

Miscellaneous

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General Exemption E6606

Carriage of Methanol Solution (UN1992) on Commercial Air Transport or Public Transport Aircraft within the United Kingdom and between the UK and Guernsey or Jersey

Background

- 1) United Kingdom (UK) legislation (the Air Navigation Order, 2016) (“ANO”), the Air Navigation (Dangerous Goods) Regulations 2002 and UK Regulation (EU) No. 965/2012 (the ‘Air Ops Regulations’), collectively “the Regulations”, require dangerous goods to be carried by air in accordance with ICAO Annex 18 ‘The Safe Transport of Dangerous Goods by Air’, as amplified by the detailed specifications of the Technical Instructions for the Safe Transport of Dangerous Goods by Air (Doc 9284) (“the TI’s”). The carriage of dangerous goods must either comply with the specific requirements applicable to the particular dangerous goods or be carried in accordance with an exemption permitted by the TI’s.
- 2) This is such an exemption and is issued to meet an urgent operational need for the carriage of Flammable liquid, toxic, n.o.s., (Methanol solution), UN1992, Packing Group III, in air mail, without complying with the specific applicable requirements.

Interpretation

- 3) In this Exemption:
 - a) "ICAO Technical Instructions" (TI) means the latest effective edition of the Technical Instructions for the Safe Transport of Dangerous Goods by Air (Doc 9284-AN/905), including the Supplement and any Addendum, approved and published by decision of the Council of the International Civil Aviation Organisation;
 - b) “n.o.s.” means ‘not otherwise specified’; and
 - c) “the operator” referred to in this document is an operator who has been issued with a dangerous goods approval in accordance with relevant UK regulations.

Exemption

- 4) The Civil Aviation Authority (‘the CAA’), pursuant to Article 266 of the Air Navigation Order and Article 71(1) of UK Regulation (EU) 2018/1139 as permitted by Part 1; 1.1.3 of the ICAO Technical Instructions (TI), exempts any UK shipper, and agent thereof, any UK aircraft operator (“the

operator”), together with the pilot in command, of any aircraft flying for the purposes of commercial air transport or public transport, any agent thereof, Guernsey Post Limited, Jersey Post Limited and the Royal Mail Group Plc and all other persons from any provision of the Regulations that would otherwise require their compliance with Part 1; 2.3 of the TI’s, only to the extent necessary to permit the carriage of flammable liquid, toxic, n.o.s., (Methanol solution), UN1992, Packing Group III, in air mail within the United Kingdom (“UK”) or between the UK and the Bailiwick of Guernsey and the Bailiwick of Jersey when consigned or forwarded for carriage on board an aircraft in mail on behalf of the Royal Mail Group Plc, Guernsey Post Limited and Jersey Post Limited, subject to the conditions specified in paragraphs 5 and 6.

- 5) This Exemption is granted from the following relevant provisions of the Technical Instructions:
 - a) the general prohibition on dangerous goods in the mail in Part 1; 2.3.1 of the Technical Instructions, only to the extent necessary to permit the carriage of mail containing the dangerous goods specified in paragraphs 4 and 6; and
 - b) the training and testing requirements of Part 1; 4 of the Technical Instructions subject to the condition specified in paragraph 6 f) below.
- 6) This Exemption is granted subject to the following conditions:
 - a) throughout the operation, the operator must hold a valid Dangerous Goods approval in accordance with regulation 4 of the Air Navigation (Dangerous Goods) Regulations 2002, or CAT.GEN.MPA.200 and SPA.DG.100 of UK Regulation (EU) No.965/2012 as applicable to the operation;
 - b) the operator shall ensure that their operational personnel and contracted agents are informed of the carriage of mail containing the dangerous goods specified in paragraph 4 and the danger which they can give rise to;
 - c) packages containing Flammable liquid, toxic, n.o.s., (Methanol solution) may only be forwarded for carriage on board aircraft by Royal Mail Group Plc, Guernsey Post Limited or Jersey Post Limited;
 - d) the Flammable liquid, toxic, n.o.s., (Methanol solution) shall be transported for purposes related to cervical smear tests having been consigned by, or at the specific request of a qualified medical practitioner, registered nurse or a laboratory or institution which is participating in the NHS Cervical Screening Process;
 - e) the Flammable liquid, toxic, n.o.s., (Methanol solution) shall be prepared for shipment in accordance with the Excepted Quantity (EQ) provisions of the Technical Instructions, except that the EQ marking should not be applied;
 - f) when containing patient specimens, the consignments must comply with Packing Instruction 650 of the ICAO Technical Instructions; and
 - g) persons preparing the Flammable liquid, toxic, n.o.s., (Methanol solution) and patient specimens for shipment, must receive written instructions sufficient to enable them to prepare the Flammable liquid, toxic, n.o.s., (Methanol solution) and patient specimens in accordance with the ICAO Technical Instructions and this exemption.
- 7) This exemption supersedes Official Record Series 4 No. 1599, which is revoked.

Date in Force

- 8) This exemption has effect from 30 April 2026 until 30 April 2028, both dates inclusive, unless varied, suspended or revoked.

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