

of any unpackaged instrument or article does not exceed 0.1 mSv/hour (10 mrem/hour);

(e) The active material is completely enclosed by non-active components (a device performing the sole function of containing radioactive material shall not be considered to be an instrument or manufactured article);

(f) The radiation level at any point on the external surface of a package bearing the article or instrument does not exceed 0.005 mSv/hour (0.5 mrem/hour), or, for exclusive use domestic shipments, 0.02 mSv/hour (2 mrem/hour);

(g) The nonfixed (removable) radioactive surface contamination on the

external surface of the package does not exceed the limits specified in §173.443(a);

(h) Except as provided in §173.426, the package does not contain more than 15 g of uranium-235; and

(i) The package is otherwise prepared for shipment as specified in §173.422.

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§ 173.425 Table of activity limits—excepted quantities and articles.

The limits applicable to instruments, articles, and limited quantities subject to exceptions under §§173.421 and 173.424 are set forth in table 4 as follows:

TABLE 4—ACTIVITY LIMITS FOR LIMITED QUANTITIES, INSTRUMENTS, AND ARTICLES

Nature of contents	Instruments and articles		Limited quantity package limits ¹
	Limits for each instrument or article ¹	Package limits ¹	
Solids:			
Special form	$10^{-2} A_1$	A_1	$10^{-3} A_1$
Normal form	$10^{-2} A_2$	A_2	$10^{-3} A_2$
Liquids:			
Tritiated water:			
<0.0037 TBq/L (0.1 Ci/L)			37 TBq (1,000 Ci)
0.0037 TBq to 0.037 TBq/L (0.1 Ci to 1.0 Ci/L)			3.7 TBq (100 Ci)
>0.037 TBq/L (1.0 Ci/L)			0.037 TBq (1.0 Ci)
Other Liquids	$10^{-3} A_2$	$10^{-1} A_2$	$10^{-4} A_2$
Gases:			
Tritium ²	$2 \times 10^{-2} A_2$	$2 \times 10^{-1} A_2$	$2 \times 10^{-2} A_2$
Special form	$10^{-3} A_1$	$10^{-2} A_1$	$10^{-3} A_1$
Normal form	$10^{-3} A_2$	$10^{-2} A_2$	$10^{-3} A_2$

¹ For mixtures of radionuclides see §173.433(d).

² These values also apply to tritium in activated luminous paint and tritium adsorbed on solid carriers.

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§ 173.426 Excepted packages for articles containing natural uranium or thorium.

A manufactured article in which the sole Class 7 (radioactive) material content is natural uranium, unirradiated depleted uranium or natural thorium, and its packaging, are excepted from the requirements in this subchapter for specification packaging, labeling, marking (except for the UN identification number marking requirement described in §173.422(a)), and if not a hazardous substance or hazardous waste, shipping papers and the requirements of this subpart if:

(a) Each package meets the general design requirements of §173.410;

(b) The outer surface of the uranium or thorium is enclosed in an inactive sheath made of metal or other durable protective material;

(c) The conditions specified in §173.421 (b), (c) and (d) are met; and

(d) The article is otherwise prepared for shipment as specified in §173.422.

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