

SAAMI Guidance on Use of DOT-SP 21114

Overview

DOT-SP 21114 is a Special Permit that authorizes the transportation in Commerce of small arms ammunition as a Limited Quantity (LQ) that is packed in a loose unoriented configuration. This manner of packing is not in accordance [§ 173.63\(b\)\(2\)](#).

This Special Permit applies to the following Hazardous Materials:

- UN0012 – Cartridges for weapons, inert projectile or Cartridges, small arms.
- UN0014 – Cartridges for weapons, blank or Cartridges, small arms, blank or Cartridges for tools, blank

Applying for Party Status

Party status allows other companies to apply to be party to a Special Permit already in existence. This allows them to use a Special Permit as if they were the original applicant. Companies may apply for party status to DOT-SP 21114 by following the process outlined in [§ 107.107 Application for party status](#). Party status is not required to reship or break cases according to this Special Permit.

Current Cartridge Limitations

Rifle – 358 caliber and smaller
Pistol – 45 caliber and smaller
Shotgun – 10 gauge and smaller

General Packaging Requirements

Combination packagings are required for all packages using this Special Permit. A combination packaging per DOT ([§ 171.8 Definitions and Abbreviations](#)) consists of one or more inner packagings secured in an outer packaging. This Special Permit limits inner packagings to bags, receptacles, or boxes.

Packages must be capable of passing the UN 6(d) unconfined package test and UN 4(b)(ii) drop test modified to a height of 5 meters. Distributors may break cases without retesting.

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Packages must comply with [§ 173.62\(c\), Table 2, Packing Instruction 130 of the HMR](#).

The maximum gross weight must not exceed 30 kg (66 pounds) per package.

Special Permit Grantees or companies that are party to this Special Permit must test and certify packaging according to [Part 178](#).

Markings

The outer packaging must be marked with "DOT-SP 21114" in accordance with [§172.301\(c\)](#), and must display the Limited Quantity marking in accordance with [§172.315](#).

Packaging and Marking Requirements for Other Shippers

Other shippers, such as distributors or retailers who are not a party to this Special Permit may re-ship unmodified packages received under this Special Permit with no additional obligations. They may also remove inner packagings from the original outer packaging and place them in a different outer packaging without further testing as long as the new outer packaging meets the following requirements:

- The outer packaging meets the construction requirements of a standard of [Part 178 Sub-part L](#).
- The outer packaging must be reinforced on all six sides with clear plastic shipping wrap or be overpacked in a fiberboard box.
- 4G outer packagings must meet or exceed the standard for 275-pound test Mullen or 44 ECT.
- The outer packaging must be marked with the Special Permit number in ¼" lettering in accordance with [§172.301\(c\)](#).
- Normal requirements apply, e.g., an LQ mark of appropriate size must be applied to the outer packaging; use packing material to prevent movement of inner packagings.

Note, if the inner packaging is a bag, no modification of the outer packaging is allowed.

Distributors who test and certify their own hazmat packaging may apply for party status and avoid the requirements to use shipping wrap, an overpack box and 275-pound test boxes. This also allows distributors to mark and use consumer packages of manufacturers who are not parties to the Special Permit.

Modes of Transport Authorized

Motor vehicle, rail freight, cargo vessel, passenger-carrying aircraft and cargo aircraft.

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Note, a copy of this Special Permit must be carried aboard each cargo vessel when carrying products covered by the Special Permit.

Other Requirements

A copy of this Special Permit must be maintained at each facility where a package is packed for transportation and at the facility used by the transportation provider. The DOT requires training for employees packing and shipping under this Special Permit.

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