



REGULATORY ALERT

Action Item

June 5, 2006

Hazmat Exemptions are now Special Permits

Hazardous Materials Exemptions (DOT-E) Now “Special Permits”(DOT-SP)

This change provides for an initial effective period of two years and renewals of up to four years for “special permits”. In addition, PHMSA made the following revisions to the Hazardous Materials Regulations:

- Current exemptions will be effective until they expire, are terminated, or become due for renewal.
- Current exemptions will be replaced by special permits at the time when a renewal application is submitted and approved by the Associate Administrator.
- Packagings and shipping papers prepared in accordance with a new special permit issued on or after October 1, 2005 must be marked with “DOT-SP” and the appropriate special permit number, unless otherwise specified by the special permit. Packagings and shipping papers previously marked “DOT-E” in accordance with a current exemption generally may continue in use so long as the provisions in the exemption remain valid.
- An initial special permit will be valid for up to two years before it expires or becomes due for renewal. For the purposes of a party to a special permit, a new applicant is considered to be a “new” holder for assigning an expiration date. If renewed, a special permit will be valid for up to four years before the next renewal.

These significant and important changes may impact your operations and it’s important to understand how to comply with them. If you have any questions or would like to discuss these changes with a member of the NATC staff, please call us at 609-426-0555.