dec 04, 2003	Dec 12, 2003	Oct 31, 2005
Praxair Puerto Rico, B.V. Gurabo, PR	Nov 12, 2003	Nov 25, 2003	Oct 31, 2005
Sky Cylinder Testing, Inc. Evansville, IN	Apr 1, 2004	May 7, 2004	Oct 31, 2005

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