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**Pipeline and
Hazardous Materials
Safety Administration**

DOT-SP 14308

EXPIRATION DATE: June 30, 2006

(FOR RENEWAL, SEE 49 CFR § 107.109)

1. GRANTEE: Space Systems/Loral
Palo Alto, CA
2. PURPOSE AND LIMITATION:
 - a. This emergency special permit authorizes the transportation in commerce of a series of Space Systems/Loral (SS/L) satellites containing anhydrous ammonia in non-DOT specification pressure vessels. This special permit provides no relief from the Hazardous Materials Regulations (HMR) other than as specifically stated herein.
 - b. The safety analyses performed in development of this special permit only considered the hazards and risks associated with transportation in commerce. The safety analyses did not consider the hazards and risks associated with use as a component of a transport vehicle or other device or other uses not associated with transportation in commerce.
 - c. No party status will be granted to this special permit.
3. REGULATORY SYSTEM AFFECTED: 49 CFR Parts 106, 107 and 171-180.
4. REGULATIONS FROM WHICH EXEMPTED: 49 CFR § 173.302a in that non-DOT specification packaging is not authorized for anhydrous ammonia, except as provided herein.

5. BASIS: This emergency special permit is based on the application of Space Systems/Loral(SS/L) dated January 13, 2006 and additional information dated January 17, 2006, submitted in accordance with § 107.117 and a determination that it is necessary to prevent significant economic loss.
6. HAZARDOUS MATERIALS (49 CFR § 172.101):

Hazardous Material Description			
Proper Shipping Name	Hazard Class/ Division	Identification Number	Packing Group
Anhydrous Ammonia	2.2	UN1005	N/A

7. SAFETY CONTROL MEASURES:

a. PACKAGING - Prescribed packagings are non-DOT specification pressure vessels (heat pipes) which are part of a series of four Space Systems/Loral(SS/L) satellites described in the application for special permit on file with the Office of Hazardous Materials Special Permits and Approvals (OHMSPA). The heat pipes are fabricated by MELCO and TAIS from 6061-T6 or 6063-T6 aluminum alloy tubing and meet the following minimum requirements:

- (1) maximum expected operating pressure of 26 bars (382 psig) at 60°C;
- (2) design proof test of 100 bars (1,450 psig); and
- (3) design burst pressure of 205 bars (2,973 psig).

b. OPERATIONAL CONTROLS:

- (1) The heat pipes may not be charged to a pressure exceeding 2,000 psig.
- (2) Transportation is limited to SS/L satellites in support of the Spainsat; Satmex; Galaxy-16; and DTV9S programs.
- (3) Each satellite must be shipped in the Satellite Container shown on SS/L figure 1 on file with the OHMSPA.

(4) Emergency response information provided with the shipment and available via an emergency response telephone number must indicate that the heat pipes are not fitted with pressure relief devices and provide appropriate guidance in case receptacles are exposed to fire.

8. SPECIAL PROVISIONS:

a. The transportation of the satellite shipping container authorized under this special permit is limited to those locations specified in Table 1 and Table 2 of the special permit application on file with OHMSPA

b. A current copy of this special permit must be maintained at each facility where the package is offered for transportation.

c. The satellite shipping container must be marked "DOT-SP 14308" on two opposite sides in letters and numbers at least 2 inches in height on a contrasting background.

9. MODES OF TRANSPORTATION AUTHORIZED: Motor vehicle, cargo aircraft only.

10. MODAL REQUIREMENTS: A current copy of this special permit must be carried aboard each aircraft or motor vehicle used to transport packages covered by this special permit. The shipper must furnish a copy of this special permit to the air carrier before or at the time the shipment is tendered.

11. COMPLIANCE: Failure by a person to comply with any of the following may result in suspension or revocation of this special permit and penalties prescribed by the Federal hazardous materials transportation law, 49 U.S.C. 5101 et seq:

o All terms and conditions prescribed in this special permit and the Hazardous Materials Regulations, 49 CFR Parts 171-180.

o Persons operating under the terms of this special permit must comply with the security plan requirement in Subpart I of Part 172 of the HMR, when applicable.

o Registration required by § 107.601 et seq., when applicable.

Each "Hazmat employee", as defined in § 171.8, who performs a function subject to this special permit must receive training on the requirements and conditions of this special permit in addition to the training required by §§ 172.700 through 172.704.

No person may use or apply this special permit, including display of its number, when this special permit has expired or is otherwise no longer in effect.

Under Title VII of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU)- 'The Hazardous Materials Safety and Security Reauthorization Act of 2005' (Pub. L. 109-59), 119 Stat. 1144 (August 10, 2005), amended the Federal hazardous materials transportation law by changing the term 'exemption' to 'special permit' and authorizes a special permit to be granted up to two years for new special permits and up to four years for renewals.

12. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS: Shipments or operations conducted under this special permit are subject to the Hazardous Materials Incident Reporting requirements specified in 49 CFR §§ 171.15 - Immediate notice of certain hazardous materials incidents, and 171.16 - Detailed hazardous materials incident reports. In addition, the grantee(s) of this special permit must notify the Associate Administrator for Hazardous Materials Safety -- OHMEA, in writing, of any incident involving a package, shipment or operation conducted under terms of this special permit.

Issued in Washington, D.C.



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Address all inquiries to: Associate Administrator for Hazardous Materials Safety, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, Washington, D.C. 20590. Attention: PHH-31.

Copies of this special permit may be obtained by accessing the Hazardous Materials Safety Homepage at

http://hazmat.dot.gov/sp_app/special_permits/spec_perm_index.htm

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