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capacity exceeding 150 L but not more than 3,000 L that has been marked and certified as conforming to the requirements in part 178 of this subchapter.

Undeclared hazardous material means a hazardous material that is: (1) Subject to any of the hazard communication requirements in subparts C (Shipping Papers), D (Marking), E (Labeling), and F (Placarding) of Part 172 of this subchapter, or an alternative marking requirement in Part 173 of this subchapter (such as §§ 173.4(a)(10) and 173.6(c)); and (2) offered for transportation in commerce without any visible indication to the person accepting the hazardous material for transportation that a hazardous material is present, on either an accompanying shipping document, or the outside of a transport vehicle, freight container, or package.

Unintentional release means the escape of a hazardous material from a package on an occasion not anticipated or planned. This includes releases resulting from collision, package failures, human error, criminal activity, negligence, improper packing, or unusual conditions such as the operation of pressure relief devices as a result of over-pressurization, overfill or fire exposure. It does not include releases, such as venting of packages, where allowed, and the operational discharge of contents from packages.

Unit load device means any type of freight container, aircraft container, aircraft pallet with a net, or aircraft pallet with a net over an igloo.

United States means a State of the United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Virgin Islands, American Samoa, Guam, or any other territory or possession of the United States designated by the Secretary.

Unloading incidental to movement means removing a packaged or containerized hazardous material from a transport vehicle, aircraft, or vessel, or for a bulk packaging, emptying a hazardous material from the bulk packaging after the hazardous material has been delivered to the consignee when performed by carrier personnel or in the presence of carrier personnel or, in the case of a private motor carrier, while the driver of the motor vehicle from which the hazardous material is being unloaded immediately after movement is completed is present during the unloading operation. (Emptying a hazardous material from a bulk packaging while the packaging is on board a vessel is subject to separate regulations as delegated by Department of Homeland Security Delegation No. 0170.1 at 2(103).) *Unloading incidental to movement* includes transloading.

Vessel includes every description of watercraft, used or capable of being used as a means of transportation on the water.

Viscous liquid means a liquid material which has a measured viscosity in excess of 2500 centistokes at 25 °C. (77 °F.) when determined in accordance with the procedures specified in ASTM Method D 445–72 ''Kinematic Viscosity of Transparent and Opaque Liquids (and the Calculation of Dynamic Viscosity)'' or ASTM Method D 1200–70 ''Viscosity of Paints, Varnishes, and Lacquers by Ford Viscosity Cup.''

Volatility refers to the relative rate of evaporation of materials to assume the vapor state.

Water reactive material. See § 173.124(c) of this subchapter.

Water resistant means having a degree of resistance to permeability by and damage caused by water in liquid form.

Wooden barrel means a packaging made of natural wood, of round cross-section, having convex walls, consisting of staves and heads and fitted with hoops.

Working pressure for purposes of UN pressure receptacles, means the settled pressure of a compressed gas at a reference temperature of 15 °C (59 °F).

W.T. means watertight.

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EDITORIAL NOTE: For FEDERAL REGISTER citations affecting § 171.8, see the List of CFR Sections Affected, which appears in the Finding Aids section of the printed volume and at *www.fdsys.gov*.

§ 171.9 Rules of construction.

(a) In this subchapter, unless the context requires otherwise:

(1) Words imparting the singular include the plural;

(2) Words imparting the plural include the singular; and

(3) Words imparting the masculine gender include the feminine;

(b) In this subchapter, the word: (1) ''Shall'' is used in an imperative sense;

(2) ''Must'' is used in an imperative sense;

(3) ''Should'' is used in a recommendatory sense;

(4) ''May'' is used in a permissive sense to state authority or permission to do the act described, and the words ''no person may * * *'' or ''a person may not * * *'' means that no person is required, authorized, or permitted to do the act described; and

(5) ''Includes'' is used as a word of inclusion not limitation.

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§ 171.10 Units of measure.

(a) *General.* To ensure compatibility with international transportation standards, most units of measure in this subchapter are expressed using the International System of Units (''SI'' or metric). Where SI units appear, they are the regulatory standard. U.S. standard or customary units, which appear in parentheses following the SI units, are for information only and are not intended to be the regulatory standard.

(b) Abbreviations for SI units of measure generally used throughout this subchapter are as shown in paragraph (c) of this section. Customary units shown throughout this subchapter are generally not abbreviated.

(c) *Conversion values.* (1) Conversion values are provided in the following table and are based on values provided in ASTM E 380, ''Standard for Metric Practice''.

(2) If an exact conversion is needed, the following conversion table should be used.

TABLE OF CONVERSION FACTORS FOR SI UNITS

Measurement	SI to U.S. standard	U.S. standard to SI
Activity	1 TBq=27 Ci	1 Ci=0.037 TBq
Length	1 cm=0.3937008 in	1 in=2.540000 cm
	1 m=3.280840 ft	1 ft=0.3048000 m
Thickness	1 mm=0.03937008 in	1 in=25.40000 mm
Mass (weight)	1 kg=2.204622 lb	1 lb=0.4535924 kg
	1 g=0.03527397 oz	1 oz=28.34952 g
Pressure	1 kPa=0.1450377 psi	1 psi=6.894757 kPa
	1 Bar=100 kPa=14.504 psi	1 psi=0.06895 Bar
	1 kPa=7.5 mm Hg	
Radiation level	1 Sv/hr=100 rem/hr	1 rem/hr=0.01 Sv/hr
Volume (liquid)	1 L=0.2641720 gal	1 gal=3.785412 L
	1 mL=0.03381402 oz	1 oz=29.57353 mL
	1 m^3=35.31466 ft^3	1 ft^3=0.02831685 m^3
Density	1 kg/m^3=0.06242797 lb/ft^3	1 lb/ft^3=16.01846 kg/m^3
Force	1 Newton = 0.2248 Pound-force	1 Pound-force=4.483 N

Abbreviation for units of measure are as follows:
Unit of measure and abbreviation:
(SI): millimeter, mm; centimeter, cm; meter, m; gram, g; kilogram, kg; kiloPascal, kPa; liter, L; milliliter, mL; cubic meter, m^3; Terabecquerel, TBq; Gigabecquerel, GBq; millisievert, mSv; Newton, N;
(U.S.): Inch, in; foot, ft; ounce, oz; pound, lb; psig, psi; gallon, gal; cubic feet, ft^3; Curie, Ci; millicurie, mCi; millirem, mrem.

[Amdt. 171–111, 56 FR 66159, Dec. 20, 1991, as amended by Amdt. 171–136, 60 FR 49108, Sept. 21, 1995; Amdt. 171–135, 60 FR 50302, Sept. 28, 1995; 66 FR 33335, June 21, 2001; 66 FR 45378, Aug. 28, 2001; 68 FR 75740, Dec. 31, 2003]

§ 171.11 [Reserved]

§ 171.12 North American Shipments.

(a) *Requirements for the use of the Transport Canada TDG Regulations.* (1) A hazardous material transported from Canada to the United States, from the United States to Canada, or transiting the United States to Canada or a foreign destination may be offered for transportation or transported by motor carrier and rail in accordance with the Transport Canada TDG Regulations (IBR, see §171.7) as authorized in