

Application No.	Docket No.	Applicant	Regulation(s) affected	Nature of the special permits thereof
20527-N		Procyon-Alpha Squared, Inc ..	172.102(c)(1), 172.200, 172.300, 172.400, 173.159a(c)(2), 173.185(c)(1)(iii), 173.185(c)(1)(iv), 173.185(c)(1)(v), 173.185(c)(3).	To authorize the manufacture, mark, sale, and use of non-DOT specification packagings for the transportation in commerce of batteries without hazard communication. (Modes 1, 3).
20528-N		Triest AG Group, Inc ..	180.205(g)	To authorize the transportation in commerce of DOT 4BW240 cylinders that have been requalified by proof pressure test and visual inspection. (Modes 1, 3).
20529-N		Texas Instruments Incorporated.	173.187	To authorize the transportation in commerce of certain pyrophoric solids in UN 4H2 packaging. (Mode 1).
20530-N		CEA Liten ..	172.101(j), 173.185(a)	To authorize the transportation in commerce of prototype lithium ion batteries in excess of 35 kg by cargo-only aircraft. (Mode 4).
20531-N		General Atomics ..	172.101(j), 173.185(a)	To authorize the transportation in commerce of low production lithium batteries in excess of 35 kg by cargo-only aircraft. (Mode 4).
20532-N		Chart Inc ..	172.203(a), 177.834(h)	To authorize the manufacture, mark, sale, and use of DOT 4L cylinders for the discharge of refrigerated liquid gases without removing them from the vehicle on which they are transported. (Mode 1).
20534-N		Energy Transport Solutions LLC.	172.101(i)(3)	To authorize the transportation in commerce of methane, refrigerated liquid in DOT specification 113C120W and 113C140W tank cars. (Mode 2).
20536-N		Amigo Mobility International, Inc.		To authorize the transportation in commerce of lithium batteries without requiring shipper training.
20537-N		Inmark Packaging Limited Liability Company.	173.197(c)	To authorize the transportation in commerce of regulated medical waste in UN 11G packaging. (Mode 1).

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

Hazardous Materials: Notice of Applications for Special Permits

AGENCY: Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of actions on special permit applications.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the procedures governing the application for, and the processing of, special permits from the Department of Transportation's Hazardous Material

Regulations notice is hereby given that the Office of Hazardous Materials Safety has received the application described herein.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before October 16, 2017.

ADDRESSES: Record Center, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, Washington, DC 20590.

Comments should refer to the application number and be submitted in triplicate. If confirmation of receipt of comments is desired, include a self-addressed stamped postcard showing the special permit number.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ryan Paquet, Director, Office of Hazardous Materials Approvals and Permits Division, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety

Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, East Building, PHH-30, 1200 New Jersey Avenue Southeast, Washington, DC 20590-0001, (202) 366-4535.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Copies of the applications are available for inspection in the Records Center, East Building, PHH-30, 1200 New Jersey Avenue Southeast, Washington, DC or at <http://regulations.gov>.

This notice of receipt of applications for special permit is published in accordance with part 107 of the Federal hazardous materials transportation law (49 U.S.C. 5117(b); 49 CFR 1.53(b)).

Issued in Washington, DC, on August 31, 2017.

Donald Burger,
Chief, Office of the Special Permits and Approvals.

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SPECIAL PERMITS DATA				
5749-M		Chemours Company FC LLC	173.315(a)	To modify the special permit to authorize the modification of an MC-331 cargo tank by adding a rupture disk under the relief valve on the liquid load line.
9168-M		Berlin Packaging L.L.C ..	173.13(a), 173.13(b), 173.13(c)(1)(ii), 173.13(c)(1)(iv), 173.13(c)(2)(iii).	To modify the special permit to remove the requirement to use an intermediate metal can for inner receptacles containing solid hazardous materials.
10915-M		Luxfer Inc ..	205, 3, 302A, 304A	To modify the special permit to authorize the removal of liner coatings and the gunfire test for cylinders less than .5 liters water capacity.
12187-M		ITW Sexton Inc ..	173.304a(a)	To modify the special permit to authorize and additional 2.2 gas.
13220-M		Entegris, Inc ..	173.302(a), 173.302c(a)	To modify the special permit to remove unauthorized hazmat due to new regulatory changes.
13961-M		3AL Testing ..	172.203(a), 172.301(c), 180.205.	To modify the special permit to remove the requirement for the six month check for gain control accuracy and to authorize a revised dome marking.

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13998-M		3AL Testing	172.203(a), 172.301(c), 180.205.	To modify the special permit to remove the requirement for the six month check for gain control accuracy and to authorize a revised dome marking.
14206-M		Digital Wave Corporation	180.205, 172.203(a), 172.301(c).	To modify the special permit to authorize Ultrasonic Examination of certain DOT UN refillable pressure receptacles and cylinders.
15773-M		Roche Molecular Systems, Inc.	173.242(e)(1)	To modify the special permit to authorize a new packaging design for transporting PG II corrosive materials.
16231-M		Thales Alenia Space	172.101(j), 173.301(f), 173.302a(a)(1), 173.304a(a)(2).	To modify the special permit to authorize an additional Class 1.4S explosive.
20283-M		LG Chem	172.101(j)	To modify the special permit to authorize an additional package.
20292-M		Nuance Systems LLC	173.181, 173.302(a), 173.187, 173.201, 173.211.	To authorize the manufacture, marking sale and use of a non-DOT specification cylinder used to transport pyrophoric materials.
20306-M		Avantor Performance Materials International, Inc.	173.158(e)	To modify the special permit to authorize a change in the minimum thickness of the interior polyvinyl chloride liner coating and to authorize an additional packing for transport.
20336-M		Geotek Coring Inc	173.3(d)	To modify the special permit originally from an emergency special permit to a routine special permit.
20384-N		Beanworthy, LLC	173.185(f), 173.185(f)(2), 173.185(f)(3).	To authorize the manufacture, mark, sale, and use of packagings for the purpose of transporting recalled batteries for recycling/disposal.
20390-M		American RX Group, LLC	Parts 171-180	To modify the special permit from an emergency special permit to a routine special permit.
20403-N		Daws Manufacturing Company, Inc.	177.834(h), 178.705(d), 178.811, 178.812.	To authorize the manufacture, mark, sale and use of non-DOT specification aluminum tanks with capacities not exceeding 95 gallons. Additionally, discharge of Class 3 hazardous materials from the tanks without removing them from the vehicle on which they are transported is authorized.
20414-N		Lockheed Martin Corporation	172.101(j), 173.302(a)	To authorize the transportation of low production batteries aboard cargo-only aircraft.
20417-N		Redemption, Inc	172.101(j), 172.301(c), 173.62(c).	To authorize the transportation in commerce of certain Class 1 explosive materials which are forbidden for transportation by air, to be transported by cargo aircraft within the State of Alaska when other means of transportation are impracticable or not available.
20422-N		Sportsman's Air Service, Inc	172.101(j), 173.242, 175.310(c)(1)(i)(iii).	To authorize the transportation in commerce of certain Class 3 liquid fuels contained in non-DOT specification packaging of up to 250 gallon capacity by cargo aircraft within and to remote areas in Alaska where there is no other practical alternative to air shipments.
20426-N		Energys Advanced Systems Inc.	173.185(a)	To authorize the transportation in commerce of lithium metal cells that are not of a type proven to meet the requirements of the UN Manual of Tests and Criteria.
20429-N		Reclamation Technologies, Inc.	173.301(a)(1), 173.304(a), 173.309.	To authorize the transportation in commerce of non-DOT specification cylinders via contract or dedicated carrier.
20433-N		Brammo, Inc	172.101(j), 173.185(a)	To authorize the transportation in commerce of prototype and low production lithium ion batteries in excess of 35 kg by cargo-only aircraft.
20435-N		Atieva USA Inc	172.101(j), 173.185(a)	To authorize the transportation in commerce of low production lithium ion batteries in excess of 35 kg by cargo-only aircraft.
20452-N		Xalt Energy MI, LLC	172.101(j)	To authorize the transportation in commerce of lithium ion batteries exceeding 35 kg net weight by cargo-only aircraft.
20463-N		Aerojet Rocketdyne, Inc	172.320(a), 173.56(b), 173.51(a).	To authorize the transportation in commerce of subassembly components of previously approved rocket motors without individual EX classification approvals.
20471-N		Lone Star Specialties LLC	173.213(c)	To authorize the transportation in commerce of flaked coal tar pitch in non-UN certified polypropylene bags.
20477-N		Lithionics Battery, LLC	172.101(j)	To authorize the transportation in commerce of lithium ion batteries exceeding 35 kg by cargo-only aircraft.
20479-N		Mcabee, Thomas O	171.1, 180.1	To authorize the manufacture, mark, sale and use of non-DOT specification packaging for the transportation in commerce of certain materials authorized to be disposed of under 21 CFR part 1317, subpart B.
20483-N		Qal-Tek Associates LLC	173.431(a)	To authorize the transportation in commerce of normal form radioactive materials in Type A packagings when the activity limit exceeds the A2 value.
20496-N		Kalitta Air, L.L.C	175.30(a)(1), 173.27(b)(2), 173.27(b)(3).	To authorize the transportation in commerce of explosives by cargo aircraft which is forbidden in the regulations.
20497-N		Kalitta Air, L.L.C	175.30(a)(1), 173.27(b)(2), 173.27(b)(3).	To authorize the transportation of explosives by cargo aircraft which is forbidden in the regulations.
20499-N		Med-Turn, Inc	Parts 171-180	To authorize the manufacture, mark, sale and use of non-DOT specification packaging for the transportation in commerce of certain materials authorized to be disposed of under 21 CFR part 1317, subpart B.

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20500-N	California Department of Toxic Substances Control.	To authorize the transportation in commerce of hazardous materials used to support the recovery and relief operations from and within the California fire disaster areas.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Advisory Committee on Former Prisoners of War; Notice of Meeting Cancellation

The Department of Veterans Affairs gives notice under the Federal Advisory Committee Act that the meeting of the Advisory Committee on Former Prisoners of War, previously scheduled to be held at the Westin Peachtree Plaza Hotel, 210 Peachtree Street NW., Atlanta, GA 30303, on September 13-15, 2017, *has been cancelled.*

For more information, please contact Leslie N. Williams, Designated Federal Officer, Department of Veterans Affairs, Veterans Benefits Administration, Benefits Assistance Service, at (202) 530-9219 or via email at *Leslie.Williams1@va.gov.*

Dated: September 11, 2017.

Jelessa M. Burney,
Federal Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Employees Whose Association With For-Profit Educational Institutions Poses No Detriment to Veterans

AGENCY: Department of Veterans Affairs.
ACTION: Notice of intent and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) intends to waive the application of applicable Federal regulations (see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**) for all VA employees who receive any wages, salary, dividends, profits, gratuities, or services from, or own any interest in, a for-profit educational institution in which an eligible person or veteran is pursuing a program of education under a VA education benefits program.

DATES: This notice is applicable on October 16, 2017, without further notice, unless VA receives a significant adverse comment by October 16, 2017.

ADDRESSES: Written comments may be submitted by email through *http://www.regulations.gov*; by mail or hand-delivery to Director, Regulations Management (00REG), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW., Room 1068, Washington, DC 20420; or by fax to (202) 273-9026. Comments should indicate that they are submitted in response to “Notice of Intent and request for comments—Employees Whose Association With For-Profit Educational Institutions Poses No Detriment to Veterans.” Copies of comments received will be available for public inspection in the Office of Regulation Policy and Management, Room 1068, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday (except holidays). Please call (202) 461-4902 for an appointment. In addition, during the comment period, comments may be viewed online through the Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) at *http://www.regulations.gov*. A significant adverse comment is one that explains why the waiver would be inappropriate, including challenges to the waiver’s underlying premise or approach, or why it would be ineffective or unacceptable without change. If significant adverse comments are received, VA will publish a notice of receipt of significant adverse comments in the **Federal Register** addressing the comments and announcing VA’s final decision on this action.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Christopher Britt, Office of General Counsel (02-EST), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20420, 202-461-7637 (this is not a toll free number).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department is committed to ensuring that veterans are protected from predatory behavior from for-profit educational institutions. We must also ensure that all employees abide by government ethics laws, particularly the laws that prohibit employees from using their public office for private gain. This is the bedrock of our ethics program: Placing loyalty to the Constitution, laws, and ethical principles above personal interests.

One statute pertaining to for-profit educational institutions—38 U.S.C. 3683—was passed by Congress decades ago, before there were conflict-of-

interest laws applicable to all Executive Branch employees, and was intended to prevent corruption in connection with VA’s administration of benefits under VA education benefits programs. In current practice, however, that statute has illogical and unintended consequences, in that it requires the removal of any VA employee who has any connection to a for-profit educational institution that students attend under a VA education benefits program. As an example, a literal reading of the statute would require the removal of a VA lab technician who takes a class, on her own time and using her own money, at a for-profit educational institution that is also attended by students using VA education benefits. It would also require the removal of a VA physician who teaches an introductory biology class at such a school. The statute applies retroactively, in that it requires VA to remove employees who have no current connection to a for-profit institution but took or taught a class at one at any time during their VA employment. Applying this statute to VA employees who have not engaged in any real conflict of interest would be unjust and detrimental to VA’s ability to serve veterans.

The VA Inspector General (IG) recently issued a report finding that two VA employees violated 38 U.S.C. 3683 when they taught as adjunct faculty at for-profit educational institutions that have students using VA education benefits. Fortunately, that IG report recommended that VA issue waivers, as the statute specifically allows, for employees whose connection with for-profit institutions creates no actual conflict of interest and poses no harm to veterans.

Therefore, under the authority granted by 38 U.S.C. 3683(d) and 38 CFR 21.4005, the Secretary intends to waive the application of 38 U.S.C. 3683(a) for all VA employees who receive any wages, salary, dividends, profits, gratuities, or services from, or own any interest in, a for-profit educational institution in which an eligible person or veteran is pursuing a program of education using VA education benefits, as long as employees abide by the conflict of interest laws discussed in the following paragraph, as the Secretary has determined that no detriment will