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subchapter except § 177.817 (Shipping papers).

### § 173.181 Pyrophoric materials (liquids).

When the § 172.101 table specifies that a hazardous material be packaged under this section, only the following non-bulk packagings are authorized:

(a) Specification steel or nickel cylinders prescribed for any compressed gas except acetylene having a minimum design pressure of 1206 kPa (175 psig). Cylinders with valves must be:

(1) Equipped with steel valve protection caps or collars, unless overpacked; or

(2) Overpacked in a wooden box (4C1, 4C2, 4D or 4F); fiberboard box (4G), or plastic box (4H1 or 4H2). Cylinders must be secured to prevent shifting in the box and, when offered for transportation or transported, must be so loaded that pressure relief devices remain in the vapor space of the cylinder. (See § 177.838(h) of this subchapter.)

(b) Wooden boxes (4C1, 4C2, 4D, or 4F) or fiberboard boxes (4G) enclosing not more than four strong, tight metal cans with inner receptacles of glass or metal, not over 1 L (0.3 gallon) capacity each, having positive screwcap closures adequately gasketed. Inner packagings must be cushioned on all sides with dry, absorbent, incombustible material in a quantity sufficient to absorb the entire contents. The strong, tight metal cans must be closed by positive means, not by friction.

(c) Steel drums (1A2) or fiber drums (1G) not exceeding 220 L (58 gallons) capacity each with strong tight inner metal cans not over 4.0 L (1 gallon) capacity each, closed by positive means, not friction.

(1) Inner packagings must have no opening exceeding 25 mm (1 inch) diameter and must be surrounded with noncombustible cushioning material.

(2) Net quantity of pyrophoric liquids may not exceed two-thirds of the rated capacity of the outer drum. For example, a 220 L (58 gallons) outer drum may contain no more than 147 L (39 gallons) of pyrophoric liquids.

(3) Each layer of inner containers must be separated by a metal plate sep-

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arator in addition to cushioning material.

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### § 173.182 Barium azide—50 percent or more water wet.

Barium azide—50 percent or more water wet, must be packed in wooden boxes (4C1, 4C2, 4D, or 4F) or fiber drums (1G) with inner glass packagings not over 0.5 kg (1.1 pounds) capacity each. Packagings must have rubber stoppers wire tied for securement. If transportation is to take place when and where freezing weather is possible, a suitable antifreeze solution must be used to prevent freezing. Each packaging must conform to the requirements of part 178 of this subchapter at the Packing Group I performance level.

### § 173.183 Nitrocellulose base film.

Films, nitrocellulose base, must be packaged in packagings conforming to the requirements of part 178 of this subchapter at the Packing Group III performance level, as follows:

(a) In steel drums (1A2), aluminum drums (1B2), steel jerricans (3A2), wooden (4C1, 4C2), plywood (4D) or reconstituted wood (4F) boxes or plywood drums (1D) with each reel in a tightly closed metal can, polypropylene canister, or strong cardboard or fiberboard inner packaging with cover held in place by adhesive tape or paper; or

(b) In fiberboard (4G) boxes or fiber drums (1G) with a single tightly closed metal can, polypropylene canister, or strong cardboard or fiberboard inner packaging with cover held in place by adhesive tape or paper; authorized only for not over 600 m (1969 feet) of film.

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### § 173.184 Highway or rail fusee.

(a) A fusee is a device designed to burn at a controlled rate and to produce visual effects for signaling purposes. The composition of the fusee must be such that the fusee will not ignite spontaneously or undergo marked decomposition when subjected to a

temperature of 75 °C (167 °F) for 48 consecutive hours.

(b) Fusees (highway and railway) must be packaged in steel drums (1A2), steel jerricans (3A2), wooden (4C1, 4C2), plywood (4D) or reconstituted wood (4F) boxes or in fiberboard boxes (4G), plywood (1D) or fiber (1G) drums. If the fusees are equipped with spikes packagings must have reinforced ends to prevent penetration of spikes through the outer packagings; packages must be capable of passing drop test requirements (§178.603 of this subchapter), including at least one drop with spike in a downward position, and other requirements of part 178 of this subchapter, at the Packing Group II performance level.

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#### § 173.185 Lithium batteries and cells.

(a) Except as otherwise provided in this subpart, a lithium cell or battery is authorized for transportation only if it conforms to the provisions of this section. For the purposes of this subchapter, "lithium content" means the mass of lithium in the anode of a lithium metal or lithium alloy cell, except in the case of a lithium ion cell where the "equivalent lithium content" in grams is calculated to be 0.3 times the rated capacity in ampere-hours. The lithium-equivalent content of a battery equals the sum of the grams of lithium-equivalent content contained in the component cells of the battery.

(b) *Exceptions.* Except for primary (non-rechargeable) lithium batteries and cells transported aboard passenger-carrying aircraft, cells and batteries are not subject to any other requirements of this subchapter if they meet the following:

(1) Each cell with a liquid cathode may contain not more than 0.5 g of lithium content. Each cell with a solid cathode may contain not more than 1.0 g of lithium content. Each lithium ion cell may contain not more than 1.5 g of equivalent lithium content;

(2) Each battery with a liquid cathode may contain an aggregate quantity of not more than 1.0 g of lithium content. Each battery with a solid cathode may contain an aggregate quantity of not more than 2.0 g of lithium content.

Each lithium-ion battery may contain an aggregate quantity of not more than 8.0 grams of equivalent lithium content;

(3) Each cell or battery containing a liquid cathode must be hermetically sealed;

(4) Cells and batteries must be packed in such a way so as to prevent short circuits and must be packed in strong packagings, except when installed in equipment; and

(5) The outside of each package that contains a primary (non-rechargeable) lithium battery or cell must be marked "PRIMARY LITHIUM BATTERIES—FORBIDDEN FOR TRANSPORT ABOARD PASSENGER AIRCRAFT" on a background of contrasting color, in letters:

(i) At least 12 mm (0.5 inch) in height on packages having a gross mass of more than 30 kg (66 pounds); or

(ii) At least 6 mm (0.25 inch) on packages having a gross mass of 30 kg (66 pounds) or less; and

(6) If when fully charged, the aggregate lithium content of the anodes in a liquid cathode battery is more than 0.5 g, or the aggregate lithium content of the anodes in a solid cathode battery is more than 1.0 g, then the battery may not contain a liquid or gas that is a hazardous material according to this subchapter unless the liquid or gas, if free, would be completely absorbed or neutralized by other materials in the battery.

(c) Except for primary lithium (non-rechargeable) batteries and cells transported aboard passenger-carrying aircraft, cells and batteries are not subject to any other requirements of this subchapter if they meet the following:

(1) The lithium content of the anode of each cell, when fully charged, is not more than 5 g;

(2) The aggregate lithium content of the anodes of each battery, when fully charged, is not more than 25 g;

(3) Each cell or battery is of the type proven to be non-dangerous by testing in accordance with Tests in the UN Manual of Tests and Criteria (IBR; see §171.7 of this subchapter). Such testing must be carried out on each type of cell or battery prior to the initial transport of that type. A cell or battery and equipment containing a cell or battery