

best practices to be calculated. However, neither is possible at this time.

The best practices outlined in this document help organizations measure their residual risks better, particularly the safety risks associated with potential cybersecurity issues in motor vehicles and motor vehicle equipment that they design and manufacture. Further, it provides a toolset of techniques they can utilize commensurate to their measured risks, and take appropriate actions to reduce or eliminate them, and in doing so lower the future liabilities these risks represent in terms of safety risks to public and business costs associated with addressing them.

In addition, quantitatively positive externalities have been shown to stem from vehicle safety and security measures (Ayres & Levitt, 1998). The high marginal cost of cybersecurity failures (crashes) extend to third parties. Widely accepted adoption of sound cybersecurity practices limits these potential costs and lessens incentives for attempts at market disruption (*i.e.*, signal manipulation, GPS spoofing, or reverse engineering).

#### How do I prepare and submit comments?

Your comments must be written and in English. To ensure that your comments are filed correctly in the docket, please include the docket number of this document in your comments. Your comments must not be more than 15 pages long (49 CFR 553.21). NHTSA established this limit to encourage you to write your primary comments in a concise fashion. However, you may attach necessary additional documents to your comments. There is no limit on the length of the attachments. Please submit one copy (two copies if submitting by mail or hand delivery) of your comments, including the attachments, to the docket following the instructions given above under **ADDRESSES**. Please note, if you submit comments electronically as a PDF (Adobe) file, NHTSA asks that the documents submitted be scanned using an Optical Character Recognition (OCR) process, thus allowing the Agency to search and copy certain portions of your submissions.

#### How do I submit confidential business information?

If you wish to submit any information under a claim of confidentiality, you should submit three copies of your

complete submission, including the information you claim to be confidential business information, to the Office of the Chief Counsel, NHTSA, at the address given above under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. In addition, you may submit a copy (two copies if submitting by mail or hand delivery), from which you have deleted the claimed confidential business information, to the docket by one of the methods given above under **ADDRESSES**. When you send a comment containing information claimed to be confidential business information, you should include a cover letter setting forth the information specified in NHTSA's confidential business information regulation (49 CFR part 512).

#### Will the Agency consider late comments?

NHTSA will consider all comments received before the close of business on the comment closing date indicated above under **DATES**. To the extent possible, the Agency will also consider comments received after that date. Given that we intend for the guidance document to be a living document and to be developed in an iterative fashion, subsequent opportunities to comment will also be provided necessarily.

#### How can I read the comments submitted by other people?

You may read the comments received at the address given above under Comments. The hours of the docket are indicated above in the same location. You may also see the comments on the internet, identified by the docket number at the heading of this document, at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

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### DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

#### Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

#### Hazardous Materials: Notice of Applications for Modifications to Special Permit

**AGENCY:** Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), DOT.

**ACTION:** List of applications for modification of special permits.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the procedures governing the application for, and the processing of, special permits from the Department of Transportation's Hazardous Material Regulations, notice is hereby given that the Office of Hazardous Materials Safety has received the application described herein. Each mode of transportation for which a particular special permit is requested is indicated by a number in the "Nature of Application" portion of the table below as follows: 1—Motor vehicle, 2—Rail freight, 3—Cargo vessel, 4—Cargo aircraft only, 5—Passenger-carrying aircraft.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before January 27, 2021.

**ADDRESSES:** Record Center, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, Washington, DC 20590.

Comments should refer to the application number and be submitted in triplicate. If confirmation of receipt of comments is desired, include a self-addressed stamped postcard showing the special permit number.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Donald Burger, Chief, Office of Hazardous Materials Approvals and Permits Division, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, East Building, PHH-30, 1200 New Jersey Avenue Southeast, Washington, DC 20590-0001, (202) 366-4535.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Copies of the applications are available for inspection in the Records Center, East Building, PHH-30, 1200 New Jersey Avenue Southeast, Washington, DC or at <http://regulations.gov>.

This notice of receipt of applications for special permit is published in accordance with part 107 of the Federal hazardous materials transportation law (49 U.S.C. 5117(b); 49 CFR 1.53(b)).

Issued in Washington, DC, on January 5, 2021.

**Donald P. Burger,**

*Chief, General Approvals and Permits Branch.*

Application No.	Applicant	Regulation(s) affected	Nature of the special permits thereof
Special Permits Data			
3121-M .....	Department of Defense (Military Surface Deployment & Distribution Command).	172.101(i) .....	To modify the special permit to correct certain references and practices to more accurately align with current regulations and practices. (mode 1)
7765-M .....	Cobham Mission Systems Orchard Park Inc.	173.302a(a)(1) .....	To modify the special permit to remove part numbers which are now covered under a different permit and to update maximum service pressure of authorized cylinders. (modes 1, 2, 3, 4)
10631-M .....	Department of Defense (Military Surface Deployment & Distribution Command).	173.243, 173.244 .....	To modify the special permit to correct certain references and practices to more accurately align with current regulations and practices. (mode 1)
10922-M .....	FIBA Technologies, Inc .....	173.302(a), 180.205, 180.207(d)(1), 172.302(c).	To modify the special permit to authorize a 10-year retest for ISO cylinders and tubes transporting certain hazardous materials. (modes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5)
12116-M .....	Proserv UK Ltd .....	173.201, 173.301(f), 173.302a, 173.304a.	To modify the special permit to authorize a new design and corrosion resistant cylinder. (modes 1, 2, 3, 4)
14782-M .....	Southern States, LLC .....	173.304a .....	To modify the special permit to act as an approval and to comply with the International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code. (modes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5)
15483-M .....	National Aeronautics and Space Administration.	173.302a .....	To modify the special permit to authorize a different 2.2 gas to be incorporated into the permit. (modes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5)
16074-M .....	Welker, Inc .....	173.201, 173.202, 173.203 .....	To modify the special permit to clarify the volume capacity of the approved pressure vessels. (modes 1, 2, 3, 4)
20706-M .....	Southern States, LLC .....	172.301(c), 173.304(a) .....	To modify the special permit to authorize the transportation in commerce of compressed sulfur hexafluoride gas in non-DOT specification packaging in accordance with IMDG Regulations. (modes 1, 2, 3, 4)
21018-M .....	Packaging and Crating Technologies, LLC.	172.200, 172.300, 172.400, 172.600, 172.700(a), 173.185(b), 173.185(c), 173.185(f).	To modify the special permit to authorize four new package sizes. (modes 1, 2, 3)
21063-M .....	Cobham Mission Systems Orchard Park Inc.	173.302(a)(1) .....	To modify the special permit to decrease the test pressure. (modes 1, 2, 3, 4)

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration**

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**Lithium Battery Air Safety Advisory Committee; Notice of Public Meeting**

**AGENCY:** Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT).

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces a meeting of the Lithium Battery Air Safety Advisory Committee.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held virtually on March 3-4, 2021, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time. Requests to attend the meeting must be received by February 17, 2021. Persons requesting to speak during the meeting must submit a written copy of their remarks to DOT by February 17, 2021. Requests to submit written materials to be reviewed during the

meeting must be received no later than February 17, 2021.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held virtually. Details to access the virtual meeting will be posted on the Committee website located at: <https://www.phmsa.dot.gov/hazmat/rulemakings/lithium-battery-safety-advisory-committee>. The E-Gov website is located at <https://www.regulations.gov>. Mailed written comments intended for the committee should be sent to Docket Management Facility; U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, West Building, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590-0001.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Lindsey Constantino or Steven Webb, PHMSA, U.S. Department of Transportation. Telephone: (202) 360-7044. Email: [lithiumbatteryFACA@dot.gov](mailto:lithiumbatteryFACA@dot.gov). Any committee related request should be sent to the person listed in this section.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****I. Background**

The Lithium Battery Air Safety Advisory Committee was created under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA, Pub. L. 92-463), in accordance

with Section 333(d) of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018 (Pub. L. 115-254).

**II. Agenda**

At the meeting, the agenda will cover the following topics as specifically outlined in section 333(d) of Public Law 115-254:

(a) Facilitate communication amongst manufacturers of lithium batteries and products containing lithium batteries, air carriers, and the Federal government.

(b) Discuss the effectiveness, and the economic and social impacts of lithium battery transportation regulations.

(c) Provide the Secretary with information regarding new technologies and transportation safety practices.

(d) Provide a forum to discuss Departmental activities related to lithium battery transportation safety.

(e) Advise and recommend activities to improve the global enforcement of air transportation of lithium batteries, and the effectiveness of those regulations.

(f) Provide a forum for feedback on potential U.S. positions to be taken at international forums.

(g) Guide activities to increase awareness of relevant requirements.