

§ 173.413

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Class 7 (radioactive) material, as demonstrated in accordance with §173.469, may be considered as a component of the containment system. If the containment system forms a separate unit of the package, it must be securely closed by a positive fastening device that is independent of any other part of the package.

(e) For each component of the containment system account is taken, where applicable, of radiolytic decomposition of materials and the generation of gas by chemical reaction and radiolysis.

(f) The containment system will retain its radioactive contents under the reduction of ambient pressure to 25 kPa (3.6 psi).

(g) Each valve, other than a pressure relief device, is provided with an enclosure to retain any leakage.

(h) Any radiation shield that encloses a component of the packaging specified as part of the containment system will prevent the unintentional escape of that component from the shield.

(i) Failure of any tie-down attachment that is a structural part of the packaging, under both normal and accident conditions, must not impair the ability of the package to meet other requirements of this subpart.

(j) When evaluated against the performance requirements of this section and the tests specified in §173.465 or using any of the methods authorized by §173.461(a), the packaging will prevent—

(1) Loss or dispersal of the radioactive contents; and

(2) A significant increase in the radiation levels recorded or calculated at the external surfaces for the condition before the test.

(k) Each packaging designed for liquids will—

(1) Be designed to provide for ullage to accommodate variations in temperature of the contents, dynamic effects and filling dynamics;

(2) Meet the conditions prescribed in paragraph (j) of this section when subjected to the tests specified in §173.466 or evaluated against these tests by any of the methods authorized by §173.461(a); and

(3) Either—

(i) Have sufficient suitable absorbent material to absorb twice the volume of the liquid contents. The absorbent material must be compatible with the package contents and suitably positioned to contact the liquid in the event of leakage; or

(ii) Have a containment system composed of primary inner and secondary outer containment components designed to assure retention of the liquid contents within the secondary outer component in the event that the primary inner component leaks.

(1) Each package designed for gases, other than tritium not exceeding 40 TBq (1000Ci) or noble gases not exceeding the A_2 value appropriate for the noble gas, will be able to prevent loss or dispersal of contents when the package is subjected to the tests prescribed in §173.466 or evaluated against these tests by any of the methods authorized by §173.461(a).

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§ 173.413 Requirements for Type B packages.

Except as provided in §173.416, each Type B(U) or Type B(M) package must be designed and constructed to meet the applicable requirements specified in 10 CFR part 71.

§ 173.415 Authorized Type A packages.

The following packages are authorized for shipment if they do not contain quantities exceeding A_1 or A_2 as appropriate:

(a) DOT Specification 7A (§178.350 of this subchapter) Type A general packaging. Each offeror of a Specification 7A package must maintain on file for at least one year after the latest shipment, and shall provide to DOT on request, complete documentation of tests and an engineering evaluation or comparative data showing that the construction methods, packaging design, and materials of construction comply with that specification. Use of Specification 7A packages designed in accordance with the requirements of §178.350 of this subchapter in effect on June 30, 1983 (see 49 CFR part 178 revised as of October 1, 1982), is not authorized after April 1, 1997.

(b) Any other Type A packaging that also meets the applicable standards for fissile materials in 10 CFR part 71 and is used in accordance with § 173.471.

(c) Any Type B, B(U) or B(M) packaging authorized pursuant to § 173.416.

(d) Any foreign-made packaging that meets the standards in IAEA "Safety Series No. 6" (incorporated by reference, *see* § 171.7 of this subchapter) and bears the marking "Type A" and was used for the import of Class 7 (radioactive) materials. Such packagings may be subsequently used for domestic and export shipments of Class 7 (radioactive) materials provided the offeror obtains the applicable documentation of tests and engineering evaluations and maintains the documentation on file in accordance with paragraph (a) of this section. These packagings must conform with requirements of the country of origin (as indicated by the packaging marking) and the IAEA regulations applicable to Type A packagings.

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§ 173.416 Authorized Type B packages.

Each of the following packages is authorized for shipment of quantities exceeding A₁ or A₂, as appropriate:

(a) Any Type B, Type B(U) or Type B(M) packaging that meets the applicable requirements of 10 CFR part 71 and that has been approved by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission may be shipped pursuant to § 173.471.

(b) Any Type B, B(U) or B(M) packaging that meets the applicable requirements of the regulations of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) in its "Regulations for the Safe Transport of Radioactive Material, Safety Series No. 6" (incorporated by reference, *see* § 171.7 of this subchapter) and for which the foreign competent authority certificate has been revalidated by DOT pursuant to § 173.473. These packagings are authorized only for export and import shipments.

(c) DOT Specification 6M (§ 173.354 of this subchapter) metal packaging, only for solid or gaseous Class 7 (radioactive) materials that will not undergo pressure-generating decomposition at temperatures up to 121 °C (250 °F) and

that do not generate more than 10 watts of radioactive decay heat.

(d) For contents in other than special form; DOT Specification 20WC (§ 173.362 of this subchapter), wooden protective jacket, when used with a single, snug-fitting inner DOT Specification 2R (§ 173.360 of this subchapter). For liquid contents, the inner packaging must conform to § 173.412(j) and (k).

(e) For contents in special form only; DOT Specification 20WC (§ 173.362 of this subchapter), wooden protective jacket, with a single snug-fitting inner Type A packaging that has a metal outer wall and conforms to § 173.350 of this subchapter. Radioactive decay heat may not exceed 100 watts.

(f) For contents in special form only; DOT Specification 21WC (§ 173.364 of this subchapter), wooden protective overpack, with a single inner DOT Specification 2R (§ 173.360 of this subchapter). Contents must be loaded within the inner packaging in such a manner as to prevent loose movement during transportation. The inner packaging must be securely positioned and centered within the overpack so that there will be no significant displacement of the inner packaging if the overpack containing it is subjected to the 9 m (30 feet) drop test described in 10 CFR part 71.

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§ 173.417 Authorized fissile materials packages.

(a) Except as provided in § 173.453, fissile materials containing not more than A₁ or A₂ as appropriate, must be packaged in one of the following packagings:

(1) DOT Specification 6L (§ 173.352 of this subchapter), metal packaging, for materials prescribed in paragraph (b)(1) of this section.

(2) DOT Specification 6M (§ 173.354 of this subchapter), metal packaging, for materials prescribed in paragraph (b)(2) of this section.

(3) Any packaging listed in § 173.415, limited to the Class 7 (radioactive) materials specified in 10 CFR part 71, subpart C.

(4) Any other Type A or Type B, Type B(U), or Type B(M) packaging for