

## Guidance for U.S. DOT Competent Authority Approval Holders Regarding Organic Peroxides and Self-Reactive Substances Packing Group Designations after HM-218H

The Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), an agency of the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), is issuing guidance regarding PHMSA's policy on the removal of the packing group (PG) II designation for Organic Peroxides, and Self-Reactive Substances in the Hazardous Materials Table (HMT).<sup>1</sup>

On June 2, 2016, PHMSA issued a final rule titled, "Hazardous Materials: Miscellaneous Amendments (RRR)" [Docket No. PHMSA-2013-0225 (HM-218H)] with an effective date of July 5, 2016 and a voluntary compliance date of June 2, 2016. This final rule made miscellaneous amendments to the Hazardous Materials Regulations (HMR; 49 CFR parts 171-180) to update and clarify certain regulatory requirements. These amendments are designed to promote safer transportation practices, facilitate international commerce and simplify the regulations.

The rule removed the PG II designation for Organic Peroxides and Self-Reactive Substances. Approval holders impacted by the removal of the PG II designation have two options. The approval holder may submit a request for modification in accordance with §107.709 to remove the PG II designation from their approval. Alternatively, the approval holder may continue to use their current approval until the posted expiration date, and request removal of the PG designation at that time.

A PHMSA approval remains valid until PHMSA amends, suspends, or terminates the approval under 49 CFR 107.713, or the approval expires by its own terms. Regardless of the PG designation in current approvals, the PG designation is no longer required to be included in the shipping description for Organic Peroxides or Self-Reactive Substances after July 5, 2016.

In addition, as provided by § 172.101 (l) (ii) of the HMR, stocks of preprinted shipping papers and package markings may be continued in use, in the manner previously authorized, until July 5, 2017. More information is available on PHMSA's website: <http://www.phmsa.dot.gov/hazmat>, or through the Hazardous Materials Information Center at 1-800-467-4922 (Washington, DC, call 202-366-4488).

<sup>1</sup>See 49 CFR 172.101

