

Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command

Customer and Carrier Advisory

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Subject: Air Special Handling Code definition update for Excepted Quantity

Purpose: Advise shippers and transhippers on the proper identification of hazardous materials rendered non-hazardous or prepared as Excepted Quantity.

Be Advised: Utilizing Special Handling Code "D" for cargo rendered non-hazardous, or prepared as Excepted Quantity, generates an unnecessary hazardous brief sheet/manifest and a requirement for diplomatic clearance actions. Additionally, it creates confusion and uncertainty as to whether the cargo must be stored in a hazardous bay or general cargo bay.

When transporting hazardous cargo rendered non-hazardous or prepared as Excepted Quantity, please utilize Special Handling Code "J" for cargo movement.

Updated: IAW *DTR 4500.9-R, Part II Appendix Z*, "Special Handling Code J: Materiel normally hazardous rendered non-hazardous for shipment processing to include items not requiring a Shipper's Declaration for Dangerous Goods; e.g. Radioactive Materials Excepted Packages and items in excepted quantities."

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