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not exceed 140 psig at 55 °C (130 °F). Cans must not be liquid full at 130 °F. Cans must be constructed of tinplate or lined with suitable material and must have concave or pressure ends.

(d) Cylinders, except those containing methyl bromide, must conform to § 173.40 of this part.

[Amdt. 173-224, 55 FR 52643, Dec. 21, 1990, as amended at 56 FR 66271, Dec. 20, 1991; 57 FR 45463, Oct. 1, 1992]

### § 173.194 Gas identification sets.

Gas identification sets containing poisonous material must be packaged in packagings conforming to the requirements of part 178 of this subchapter at the Packing Group I performance level, as follows:

(a) In glass inner receptacles, hermetically sealed, of not over 40 mL (1.4 fluid ounces) each. Each glass inner receptacle must in turn be placed in a sealed fiberboard receptacle, cushioned with absorbent material. Not more than 12 fiberboard receptacles must in turn be placed in a 4G fiberboard box. No more than four boxes, well-cushioned, may in turn be placed in a steel cylinder. The cylinder must have a wall thickness of at least 3.7 mm (0.146 inch) and must have a hermetically sealed steel closure.

(b) When the poisonous material is absorbed in a medium such as activated charcoal or silical gel, gas identification sets may be shipped as follows:

(1) If the poisonous material does not exceed 5 mL (0.2 fluid ounce) if a liquid or 5 g (0.2 ounce) if a solid, it may be packed in glass inner receptacles of not over 120 mL (4.1 fluid ounces) each. Each glass receptacle, cushioned with absorbent material must be packed in a hermetically sealed metal can of not less than 0.30 mm (0.012 inch) wall thickness. Metal cans, surrounded on all sides by at least 25 mm (1 inch) of dry sawdust, must be packed in 4C1, 4C2, 4D or 4F wooden boxes. Not more than 100 mL (3.4 fluid ounces) or 100 g (3.5 ounces) of poisonous materials may be packed in one outer wooden box.

(2) If the poisonous material does not exceed 5 mL (0.2 fluid ounce) if a liquid or 20 g (0.7 ounce) if a solid, it may be packed in glass inner receptacles with screw-top closures of not less than 60 mL (2 ounces), hermetically sealed.

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Twelve bottles containing poisonous material, not to exceed 100 mL (3.4 ounces) or 100 g (3.5 ounces), or both, may be placed in a plastic carrying case, each glass receptacle surrounded by absorbent cushioning and each separated from the other by sponge rubber partitions. The plastic carrying case must be placed in a tightly fitting fiberboard box which in turn must be placed in a tightly fitting 4C1, 4C2, 4D or 4F wooden box.

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### § 173.195 Hydrogen cyanide, anhydrous, stabilized (hydrocyanic acid, aqueous solution).

(a) Hydrogen cyanide, anhydrous, stabilized, must be packed in specification cylinders as follows:

(1) As prescribed in § 173.192, or

(2) Specification 3A480, 3A480X, 3AA480, or 3A1800 metal cylinders of not over 126 kg (278 pounds) water capacity (nominal). Shipments in 3AL cylinders are authorized only when transported by highway and rail.

(b) Cylinders may not be charged with more than 0.27 kg (0.6 pound) of liquid per 0.45 kg (1 pound) water capacity of cylinder. Each filled cylinder must be tested for leakage before being offered for transportation or transported and must show absolutely no leakage; this test must consist of passing a piece of Guignard's sodium picrate paper over the closure of the cylinder, without the protection cap attached, to detect any escape of hydrogen cyanide from the cylinder. Other equally efficient test methods may be used in place of sodium picrate paper.

(c) Packagings for hydrogen cyanide must conform to § 173.40.

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### § 173.196 Infectious substances (etiologic agents).

(a) Authorized packagings and components are as follows:

(1) Inner packagings comprising:

(i) A watertight primary receptacle;

(ii) A watertight secondary packaging; and

(iii) When the primary receptacle contains liquids, an absorbent material

must be placed between the primary receptacle and the secondary packaging. If multiple-primary receptacles are placed in a single secondary packaging they must be wrapped individually to ensure that contact between them is prevented. The absorbent material, such as cotton wool, must be sufficient to absorb the entire contents of all primary receptacles.

(2) An outer packaging must be of adequate strength for its capacity, mass and intended use.

(b) Each package for infectious substances must be capable of passing the tests specified in §178.609 of this subchapter.

(c) Packages consigned as freight must be at least 100 mm (3.9 inches) in the smallest overall external dimensions.

(d) For all packages containing infectious substances, an itemized list of contents must be enclosed between the secondary packaging and the outer packaging.

(e) Although exceptional cases, such as whole organs, may require special packaging, the great majority of infectious substances can and must be packaged according to the following guidelines.

(1) *Lympholized substances.* Primary receptacles include flame-sealed glass ampoules or rubber-stopped glass vials fitted with metal seals.

(2) *Liquid or solid substances*—(i) *Substances shipped at ambient temperatures or higher.* Primary receptacles include those of glass, metal or plastic. Positive means of ensuring a leakproof seal, such as heat seal, skirted stopper or metal crimp seal must be provided. If screw caps are used, they must be reinforced with adhesive tape.

(ii) *Substances shipped refrigerated or frozen (ice, pre-frozen packs, dry ice).* Ice or dry ice must be placed outside the secondary packagings. Interior supports must be provided to secure the secondary packagings in the original position after the ice or dry ice has dissipated. If ice is used, the packaging must be leakproof. If dry ice is used, the outer packaging must permit the release of carbon dioxide gas.

(iii) *Substances shipped in liquid nitrogen.* Plastic primary receptacles capable of withstanding very low tempera-

tures must be used. Secondary packaging must also withstand very low temperatures and in most cases will need to be fitted over individual primary receptacles. Requirements for shipment of liquid nitrogen must also be observed.

(f) Whatever the intended temperature of shipment, the primary receptacle or secondary packaging used for infectious substances must be capable of withstanding, without leakage, an internal pressure which produces a pressure differential of not less than 95 kPa (14 psig) and temperatures in the range of  $-40^{\circ}\text{C}$  to  $+55^{\circ}\text{C}$  ( $-40^{\circ}\text{F}$  to  $+131^{\circ}\text{F}$ ).

(g) The requirements of this section supplement the requirements of the Department of Health and Human Services contained in 42 CFR part 72.

(h) *Exceptions.* The following substances are not subject to any requirements of this subchapter if the items as packaged do not contain any material otherwise subject to the requirements of this subchapter.

(1) Diagnostic specimens.

(2) Biological products.

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#### § 173.196 Infectious substances.

(a) *Division 6.2 packaging.* A Division 6.2 packaging must meet the test standards of §178.609 of this subchapter and must be marked in conformance with §178.503(f) of this subchapter. Division 6.2 packaging is a triple packaging consisting of the following components:

(1) A watertight primary receptacle.

(2) A watertight secondary packaging. If multiple fragile primary receptacles are placed in a single secondary packaging, they must be wrapped individually to prevent contact between them.

(3) An outer packaging of adequate strength for its capacity, mass and intended use. The outer packaging must measure at least 100 mm (3.9 inches) at its smallest overall external dimension.

(4) For a liquid infectious substance, an absorbent material placed between the primary receptacle and the secondary packaging. The

absorbent material must be sufficient to absorb the entire contents of all primary receptacles.

(5) An itemized list of contents enclosed between the secondary packaging and the outer packaging.

(6) The primary receptacle or secondary packaging used for infectious substances must be capable of withstanding, without leakage, an internal pressure producing a pressure differential of not less than 95 kPa (0.95 bar, 14 psi).

(7) The primary receptacle or secondary packaging used for infectious substances must be capable of withstanding without leakage temperatures in the range of  $-40\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$  to  $+55\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$  ( $-40\text{ }^{\circ}\text{F}$  to  $+131\text{ }^{\circ}\text{F}$ ).

(b) *Additional requirements for packaging infectious substances.* Infectious substances must be packaged according to the following requirements depending on the physical state and other characteristics of the material:

(1) *Infectious lyophilized (freeze-dried) substances.* Primary receptacles must be flame-sealed glass ampules or rubber-stopped glass vials fitted with metal seals.

(2) *Liquid or solid infectious substances—*

(i) *Infectious substances shipped at ambient temperatures or higher.* Authorized primary receptacles are those of glass, metal, or plastic. Positive means of ensuring a leakproof seal must be provided, such as heat seal, skirted stopper, or metal crimp seal. If screw caps are used, they must be secured by positive means, such as with adhesive tape.

(ii) *Infectious substances shipped refrigerated or frozen (ice, pre-frozen packs, dry ice).* Ice or dry ice must be placed outside the secondary packagings or in an overpack with one or more complete packages marked in accordance with §173.503 of this subchapter. Interior supports must be provided to secure the secondary packagings in the original position after the ice or dry ice has dissipated. If ice is used, the outside packaging must be leakproof. If dry ice is used, the outside packaging must permit the release of carbon dioxide gas and otherwise meet the provisions in §173.217. The primary receptacle and the secondary packaging must maintain their integrity at the temperature of the refrigerant used as well as the temperatures and pressures of air transport to which they could be subjected if refrigeration were lost.

(iii) *Infectious substances shipped in liquid nitrogen.* Primary receptacles capable of withstanding very low temperatures must be used. Secondary packaging must withstand very low temperatures and in most cases will need to be fitted over individual primary receptacles. The primary receptacle and the secondary packaging must maintain their integrity at the temperature of the liquid nitrogen as well as the temperatures and pressures of air transport to which they could be subjected if refrigeration were to be lost. Re-

frigerated liquid nitrogen packagings must be metal vacuum insulated vessels or flasks (also called “dry shippers”) vented to the atmosphere to prevent any increase in pressure within the packaging. The use of safety relief valves, check valves, frangible discs, or similar devices in the vent lines is prohibited. Fill and discharge openings must be protected against the entry of foreign materials that might cause an increase in the internal pressure. The package orientation markings specified in §172.312(a) of this subchapter must be marked on the packaging. The packaging must be designed to prevent the release of any refrigerated liquid nitrogen irrespective of the packaging orientation.

(c) Live animals may not be used to transport infectious substances unless such substances cannot be sent by any other means. An animal containing or contaminated with an infectious substance must be transported under terms and conditions approved by the Associate Administrator for Hazardous Materials Safety.

(d) Body parts, organs or whole bodies meeting the definition of Division 6.2 material must be packaged as follows:

- (1) In Division 6.2 packaging, as specified in paragraphs (a) and (b) of this section; or
- (2) In packaging meeting the requirements of §173.197.

#### § 173.197 Regulated medical waste.

Regulated medical waste must be packaged in packagings conforming to the requirements of part 178 of this subchapter at the Packing Group II performance level. The packagings must be:

- (a) Rigid;
- (b) Leak resistant;
- (c) Impervious to moisture;
- (d) Of sufficient strength to prevent tearing or bursting under normal conditions of use and handling;
- (e) Sealed to prevent leakage during transport;
- (f) Puncture resistant for sharps and sharps with residual fluids; and
- (g) Break-resistant and tightly lidded or stoppered for fluids in quantities greater than 20 cubic cm.

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