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DOT-E 9519
(FOURTH REVISION)

EXPIRATION DATE: **September 30, 1998**

(FOR RENEWAL, SEE 49 CFR SECTION 107.109)

1. GRANTEE: Transchem I, Incorporated
Kearny, NJ

2. PURPOSE AND LIMITATION: This exemption authorizes the continued use of a non-DOT specification rotationally molded, high density cross-linked polyethylene or linear medium density polyethylene portable tank (intermediate bulk container) manufactured prior to October 1, 1996, for the transportation in commerce of certain Class 8, Class 3 and Division 5.1 materials. This exemption provides no relief from any regulation other than as specifically stated herein.

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

4. REGULATIONS FROM WHICH EXEMPTED: 49 CFR Part 173, Subpart F, Part 178 Subparts N and O in that non-DOT specification packagings are authorized.

5. BASIS: This exemption is based on the application of Transchem I, Incorporated dated June 26, 1996, submitted in accordance with 49 CFR 107.109.

6. HAZARDOUS MATERIALS (49 CFR 172.101):

| Hazardous materials description -- proper shipping name | Hazard Class/ Division | Identi-fication Number | Packing Group |
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| Class 8 liquids for which UN 1H1 plastic drums are authorized in 49 CFR Part 173, and which have no secondary hazards and a vapor pressure not greater than 14.7 psia at 130°F. | 8 | Various | II & III |
| Hydrogen peroxide, aqueous solutions | 5.1 | UN2014 | II |
| Class 3 materials compatible with polyethylene which have no secondary hazards and a flash point greater than 73°F. | 3 | Various | I, II, & III |

7. PACKAGING AND SAFETY CONTROL MEASURES:

a. PACKAGING - Packaging prescribed are non-DOT specification rotationally molded polyethylene portable tanks of 250, 350 and 220 gallons (two (2) 110 gallon capacity tanks), enclosed within a protective steel frame, as shown on or represented by Transchem System 234 (Drawings No. 1001, 1002, 1003, 1004, and Typical Valve Assembly Drawing No. 1004-A, all dated February 20, 1986 and No. 1005 dated June 20, 1987 and No. 1005A dated September 15, 1987); drawing TC 1054, TC 1055 and TC 1056 submitted April 11, 1989; and TC 1071 dated October 17, 1991, and photographs furnished with the petitioner's applications. Each portable tank must be made from high density, cross-linkable polyethylene or linear medium density polyethylene which has been specifically identified and is acceptable to the Office of Hazardous Materials Exemptions & Approvals (OHMEA). No new construction is authorized.

i. Each packaging is permanently marked by embossment or with a metal certificate plate permanently affixed to the side of the packaging. The marking and letters must be at least 1/4-inch high. The markings shall be understood to certify that the packaging complies with all requirements of this exemption and must contain at least the following information:

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Tank manufacturer_____
Test pressure 15 psig.
Serial number _____
Date of manufacture (month and year)_____
Tare weight _____ lbs.
Rated gross weight _____ lbs.
Capacity_____U.S. gal.

ii. The minimum thickness of the portable tank, measured at any point on the container, is 0.275 inch for the cross-linkable polyethylene and 0.375 inch for the linear medium density polyethylene.

b. TESTING - Reuse of any packaging under this exemption must be in accordance with the applicable requirements of 49 CFR 173.28 and 173.32(e) as modified herein. Each packaging must be hydrostatically retested in accordance with 49 CFR 173.32(e) as applicable to DOT specification 57 tanks, at a test pressure of 15 psig for 5 minutes without a drop in pressure or leakage. Any packaging that fails must be rejected and may not be used again for the transportation of hazardous materials. The date of the most recent periodic retest must be marked on the tank near the packaging identification markings required in paragraph 7.a.i. of this exemption. The owner of the packaging or authorized agent must retain a written record indicating the date and results of all required tests and the name and address of the tester, until the next retest has been satisfactorily completed and recorded.

c. OPERATIONAL CONTROLS -

i. Packagings with repaired bodies are not authorized.

ii. Commodities must be compatible with the polyethylene portable tanks, and may not permeate the polyethylene to an extent that a hazardous condition could be caused during transportation and handling.

iii. Packagings for hydrogen peroxide must have a vented closure to prevent accumulation of internal pressure.

iv. Packagings must always be filled and shipped while enclosed within the protective wire frame as shown in the petitioner's application.

8. SPECIAL PROVISIONS:

a. Offerors for transportation of the hazardous materials specified in this exemption may use the packaging described in this exemption for the transportation of such hazardous materials provided no modifications or changes are made to the packages, all terms of this exemption are complied with, and a copy of the current exemption is maintained at each facility from which such offering occurs.

b. 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 Program for a specific manufacturing facility.

c. A copy of this exemption, in its current status, must be maintained at each manufacturing facility at which this packaging is manufactured and must be made available to a DOT representative upon request.

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

e. MARKING - Each packaging must be plainly marked on both sides near the middle, in letters at least two inches high on a contrasting background, "DOT-E 9519". Additionally, the sides of each portable tank must be marked "KEEP THIS END UP" in two places, 180° apart, with an arrow pointing to the tank top.

f. Consistent with the regulations adopted under Docket HM-181E for IBCs, existing IBCs may be continued in service, provided renewal provisions under Section 107.109 are met, until September 30, 1998 under the conditions specified in the exemption that applies for their use. After September 30, 1998, each IBC must conform to, and be certified as meeting, a UN IBC standard set forth in Subparts N and O of Part 178 of the Hazardous Materials Regulations (HMR; 49 CFR).

9. MODES OF TRANSPORTATION AUTHORIZED: Motor vehicle, rail freight.

10. MODAL REQUIREMENTS:

a. A copy of this exemption must be carried aboard each motor vehicle used to transport packages covered by this exemption.

b. Shipments by rail must be in compliance with the requirements of 49 CFR 174.63 and may not be transported on flatcars or on flat trailers, except under conditions approved by the Federal Railroad Administration.

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. Section 5101 et seq:

- All terms and conditions prescribed in this exemption and the Hazardous Materials Regulations, Parts 171-180.

- Registration required by 49 CFR 107.601 et seq., when applicable.

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. (49 CFR 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.

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