U.S. Department
of Transportation

**Research and
Special Programs
Administration**

400 Seventh Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20590

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DOT-E 10861

1. General Chemical Corporation, Parsippany, New Jersey, is hereby granted an exemption from certain provisions of this Department's Hazardous Materials Regulations to offer packages prescribed herein containing a corrosive material for transportation in commerce subject to the limitations and special requirements specified herein. This exemption authorizes the transportation of DOT Specification 111A100W2 tank cars which are overdue for tank tests to the nearest facility capable of conducting the required tests and provides no relief from any regulations other than as specifically stated.

2. BASIS. This exemption is based on General Chemical Corporation's application of July 31, 1992, submitted in accordance with 49 CFR 107.103, and the public proceeding thereon.

3. HAZARDOUS MATERIALS (Descriptor and class). Sulfuric Acid, classed as corrosive material.

4. PROPER SHIPPING NAME (49 CFR 172.101). Sulfuric Acid.

5. REGULATION AFFECTED. 49 CFR 173.31(c); 173.29(c)(2).

6. MODES OF TRANSPORTATION AUTHORIZED. Rail freight.

7. SAFETY CONTROL MEASURES. Packagings prescribed are DOT Specification 111A100W2 tank cars, meeting all DOT requirements (49 CFR Parts 100-299), except that the tank cars are overdue for tests.

8. SPECIAL PROVISIONS.

a. Tank cars must be marked "DOT-E 10861" in four inch letters on a contrasting background above the DOT specification number.

b. Prior to being offered for transportation, the Associate Administrator for Hazardous Materials Safety must be advised in writing of each tank car shipment, including the tank car number and the intended routing, and the location of each respective repair facility.

c. The Federal Railroad Administration is to be notified if any unusual incident occurs, such as a derailment or tank car damage, during the movement by contacting the:

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Office of Safety, RRS-12
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(202) 366-9178 or 366-0549

d. Persons who receive packages covered by this exemption may reoffer them for transportation provided no modifications or changes are made to the packages, all terms of this exemption are complied with, and a current copy of this exemption is maintained at each facility from which such reoffering occurs.

9. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS. Any incident involving loss of packaging contents or packaging failure must be reported to the Associate Administrator for Hazardous Materials Safety as soon as practicable. (49 CFR 171.15 and 171.16 apply to any activity undertaken under the authority of this exemption.)

10. EXPIRATION DATE. September 11, 1993.

Issued at Washington, D.C.:

Joseph T. Hornung
for Alan I. Roberts
Associate Administrator
for Hazardous Materials Safety

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(DATE)

Address all inquiries to: Associate Administrator for Hazardous Materials Safety, Research and Special Programs Administration, Department of Transportation, Washington, D.C. 20590. Attention: Exemptions Program.

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