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1. Western Atlas International, Inc., Houston, Texas, is hereby granted an exemption from certain provisions of this Department's Hazardous Materials Regulations to offer packages prescribed herein of small arms primers for transportation in commerce subject to the limitations and special requirements specified herein. This exemption authorizes the transportation of small arms primers in DOT Specification 23 F or 12 B fiberboard boxes, and provides no relief from any regulation other than as specifically stated.

2. BASIS. This exemption is based on an application from Western Atlas International, dated June 28, 1990, submitted in accordance with 49 CFR 107.105 and the public proceeding thereon.

3. HAZARDOUS MATERIALS (Descriptor and class). Small arms primers; Class C explosives.

4. PROPER SHIPPING NAME (49 CFR 172.101). Small arms primers.

5. REGULATION AFFECTED. 49 CFR 173.107.

6. MODES OF TRANSPORTATION AUTHORIZED. Motor vehicle, cargo vessel, passenger-carrying aircraft and cargo-only aircraft.

7. SAFETY CONTROL MEASURES. Packaging prescribed is: Each primer is placed in an individual capsule (the type used for medicinal purposes). One capsule is then placed into a pasteboard tube (5-7/8" long X .465" I.D. X .298" wall). Tissue paper is placed in the ends of the pasteboard tubes which are then taped.

Filler material is placed in the bottom of the DOT Specification 23 F or 12 B fiberboard box and the tubes are then layered in the box. Additional filler material is placed in the box to secure the tubes from movement. The box is then closed and banded.

8. SPECIAL PROVISIONS.

a. Persons who receive packages covered by this exemption may reoffer them for transportation provided no modifications or changes are made to the packages, all terms of this exemption are complied with, and a current copy of this exemption is maintained at each facility from which such reoffering occurs.

b. A copy of this exemption must be carried aboard each vessel, aircraft, and motor vehicle used to transport packages covered by this exemption.

9. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS. Any incident involving loss of packaging contents or packaging failure must be reported to the Associate Administrator for Hazardous Materials Safety as soon as practicable.

10. EXPIRATION DATE. November 30, 1992.

Issued at Washington, D.C.

for Donald R. Smith

Alan I. Roberts
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, U.S. Department of Transportation, Washington, D.C. 20590. Attention: Exemptions Branch.

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