be limited so that the sum of the transport indexes in any individual group of packages does not exceed 50. Groups of these packages must be stored so as to maintain a spacing of at least 6 m (20 feet) from other groups of packages containing Class 7 (radioactive) materials.

(b) Mixing of different kinds of Class 7 (radioactive) materials packages that include fissile materials packages is authorized only in accordance with §173.459.

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§173.448 General transportation requirements.

(a) Each shipment of Class 7 (radioactive) materials must be secured to prevent shifting during normal transportation conditions.

(b) Except as provided in §§174.81, 176.83, and 177.848 of this subchapter, or as otherwise required by the competent authority in the applicable certificate, a package of Class 7 (radioactive) materials may be carried among packaged general cargo without special stowage provisions, if—

(1) The heat output in watts does not exceed 0.1 times the minimum package dimension in cm; or

(2) The average surface heat flux of the package does not exceed 15 watts per square meter and the immediately surrounding cargo is not in sacks or bags or otherwise in a form that would seriously impede air circulation for heat removal.

(c) Packages bearing labels prescribed in §172.403 of this subchapter may not be carried in compartments occupied by passengers, except in those compartments exclusively reserved for couriers accompanying those packages.

(d) Mixing of different kinds of packages that include fissile packages is authorized only in accordance with §173.459.

(e) No person shall offer for transportation or transport aboard a passenger-carrying aircraft any single package with a transport index greater than 3.0 or an overpack with a transport index greater than 3.0.

(f) No person shall offer for transportation or transport aboard a passenger-carrying aircraft any Class 7 (radioactive) material unless that material is intended for use in, or incident to, research, medical diagnosis or treatment.

(g) If an overpack is used to consolidate individual packages of Class 7 (radioactive) materials, the packages must comply with the packaging, marking, and labeling requirements of this subchapter, and the following:

(1) The overpack must be labeled as prescribed in §172.403 of this subchapter, except as follows:

(i) The ''contents'' entry on the label may state ''mixed'' unless each inside package contains the same radionuclide(s);

(ii) The ''activity'' entry on the label must be determined by adding together the number of Becquerels (curies) of the Class 7 (radioactive) materials packages contained therein;

(iii) For a non-rigid overpack, the required label together with required package markings must be affixed to the overpack by means of a securely attached, durable tag. The transport index must be determined by adding together the transport indexes of the Class 7 (radioactive) materials packages contained therein; and

(iv) For a rigid overpack, the transport index must be determined by:

(A) Adding together the transport indexes of the Class 7 (radioactive) materials packages contained in the overpack; or

(B) Except for fissile Class 7 (radioactive) materials, direct measurements as prescribed in §173.403 for transport index, taken by the person initially offering the packages contained within the overpack for shipment.

(2) The overpack must be marked as prescribed in subpart D of part 172 of this subchapter and §173.25(a).

(3) The transport index of the overpack may not exceed 3.0 for passenger-carrying aircraft shipments, or 10.0 for cargo-aircraft only shipments.

§173.453 Fissile materials—exceptions.

The requirements of §§173.457 and 173.459 do not apply to:

(a) A package containing 15 g or less of fissile radionuclides. If the material is transported in bulk, the quantity limitation applies to the conveyance.

(b) A package containing homogeneous solutions or mixtures where:

(1) The minimum ratio of the number of hydrogen atoms to the number of atoms of fissile radionuclides (H/X) is 5200;

(2) The maximum concentration of fissile radionuclides is 5 g per liter; and

(3) The maximum mass of fissile radionuclides in the package is 500 g, except that for a mixture in which the total mass of plutonium and uranium-233 does not exceed 1% of the mass of uranium-235, the limit is 800 g of uranium-235. If the material is transported in bulk, the quantity limitations apply to the conveyance.

(c) A package containing uranium enriched in uranium-235 to a maximum of 1% by mass, and mixed with a total plutonium and uranium-233 content of up to 1% of the mass of uranium-235, if the fissile radionuclides are distributed homogeneously throughout the package contents, and do not form a lattice arrangement within the package.

(d) A package containing not more than 5 g of fissile radionuclides in any 10 L volume, provided that the material is contained in packages that will maintain the limitation on fissile radionuclide distribution during normal conditions of transport.

(e) A package containing 1 kg or less of plutonium of which 20% or less by mass may consist of plutonium-239, plutonium-241, or any combination of those radionuclides.

(f) A package containing liquid solutions of uranyl nitrate enriched in uranium-235 to a maximum of 2% by mass, with total plutonium and uranium-233 content not exceeding 0.1% of the mass of uranium-235 with a nitrogen-to-uranium atomic ratio (N/U) of 2.

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§ 173.457 Transportation of fissile material, controlled shipments—specific requirements.

Shipments of fissile material packages that have been assigned a transport index of greater than 10 for criticality control purposes in accordance with 10 CFR 71.59 must meet the requirements of this section and § 173.441(a) or (b).

(a) For fissile material, controlled shipments, the offeror or carrier, as appropriate, must incorporate transportation controls which:

(1) Provide nuclear criticality safety;

(2) Protect against loading, storing, or transporting that shipment with any other fissile material; and

(3) Include in the shipping papers the description required by § 172.203(d) of this subchapter.

(b) Fissile material, controlled shipments must be transported:

(1) In an exclusive use conveyance;

(2) Except for shipments by aircraft, in a conveyance with an escort having the capability, equipment, authority, and instructions to provide administrative controls necessary to assure compliance with this section;

(3) In a conveyance containing no other packages of any Class 7 (radioactive) material required to bear one of the labels prescribed in § 172.403 of this subchapter. Specific arrangements must be made between the offeror and the carrier, with instructions to that effect issued with the shipping papers; or

(4) Under any other procedure approved by the Associate Administrator in accordance with part 107 of this subchapter.

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§ 173.459 Mixing of fissile material packages.

(a) Mixing of fissile material packages with other types of Class 7 (radioactive) materials is authorized only if the transport index of any single package does not exceed 10 and the total transport index in any conveyance or storage location does not exceed 50.

(b) Fissile packages may be shipped with an external radiation level greater than 0.1 mSv/hr (10 mrem per hour) at 1 m (3.3 feet), and combined with other packages of the same or different designs in a fissile material, controlled shipment, under the conditions prescribed in § 173.457, if:

(1) Each package in the shipment has been assigned a transport index for criticality control purposes in accordance with the 10 CFR 71.59;

(2) The nuclear criticality control transport index does not exceed 10 for any single package;