

Nuclear Regulatory Commission

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- (2) The calculated CSI must be rounded up to the first decimal place;
- (3) The values of X, Y, and Z used in the CSI equation must be taken from Tables 71-1 or 71-2, as appropriate;
- (4) If Table 71-2 is used to obtain the value of X, then the values for the terms in the equation for uranium-233 and plutonium must be assumed to be zero; and
- (5) Table 71-1 values for X, Y, and Z must be used to determine the CSI if:

- (i) Uranium-233 is present in the package;
- (ii) The mass of plutonium exceeds 1 percent of the mass of uranium-235;
- (iii) The uranium is of unknown uranium-235 enrichment or greater than 24 weight percent enrichment; or
- (iv) Substances having a moderating effectiveness (*i.e.*, an average hydrogen density greater than H₂O) (e.g., certain hydrocarbon oils or plastics) are present in any form, except as polyethylene used for packing or wrapping.

TABLE 71-1—MASS LIMITS FOR GENERAL LICENSE PACKAGES CONTAINING MIXED QUANTITIES OF FISSILE MATERIAL OR URANIUM-235 OF UNKNOWN ENRICHMENT PER § 71.22(e)

Fissile material	Fissile material mass mixed with moderating substances having an average hydrogen density less than or equal to H ₂ O (grams)	Fissile material mass mixed with moderating substances having an average hydrogen density greater than H ₂ O ^a (grams)
²³⁵ U (X)	60	38
²³³ U (Y)	43	27
²³⁹ Pu or ²⁴¹ Pu (Z)	37	24

^aWhen mixtures of moderating substances are present, the lower mass limits shall be used if more than 15 percent of the moderating substance has an average hydrogen density greater than H₂O.

TABLE 71-2—MASS LIMITS FOR GENERAL LICENSE PACKAGES CONTAINING URANIUM-235 OF KNOWN ENRICHMENT PER § 71.22(e)

Uranium enrichment in weight percent of ²³⁵ U not exceeding	Fissile material mass of ²³⁵ U (X) (grams)
24	60
20	63
15	67
11	72
10	76
9.5	78
9	81
8.5	82
8	85
7.5	88
7	90
6.5	93
6	97
5.5	102
5	108
4.5	114
4	120
3.5	132
3	150
2.5	180
2	246
1.5	408
1.35	480
1	1,020
0.92	1,800

§ 71.23 General license: Plutonium-beryllium special form material.

(a) A general license is issued to any licensee of the Commission to transport fissile material in the form of plutonium-beryllium (Pu-Be) special form sealed sources, or to deliver Pu-Be sealed sources to a carrier for transport, if the material is shipped in accordance with this section. This material need not be contained in a package which meets the standards of subparts E and F of this part; however, the material must be contained in a Type A package. The Type A package must also meet the DOT requirements of 49 CFR 173.417(a).

(b) The general license applies only to a licensee who has a quality assurance program approved by the Commission as satisfying the provisions of subpart H of this part.

(c) The general license applies only when a package's contents:

- (1) Contain no more than a Type A quantity of radioactive material; and
- (2) Contain less than 1000 g of plutonium, provided that: plutonium-239, plutonium-241, or any combination of these radionuclides, constitutes less

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than 240 g of the total quantity of plutonium in the package.

(d) The general license applies only to packages labeled with a CSI which:

- (1) Has been determined in accordance with paragraph (e) of this section;
- (2) Has a value less than or equal to 100; and
- (3) For a shipment of multiple packages containing Pu-Be sealed sources,

the sum of the CSIs must be less than or equal to 50 (for shipment on a non-exclusive use conveyance) and less than or equal to 100 (for shipment on an exclusive use conveyance).

(e)(1) The value for the CSI must be greater than or equal to the number calculated by the following equation:

$$CSI = 10 \left[\frac{\text{grams of } ^{239}\text{Pu} + \text{grams of } ^{241}\text{Pu}}{24} \right]; \text{ and}$$

(2) The calculated CSI must be rounded up to the first decimal place.

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Subpart D—Application for Package Approval

§ 71.31 Contents of application.

(a) An application for an approval under this part must include, for each proposed packaging design, the following information:

- (1) A package description as required by § 71.33;
- (2) A package evaluation as required by § 71.35; and
- (3) A quality assurance program description, as required by § 71.37, or a reference to a previously approved quality assurance program.

(b) Except as provided in § 71.13, an application for modification of a package design, whether for modification of the packaging or authorized contents, must include sufficient information to demonstrate that the proposed design satisfies the package standards in effect at the time the application is filed.

(c) The applicant shall identify any established codes and standards proposed for use in package design, fabrication, assembly, testing, maintenance, and use. In the absence of any codes and standards, the applicant shall describe and justify the basis and rationale used to formulate the package quality assurance program.

§ 71.33 Package description.

The application must include a description of the proposed package in sufficient detail to identify the package accurately and provide a sufficient basis for evaluation of the package. The description must include—

- (a) With respect to the packaging—
 - (1) Classification as Type B(U), Type B(M), or fissile material packaging;
 - (2) Gross weight;
 - (3) Model number;
 - (4) Identification of the containment system;
 - (5) Specific materials of construction, weights, dimensions, and fabrication methods of—
 - (i) Receptacles;
 - (ii) Materials specifically used as nonfissile neutron absorbers or moderators;
 - (iii) Internal and external structures supporting or protecting receptacles;
 - (iv) Valves, sampling ports, lifting devices, and tie-down devices; and
 - (v) Structural and mechanical means for the transfer and dissipation of heat; and
 - (6) Identification and volumes of any receptacles containing coolant.
- (b) With respect to the contents of the package—
 - (1) Identification and maximum radioactivity of radioactive constituents;
 - (2) Identification and maximum quantities of fissile constituents;
 - (3) Chemical and physical form;
 - (4) Extent of reflection, the amount and identity of nonfissile materials