

§ 173.416 Authorized Type B packages.

Each of the following packages is authorized for shipment of quantities exceeding A₁ or A₂, as appropriate:

(a) Any Type B(U) or Type B(M) packaging that meets the applicable requirements of 10 CFR part 71 and that has been approved by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission may be shipped pursuant to §173.471.

(b) Any Type B(U) or B(M) packaging that meets the applicable requirements in "IAEA Regulations for the Safe Transport of Radioactive Material, SSR-6" (IBR, see §171.7 of this subchapter) and for which the foreign Competent Authority Certificate has been revalidated by DOT pursuant to §173.473. These packagings are authorized only for export and import shipments.

(c) A package approved by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission under a special package authorization granted in accordance with 10 CFR 71.41(d) provided it is offered only for domestic transportation in accordance with the requirements in §173.471(b) and (c).

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§ 173.417 Authorized fissile materials packages.

(a) Except as provided in §173.453, fissile materials containing not more

than A₁ or A₂ as appropriate, must be packaged in one of the following packagings:

(1)(i) Any packaging listed in §173.415, limited to the Class 7 (radioactive) materials specified in 10 CFR part 71, subpart C;

(ii) Any Type AF, Type B(U)F, or Type B(M)F packaging that meets the applicable standards for fissile material packages in 10 CFR part 71; or

(iii) Any Type AF, Type B(U)F, or Type B(M)F packaging that meets the applicable requirements for fissile material packages in Section VI of the International Atomic Energy Agency "Regulations for the Safe Transport of Radioactive Material, SSR-6 (IBR, see §171.7 of this subchapter)," and for which the foreign Competent Authority certificate has been revalidated by the U.S. Competent Authority, in accordance with §173.473. These packages are authorized only for export and import shipments.

(2) A residual "heel" of enriched solid uranium hexafluoride may be transported without a protective overpack in any metal cylinder that meets both the requirements of §173.415 and §178.350 of this subchapter for Specification 7A Type A packaging, and the requirements of §173.420 for packagings containing greater than 0.1 kg of uranium hexafluoride. Any such shipment must be made in accordance with Table 2, as follows:

TABLE 2—ALLOWABLE CONTENT OF URANIUM HEXAFLUORIDE (UF₆ "HEEL" IN A SPECIFICATION 7A CYLINDER)

Maximum cylinder diameter		Cylinder volume		Maximum Uranium 235-enrichment (weight) percent	Maximum "Heel" weight per cylinder			
Centimeters	Inches	Liters	Cubic feet		UF ₆		Uranium-235	
					kg	lb	kg	lb
12.7	5	8.8	0.311	100.0	0.045	0.1	0.031	0.07
20.3	8	39.0	1.359	12.5	0.227	0.5	0.019	0.04
30.5	12	68.0	2.410	5.0	0.454	1.0	0.015	0.03
76.0	30	725.0	25.64	5.0	11.3	25.0	0.383	0.84
122.0	48	3,084.0	¹ 108.9	4.5	22.7	50.0	0.690	1.52
122.0	48	4,041.0	² 142.7	4.5	22.7	50.0	0.690	1.52

¹ 10 ton.

² 14 ton

(b) Fissile Class 7 (radioactive) materials with radioactive content exceeding A₁ or A₂ must be packaged in one of the following packagings:

(1) Type B(U), or Type B(M) packaging that meets the standards for

packaging of fissile materials in 10 CFR part 71, and is approved by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission and used in accordance with §173.471;

(2) Type B(U) or Type B(M) packaging that also meets the applicable

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requirements for fissile material packaging in Section VI of the International Atomic Energy Agency “Regulations for the Safe Transport of Radioactive Material, SSR-6,” and for which the foreign Competent Authority certificate has been revalidated by the U.S. Competent Authority in accordance with §173.473. These packagings are authorized only for import and export shipments.

(c) A package approved by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission under a special package authorization granted in accordance with 10 CFR 71.41(d) provided it is offered only for domestic transportation in accordance with the requirements in §173.471(b) and (c).

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§ 173.418 Authorized packages—pyrophoric Class 7 (radioactive) materials.

Pyrophoric Class 7 (radioactive) materials, as referenced in the §172.101 table of this subchapter, in quantities not exceeding A₂ per package must be transported in DOT Specification 7A packagings constructed of materials that will not react with, nor be decomposed by, the contents. Contents of the package must be—

(a) In solid form and must not be fissile unless excepted by §173.453;

(b) Contained in sealed and corrosion resistant receptacles with positive closures (friction or slip-fit covers or stoppers are not authorized);

(c) Free of water and contaminants that would increase the reactivity of the material; and

(d) Inerted to prevent self-ignition during transport by either—

(1) Mixing with large volumes of inerting materials, such as graphite, dry sand, or other suitable inerting material, or blended into a matrix of hardened concrete; or

(2) Filling the innermost receptacle with an appropriate inert gas or liquid.

(e) Pyrophoric Class 7 (radioactive) materials transported by aircraft must be packaged in Type B packages.

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§ 173.419 Authorized packages—oxidizing Class 7 (radioactive) materials.

(a) An oxidizing Class 7 (radioactive) material, as referenced in the §172.101 table of this subchapter, is authorized in quantities not exceeding an A₂ per package, in a DOT Specification 7A package provided that—

(1) The contents are:

(i) Not fissile;

(ii) Packed in inside packagings of glass, metal or compatible plastic; and

(iii) Cushioned with a material that will not react with the contents; and

(2) The outside packaging is made of wood, metal, or plastic.

(b) The package must be capable of meeting the applicable test requirements of §173.465 without leakage of contents.

(c) For shipment by air, the maximum quantity in any package may not exceed 11.3 kg (25 pounds).

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§ 173.420 Uranium hexafluoride (fissile, fissile excepted and non-fissile).

(a) In addition to any other applicable requirements of this subchapter, quantities greater than 0.1 kg of fissile, fissile excepted or non-fissile uranium hexafluoride must be offered for transportation as follows:

(1) Before initial filling and during periodic inspection and test, packagings must be cleaned in accordance with American National Standard N14.1 (IBR, see §171.7 of this subchapter).

(2) Packagings must be designed, fabricated, inspected, tested and marked in accordance with—

(i) American National Standard N14.1 in effect at the time the packaging was manufactured; or

(ii) [Reserved]

(iii) Section VIII of the ASME Code (IBR, see §171.7 of this subchapter), provided the packaging—

(A) Was manufactured on or before June 30, 1987;

(B) Conforms to the edition of the ASME Code in effect at the time the packaging was manufactured;

(C) Is used within its original design limitations; and