



EXCEPTION TO THE DOT HAZARDOUS MATERIAL REGULATION FOR FLAMMABLE AND COMBUSTIBLE LIQUIDS

A GUIDE FOR SHIPPERS, HANDLERS & TRANSPORTERS

Shippers of Flammable Liquids that have a flash point at or above 100°F may reclassify these materials to combustible liquids as long as these materials do not meet the definition of another hazard class. These exceptions to the regulations can be found in sections 173.120(b)(2) and 173.150(f)(1). A material classed as a combustible liquid in non-bulk packaging is not subject to the hazardous materials regulations as long as these materials are not hazardous substances, hazardous wastes, or marine pollutants. In other words, they are non-regulated. **This provision does not apply to transportation by air or ocean vessel.**

At PDM, shipments of our liquid products (except Turpentine, which is not excepted because it has a flash point below 100°F) to all domestic customers are made under this provision. The purpose of this communication is to notify you of these exceptions so there is no confusion concerning the handling and storage of these products.

Under the regulations, there are no Combustible Liquid labels. If material is received with Flammable Liquid labels, then these would have been applied for the International Maritime Dangerous Goods regulations for the Ocean portion of the shipment. Occasionally, some domestic suppliers choose not to ship under the exceptions and some domestic inbound shipments may have labels. You may use the DOT exceptions when applicable for the citrus and pine-based liquid products (except Turpentine and alpha-Pinene) unless we notify you otherwise.