MAR 1 2 1996

U.S. Department of Transportation

Research and Special Programs Administration

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

DOT-E 11655

EXPIRATION DATE: April 6, 1996

(FOR RENEWAL, SEE 49 CFR SECTION 107.105.)

1. GRANTEE: Merichem Company
Houston, Texas

2. PURPOSE AND LIMITATION: This emergency exemption authorizes the transportation, in commerce, of five (5) DOT Specification tank cars, containing various class 3 and 8 materials, meeting all DOT requirements except that the tank cars are equipped with defective interior heater coils. This exemption provides no relief from any regulations other than as specifically stated.

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

4. REGULATIONS FROM WHICH EXEMPTED: 49 CFR 173.31(a); 174.9; and 174.67(k).

5. BASIS. This emergency exemption is based on Merichem Company's applications of June 14, 1995 and January 25, 1996, submitted in accordance with 49 CFR 107.113, and a determination that the exemption is necessary for the prevention of serious economic loss.

6. HAZARDOUS MATERIALS (49 CFR 172.101):

Hazardous Materials Description			
Proper Shipping Name	**Hazard Class/ Division**	**Identification number**	**Packing Group**
Combustible liquids, n.o.s.	3	NA 1993	III
Corrosive liquids, n.o.s.	8	UN 1760	II

MAR 1 2 1996

7. PACKAGING(S) and SAFETY CONTROL MEASURES:

a. PACKAGING - Packaging prescribed are five (5) DOT Specification 111A100W1 tank cars, GATX 300215, GATX 16948, GATX 16935, GATX 6091, and GATX 92891, meeting all DOT specification requirements except that the tank cars have defective interior heater coils. The coil outlet caps have been installed to prevent the release of product.

b. MARKING - Each tank car must be marked "DOT-E 11655" in letters and numerals at least four inches high on a contrasting background above the DOT specification marks.

8. SPECIAL PROVISIONS.

a. Shipment of the tank car GATX 300215 is authorized from Olin Corporation, Gayles, Louisiana, to Rescar, Channelview, Texas, a distance of approximately 240 miles utilizing the most direct route available via the Union Pacific Railroad Company.

b. Shipment of the tank car GATX 16948 is authorized from Amoco Oil Company, Yorktown, Virginia, to Rescar, Channelview, Texas, a distance of approximately 825 miles utilizing the most direct route available via CSX Transportation and Union Pacific Railroad Company.

c. Shipment of the tank car GATX 16935 and GATX 92891 is authorized from International Paper, Camden, Arkansas, to Rescar, Channelview, Texas, a distance of approximately 350 miles utilizing the most direct route available via the Union Pacific Railroad Company.

d. Shipment of the tank car GATX 6091 is authorized from Stone Container Corporation, Snowflake, Arizona, to Rescar, Longview, Texas, a distance of approximately 1401 miles utilizing the most direct route available via the Apache Railway Company, Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company, Southern Pacific Lines, and Union Pacific Railroad Company.

e. Each tank car operating under the terms of this exemption shall be marked "Leaking interior heater coils. Do not reload until repaired." in letters at least 4 inches high on a contrasting background near the middle of the tank sides.

9. MODES OF TRANSPORTATION AUTHORIZED. Rail freight.

10. MODAL REQUIREMENTS:

The Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) is to be notified if any unusual incident occurs during the movement by contacting the:

Federal Railroad Administration
RRS-12, Hazardous Materials Division
400 Seventh Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20590
(202) 366-9252 or 366-0509

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 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, 49 CFR 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.

a. 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 this exemption.) In addition, the holder of this exemption must inform the AAHMS, in writing, of any incident involving the package and shipment made under the terms of this exemption.

Issued at Washington, D.C.:

MAR 1 2 1996
(DATE)

Alan I. Roberts
Associate Administrator
for Hazardous Materials Safety

MAR 1 2 1996

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.

The original of this exemption is on file at the above office. Photo reproductions and legible reductions of this exemption are permitted. Any alteration of this exemption is prohibited.

Dist: FRA