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Washington, D.C. 20590

**Pipeline and
Hazardous Materials
Safety Administration**

DOT-SP 12825
(SECOND REVISION)

EXPIRATION DATE: December 31, 2009

(FOR RENEWAL, SEE 49 CFR § 107.109)

1. GRANTEE: United States Marine Safety Association (USMSA), Farmingdale, NJ, on behalf of USMSA liferaft servicing station members (see attachment 1).
2. PURPOSE AND LIMITATION:
 - a. This special permit authorizes the transportation in commerce of life-saving appliances, self inflating, that contain non-DOT specification steel cylinders for the purpose of movement between a vessel and a U.S. Coast Guard approved inflatable liferaft servicing facility in conjunction with the servicing of such life-saving appliances. This special permit provides no relief from the Hazardous Materials Regulations (HMR) other than as specifically stated herein.
 - b. The safety analyses performed in development of this special permit only considered the hazards and risks associated with transportation in commerce. The safety analyses did not consider the hazards and risks associated with consumer use, use as a component of a transport vehicle, or other uses not associated with transportation in commerce.
 - c. Party status will not be granted to this special permit.
3. REGULATORY SYSTEM AFFECTED: 49 CFR Parts 106, 107 and 171-180.

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4. REGULATIONS FROM WHICH EXEMPTED: 49 CFR §§ 173.219(b)(1) and 173.301(l) in that life-saving appliances containing non-DOT specification cylinders are not authorized, except as specified herein.
5. BASIS: This special permit is based on the application from United States Marine Safety Association, dated September 14, 2005, submitted in accordance with § 107.109.
6. HAZARDOUS MATERIALS (49 CFR § 172.101):

Hazardous Materials Description			
Proper Shipping Name	Hazard Class/ Division	Identification Number	Packing Group
Life-saving appliances, self inflating	9	UN2990	N/A

7. SAFETY CONTROL MEASURES:

a. PACKAGING - Packaging prescribed is a non-DOT specification steel cylinder having a maximum water capacity of 35L (9.25 gallons) water capacity. The cylinder meets the design standards of the raft manufacturer and the vessel Flag State requirements for cylinders installed as part of life-saving appliances, self inflating (UN2990) used on marine vessels.

b. TESTING - Each cylinder must meet the requalification criteria and standards of the raft manufacturer and the vessel Flag State requirements for cylinders installed as part of life-saving appliances, self inflating (UN2990) used on marine vessels.

c. OPERATIONAL CONTROLS -

(1) The life-saving appliance, self inflating as prepared for shipment, must be plainly and durably marked "DOT-SP 12825."

(2) When offered for transportation and transported from an approved inflatable liferaft servicing facility to a vessel following servicing, the following additional conditions apply:

(i) Prior to repacking into the life-saving appliance, an installed inflation cylinder must successfully meet and pass all inspection and test criteria and standards of the raft manufacturer and the vessel Flag State requirements for cylinders installed as part of life-saving appliances, self inflating (UN2990) used on marine vessels. Additionally each cylinder must be visually inspected in accordance with CGA Pamphlet, CGA C-6. A current copy of CGA Pamphlet, CGA C-6 must be available at the facility servicing the life-saving appliance.

(ii) An installed inflation cylinder that requires recharging must be filled in accordance with the provisions of § 173.301(1).

(iii) Every installed inflation cylinder, as associated equipment of the life-saving appliance, must be packed within the protective packaging of the liferaft and the liferaft itself must otherwise be in conformance with the provisions of § 173.219.

8. SPECIAL PROVISIONS:

a. The serial number for each cylinder covered by this special permit must be recorded as part of the life-saving appliance service record by the U.S. Coast Guard approved servicing facility.

b. A person who is not a holder of this special permit who receives a package covered by this special permit may reoffer it for transportation provided no modification or change is made to the package or its contents and it is reoffered for transportation in conformance with this special permit and the HMR.

c. A current copy of this special permit must be maintained at each facility where the package is offered or reoffered for transportation.

d. A current copy of this special permit must be maintained at each facility where the cylinders and life saving appliances are requalified, filled, and or serviced.

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- e. Packagings permanently marked 'DOT-E 12825', prior to October 1, 2007 may continue to be used under this special permit for the remaining service life of the packaging or until the special permit is no longer valid. Packagings marked on or after October 1, 2007 must be marked 'DOT-SP 12825'.
- f. Shipping papers displaying 'DOT-E 12825' may continue to be used until October 1, 2007, provided the special permit remains valid.
9. MODES OF TRANSPORTATION AUTHORIZED: Motor vehicle.
10. MODAL REQUIREMENTS: A current copy of this special permit must be carried aboard each motor vehicle used to transport packages covered by this special permit.
11. COMPLIANCE: Failure by a person to comply with any of the following may result in suspension or revocation of this special permit and penalties prescribed by the Federal hazardous materials transportation law, 49 U.S.C. 5101 et seq:
- o All terms and conditions prescribed in this special permit and the Hazardous Materials Regulations, 49 CFR Parts 171-180.
 - o Persons operating under the terms of this special permit must comply with the security plan requirement in Subpart I of Part 172 of the HMR, when applicable.
 - o Registration required by § 107.601 et seq., when applicable.

Each "Hazmat employee", as defined in § 171.8, who performs a function subject to this special permit must receive training on the requirements and conditions of this special permit in addition to the training required by §§ 172.700 through 172.704.

No person may use or apply this special permit, including display of its number, when this special permit has expired or is otherwise no longer in effect.

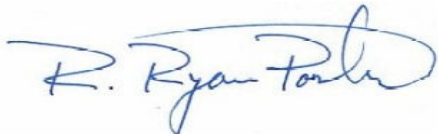
Under Title VII of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU)- 'The Hazardous Materials Safety and Security Reauthorization Act of 2005' (Pub. L. 109-59), 119 Stat.

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1144 (August 10, 2005), amended the Federal hazardous materials transportation law by changing the term 'exemption' to 'special permit' and authorizes a special permit to be granted up to two years for new special permits and up to four years for renewals.

12. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS: Shipments or operations conducted under this special permit are subject to the Hazardous Materials Incident Reporting requirements specified in 49 CFR §§ 171.15 - Immediate notice of certain hazardous materials incidents, and 171.16 - Detailed hazardous materials incident reports. In addition, the grantee(s) of this special permit must notify the Associate Administrator for Hazardous Materials Safety, in writing, of any incident involving a package, shipment or operation conducted under terms of this special permit.

Issued in Washington, D.C.:



for Robert A. McGuire
Associate Administrator for
Hazardous Materials Safety

Address all inquiries to: Associate Administrator for Hazardous Materials Safety, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, Washington, D.C. 20590. Attention: PHH-31.

Copies of this special permit may be obtained by accessing the Hazardous Materials Safety Homepage at http://hazmat.dot.gov/sp_app/special_permits/spec_perm_index.htm Photo reproductions and legible reductions of this special permit are permitted. Any alteration of this special permit is prohibited.

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U S Marine Safety Association**United States Marine Safety Association**

Liferaft Servicing Members, August, 2005

<u>Company Home Office</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>State</u>
Abaco Marine, Inc.	Riviera Beach	FL
Air Sea Safety & Survival, Inc.	Charleston	SC
Alexander Ryan Marine & Safety Co.	Houston	TX
Avalon Rafts, Sales & Service, Inc.	Wilmington	CA
Caribbean Inflatables	St. Thomas	VI
Chase Leavitt & Co.	Portland	ME
Coast Marine & Industrial Supply	San Francisco	CA
Coastal Safety Services, Inc.	Sitka	AK
Datrex, Inc.	Kinder	LA
DBC Marine Safety Systems	Richmond	BC
Donovan Marine Inc.	Harahan	LA
Duncan Y Cossio	Mexico City	Mex
Eagle Enterprises, Inc.	Anchorage	AK
Englund Marine Supply	Astoria	OR
Fire Protection Services, Inc.	Houston	TX
Givens Marine Survival Co., Inc.	Tiverton	RI
Hamilton Marine, Inc.	Searsport	ME
I.M.P Fishing Gear, Ltd.	New Bedford	MA
Inflatable Services, Inc.	Ft. Lauderdale	FL
Landrigan Corporation	Boston	MA
Life Raft and Survival Equipment	Portsmouth	RI
Lifeline Inflatable Services, Inc.	Miami	FL
Liferaft & Marine Safety Equipment, Inc.	Honolulu	HI
Marine Hardware, Inc.	San Pedro	CA
Marine Safety Corporation	Farmingdale	NJ
Marine Service & Supply Co.	Harvey	LA
Mariner's Supply Co., Inc.	Portland	OR
Maschmedt & Associates, Inc.	Seattle	WA
McMurdo Paines - Wessex Inc.	Delray Beach	FL
Mirada Research and Manufacturing, Inc.	Ironton	MN
Navimo	Sarasota	FL
Oceans West Marine & Industrial Supply	San Diego	CA
Offshore Suppliers, Inc.	Metairie	LA
Orion Safety Products	Roswell	GA
Pacific Marine Distributors	Portland	OR
Puget Sound Inflatables, Inc.	Seattle	WA
Revere Supply Company, Inc.	Jacksonville	FL
RFD Beaufort	Sharon Center	OH
Rivers Services, Inc.	Thunderbolt	GA
Sal's Inflatable Services	Alameda	CA
Samsei Supply, Co.	Cleveland	OH
Sea Safe Services, Inc.	Tampa	FL
Sea Safety International	Secaucus	NJ
Sevin Marine & Safety Co.	New Orleans	LA
Solution One Maritime, LLC	Tampa	FL
South Bay Inflatables	Long Beach	CA
Survival Engineering, Inc.	Oakdale	MN
Survival Systems International	Valley Center	CA
Switlik Parachute Co., Inc.	Trenton	NJ

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Texas A & M Ctr. for Marine Training &	Galveston	TX
Triad Marine & Industrial Supply, Inc.	Kemah	TX
UL at Lafayette Marine Survival Training	Lafayette	LA
Unitor Ships Service, Inc.	Pasadena	TX
USA Services, Inc.	Norfolk	VA
Vane Brothers Marine Safety and Services	Baltimore	MD
Viking LifeSaving Equipment	Miami	FL
West Marine	Watsonville	CA
Westerbeke Fishing Gear Co. Inc.	East Boston	MA
Westpac Marine Services, Inc.	Tacoma	WA
Winslow Liferaft Company	Lake Suzy	FL
Zodiac of North America	Stevensville	MD