

WAC 246-231-050 General licenses for carriers. (1) A general license is hereby issued to any common or contract carrier not exempted under WAC 246-231-040 to receive, possess, transport and store radioactive material in the regular course of their carriage for another or storage incident thereto, provided the transportation and storage is in accordance with the applicable requirements of the regulations, appropriate to the mode of transport, of the United States Department of Transportation.

(2) A general license is hereby issued to any private carrier to transport radioactive material, provided the transportation is in accordance with the applicable requirements of the regulations, appropriate to the mode of transport, of the United States Department of Transportation insofar as such regulations relate to the loading and storage of packages, placarding of the transporting vehicle, shipping papers, and incident reporting. Any notification of incidents referred to in those requirements shall be filed with, or made to, the department.

(3) Persons who transport radioactive material pursuant to the general licenses of subsection (1) or (2) of this section are exempt from the requirements of chapters 246-221 and 246-222 WAC to the extent that they transport radioactive material.

(4) A general license is hereby issued to deliver radioactive material to a carrier¹ for transport provided that:

(a) The licensee complies with the applicable requirements of the regulations, appropriate to the mode of transport, of the United States Department of Transportation insofar as such regulations relate to the packaging of radioactive material, to shipping papers, and to the monitoring, marking and labeling of those packages.

(b) The licensee has established procedures for opening and closing packages in which radioactive material is transported to provide safety and to assure that, prior to the delivery to a carrier for transport, each package is properly closed for transport.

(c) Prior to delivery of a package to a carrier for transport, the licensee shall assure that any special instructions needed to safely open the package are sent to or have been made available to the consignee.

(d) In addition to the requirements of the United States Department of Transportation, each package of Type A or B quantity radioactive material prepared for shipment must have the innermost container labeled as to the isotope, chemical form, number of becquerels or subunits thereof, and date of determination of activity and each innermost container shall be tested to assure that the container is properly sealed and that contamination which would cause undue hazard to public health and safety or property is not present prior to transportation. This requirement does not apply to properly packaged shipments of radioactive waste consigned to a commercial low level radioactive waste disposal facility.

¹ For the purpose of this regulation, licensees who transport their own licensed material as a private carrier are considered to have delivered such material to a carrier for transport.

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